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36 Cameron Road  
TAURANGA

Tēnā koe

***RE: Plans to build a new innovative courthouse in Tauranga***

Late in 2019, Minister Andrew Little announced a new innovative Courthouse for Tauranga – to be completed in 2025. Innovative courthouses are court buildings that better meet the needs of all participants. They will be co-designed with iwi Māori and local communities and will also include input from victims, justice and social sector agencies as well as people who have lived experience of the justice system.

The Ministry of Justice established a project team in 2020. Since then, we have been involving iwi and hapū, the people who work in the Courts (including Judges, lawyers and Justice sector agency staff) and the people who experience the Courts to help inform the early design thinking for a new Courthouse for Tauranga.

During these initial phases, the project team has also been focussed on looking for potential sites where a new Courthouse might be located, as an alternative option to redeveloping the existing site on McLean St/Cameron Rd.

We are writing to you to advise that the Ministry has recently entered into contracts to purchase a number of properties in Monmouth street and McLean street, including the current Aspen Rest Home site. This potential site for a new Courthouse is situated across the road from where our current Mclean St building is located. As an owner or occupier in the vicinity, we wanted to give you early awareness of our contract to purchase and provide an opportunity to ask questions and hear more about what we envision this new courthouse will mean for the community.

A final decision on the Monmouth St/McLean St location will not be made until later this year following completion of due diligence. The due diligence process will include community consultation, development of a design brief, planning assessments and site investigations against which the site suitability will be assessed.

We welcome your early input to this process. We would be pleased if you could contact me to arrange a time in the next two to three weeks to meet with myself and another member of our project team. We can explain more fully the objectives of the project and receive any initial comments and queries you may have. You can contact me on s 9(2)(a) or by email to s 9(2)(a)

Yours sincerely



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