



EVENT BRIEFING

City Rail Link Visit

Date:	4 August 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0017849

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown Minister for Auckland	Note the contents of this briefing	4 August 2025

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Andy Hill	Director Auckland	Privacy of natural persons	✓
Michael Quinn	Head of the Auckland Policy Office		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Ministry of Transport

Minister's office to complete:

☐ Approved

☐ Declined

☐ Noted

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Purpose

You have agreed to visit the City Rail Link on 8 August 2025 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

This briefing provides logistical details about the event and an update on the status of CRL and the Wiri to Quay Park third main line.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Note the contents of this briefing ahead of your attendance at the City Rail Link visit.**

Noted



Michael Quinn
Head of the Auckland Policy Office

04/ 08 / 2025

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Auckland

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Logistics

1. You are attending an event at the City Rail Link (CRL) Maungawhau station on Friday 8 August from 9:00am – 11:00am. The purpose of the event is to provide funders and key contributors with a close look at the nearly completed CRL project, including experiencing a short trip on a CRL test train.
2. The Prime Minister is attending alongside yourself in your capacity as Minister for Auckland, the Minister of Transport and the Minister for Rail. Other attendees include the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Auckland, Auckland Councillors, the Chief Executives and Board Chairs of transport partners and emergency services, and the CRL mana whenua forum. A list of confirmed attendees is attached at **Annex One**.
3. You and other dignitaries will be met on arrival by Patrick Brockie, CEO of CRL Ltd. A map showing the location of the event, parking and travel route is attached at **Annex Two**. A safety briefing and distribution of safety equipment will be provided to all attendees on arrival.
4. At the start of the event, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei will conduct a kaikaranga (welcoming call) and formally welcome visitors to Maungawhau Station with a pōwhiri. This will be followed by a karakia led by senior members of iwi, and a kaimihi (formal acknowledgement) to recognise the CRL and its sponsors.
5. Patrick Brockie will then welcome dignitaries and invite Mayor Brown and the Prime Minister to speak. The Prime Minister's speech will focus on the benefits of CRL to Auckland and will be followed by a short media Q and A session.
6. Following the speeches, attendees will have the opportunity to ride on a test train for a return trip to Waitematā Station.
7. A full runsheet for the event is attached at **Annex Three**.
8. The dress code for the event is smart business. Long sleeves, trousers and closed in shoes are health and safety requirements. A hard hat and high vis will be provided.
9. CRL advise that numbers attending the event are strictly limited as it remains a live construction site. Attendees must adhere to all safety protocols and no additional people can be accommodated or will be permitted on site.

City Rail Link

10. CRL is New Zealand's largest-ever transport infrastructure project, designed to transform Auckland's rail network by creating a high-capacity underground rail system through the city centre.
11. As of August 2025, construction is nearing completion, with all major infrastructure works expected to finish by December 2025. A significant milestone was reached recently with the first successful test train running through the entire tunnel system, marking the beginning of a comprehensive testing phase. This phase involves integrating and verifying complex systems such as train signalling, station air conditioning, and safety protocols, which will take several months.
12. CRL is expected to open to passengers in 2026, although the exact date has yet to be confirmed.

Wiri to Quay Park third main line

13. In parallel to CRL, KiwiRail is undertaking a Rail Network Rebuild to upgrade the wider Auckland rail system, ensuring it can support the enhanced services CRL will deliver. This includes the Wiri to Quay Park third main line.



14. The third main line allows for anticipated growth in both freight and passenger rail services ahead of the opening of the City Rail Link and improves rail links to key freight hubs, including KiwiRail's Westfield and Southdown freight terminals and the Ports of Auckland inland port at Wiri. The rail line between Westfield and Wiri is the busiest part of Auckland's rail network with 380 freight services and 1500 passenger services travelling through the area each week.
15. Construction and testing of the third main line (Wiri to Westfield Junction on the Southern Line) and track upgrades around Quay Park are complete. Upgrades to Middlemore Station have also been completed and Auckland Transport has installed safety netting on a foot bridge that connects the station to Middlemore hospital.
16. Driver training and Auckland One Rail testing are ongoing.

Risks and mitigations

17. We have not identified any risks associated with this event.

Communications/Media

18. There will be a strong media presence throughout the visit, including representatives from the New Zealand Herald, Radio New Zealand, Stuff, One News, 3 News, Pasifika Media Network, Whakata Māori, Newstalk ZB, Newsroom and Business Desk.
19. There will be an opportunity for media to ask questions following the speeches and there will be a media stand up at the end of the event.

Contacts

Name	Position / organisation	Telephone	Will meet you on arrival
Alex Vaineritua	Senior Advisor Stakeholder and Communications / CRL	Privacy of natural persons	Primary contact point
Rachel Blundell	Head of Communications and Engagement /		Venue contact point

Annexes

Annex One: Confirmed attendees

Annex Two: Map of drop off and parking location

Annex Three: Event runsheet



Annex One: Confirmed attendees

Office of the Prime Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand
Ministerial offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Transport• Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister for Rail• Hon Simeon Brown, Minister for Auckland
Mayor's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Wayne Brown
Auckland Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson• Andy Baker – Chair of the Transport Infrastructure Committee• Christine Fletcher – Deputy Chair of the Transport Infrastructure Committee
Auckland Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Wilson Chief Executive Officer• Barry Potter – Director Resilience & Infrastructure
City Rail Link Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Brockie – CRLL Chief Executive• Anne Urlwin – Director CRL Ltd Board
Mana Whenua Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ngāti Whātua Ōrakei – lead representative TBC
Link Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glenn Houpapa – Acting Project Director
Auckland Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean Kimpton – Chief Executive Officer• Stacey Van Der Putten – Director Public Transport and Active Modes• Alan Trestour – Head of CRL Delivery• Mark Lambert – Executive Programme Director• Richard Leggat – Board Chair
KiwiRail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Reidy – Chief Executive• David Gordon – Chief Metro & Capital Planning Officer• Bevan Assink – CRL Programme Director



Annex two: Map of drop off and parking location



Annex three: Event runsheet

Time	Description	Location	Who
8:45am	Arrival of media outlets: - Invited media only, RSVPs essential - Provided with safety hat and hi-vis vest - Given media lanyards and Commemorative Train Ticket	Ruru Street site entrance	CRL lead
9:00–9:15am	Arrival of invited guests including speakers and SMEs: - Provided with hard hat and hi-vis vest - Directed to station foyer - Given Commemorative Train Ticket	Ruru Street site entrance	ALL
9:15am	Safety briefing	Station foyer	Duayne Cloke, Link Alliance
9:20am	Kaikaranga: - Kaikaranga welcomes guests - Karakia by members of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei - Mihi led by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei - Response to mihi by Glenn Houpapa - Closing karakia/blessing	Station foyer	Mana Whenua Forum, Glenn Houpapa
9:35–9:40am	Handover to MC to lead formal proceedings	Station foyer	Pat Brockie
9:40am	Speeches and Q&A: - Pat Brockie welcome (5 min) - Mayor Brown (5 min) - Prime Minister (5 min) - Media Q&A with Ministers, Mayor, SMEs (10 min)	Station foyer	Prime Minister, Mayor, SMEs, Media
10:05am	Guests move to CRL platform to board test train: - Journey narrated by One Client representatives.	CRL platform	Link Alliance lead
10:00–10:30am	Test train journey to Waitematā Station and back	In transit (CRL tunnels)	All guests
10:30am	Guests disembark at Maungawhau Station	CRL platform	All guests
10:35am	Mana whenua closing karakia	Station foyer or platform	Mana Whenua Forum
10:45am	Media debrief: - Interviews with Ministers, CRL/AT/KR spokespeople - Photo and video opportunities	Station foyer	Media, Spokespeople
11:00am	Event concludes	Station foyer / Exit	All



EVENT BRIEFING

Meeting with Viv Beck from Heart of the City

Date:	6 August 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0018781

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown Minister for Auckland	Note the contents of this briefing Agree to forward this briefing to Hon Chris Bishop	8 August 2025

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Andy Hill	Director Auckland	Privacy of natural persons	✓
Michael Quinn	Head of the Auckland Policy Office		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted

Minister's office to complete:

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Comments



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Date:	6 August 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0018781

Purpose

You have agreed to meet with Viv Beck, Chief Executive of Heart of the City, on 8 August 2025 from 11:00 am to 11:45 am.

This briefing provides logistical details and background information for the meeting.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Note** the contents of this briefing

Noted

- b **Agree** to forward this briefing to Hon Chris Bishop

Agreed / not agreed

Michael Quinn
Head of the Auckland Policy Office

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Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Auckland

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Logistics

1. You are meeting with Viv Beck at 11:00-11:45am on Friday 8 August. The meeting will take place at Twenty Three Café, 23 Mount Eden Road, Grafton, Auckland.
2. Hon Chris Bishop will also be attending the meeting.
3. The meeting will immediately follow the Prime Minister's visit to City Rail Link that both you and Minister Bishop are attending.

About Heart of the City

4. Heart of the City (HotC) is Auckland's city centre business association, dedicated to promoting and supporting the economic vitality of the central business district. Its core purpose is to champion a successful and vibrant city centre that is attractive for businesses, residents, students, and visitors. Through advocacy, marketing, and strategic initiatives, HotC works to enhance the appeal and competitiveness of Auckland's downtown area.
5. The organisation operates as a non-profit and is governed by a board representing city centre businesses. It provides resources, data, and support to its members, and actively promotes the city centre as a premier destination for commerce and culture.
6. Viv Beck has served as Chief Executive of HotC since September 2015. She and her team work with stakeholders across public and private sectors to deliver campaigns and initiatives that benefit the city centre.
7. Funding for HotC comes primarily from the Business Improvement District (BID) targeted rate, which is applied by Auckland Council. This rate is levied on commercial property owners within the city centre boundary and indirectly paid by business tenants. Additional funding is sourced from direct investments by public and private sector partners into specific campaigns and work programmes.
8. HotC's work is guided by four strategic pillars:
 - **A Vibrant City Centre:** Supporting events, activations, and public art to attract foot traffic and enhance the visitor experience.
 - **A Clean and Safe City Centre:** Advocating for better safety, cleanliness, and maintenance standards.
 - **A Well-Connected City Centre:** Supporting transport improvements and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.
 - **A Successful Business Environment:** Providing data, insights, and advocacy to support city centre businesses.

Issues and opportunities likely to be raised

9. Minister Bishop is being briefed separately on central city transport and housing issues that Viv may raise at the meeting. We understand that briefing will be shared with you and will cover:

Transport

- Time of Use Charging;
- Transport governance reforms;
- City Rail Link; and
- Auckland Council Essential Vehicle Area and parking changes.



Housing

- Addressing urgent housing need; and
 - Preventing homelessness
10. Background information on other issues that Viv is likely to raise at the meeting is included below.

The importance of Auckland's central city to the national economy:

11. Auckland's city centre plays a vital role in driving New Zealand's economic performance. Despite occupying just 0.4% of the Auckland region's land area, the city centre accounts for 21% of Auckland's GDP and 8% of the national GDP. In 2024, the Auckland city centre contributed \$33.27 billion and 159,000 jobs which, taken on its own, would make it the fifth largest regional economy in the country.
12. However, Viv is likely to raise concerns about sluggish economic growth particularly in the retail and hospitality sectors. Foot traffic in the central city is 10-15% below 2023 baseline levels and credit card spend for the last quarter was 6.2% compared to 12 months ago.
13. Viv has consistently voiced concerns about the impact of prolonged construction disruptions and the pressures of post-COVID recovery on local businesses. In her commentary on urban development and the annual *State of the City* report, Viv has stressed the importance of revitalising Auckland's city centre. She has emphasised the need to increase foot traffic, support business recovery, and address accessibility issues caused. Viv urges collaboration between government and local stakeholders to reinvigorate the central city and ensure it remains a thriving hub for residents, visitors, and businesses.

Law and order:

14. Crime and negative perceptions of safety in Auckland are a particular concern in the central city. You will be aware that Viv Beck holds strong views and considers that perceptions that the central city is unsafe to visit has a significant impact on businesses, and in particular service sectors such as retail and hospitality.
15. Viv was instrumental in the establishment of City Centre Safety Hubs. She has been a staunch advocate for a stronger Police presence in the central city including additional beat Police and a central Police station – both of which have now been delivered.
16. HotC is one of the central city BIDs that received 3-year funding from your application to the Proceeds of Crime Fund earlier this year. Auckland Council advise that to date, HoTC have used their funding for a mix of interventions including:
- Beautification of hotspots – improving design elements of areas where antisocial behaviour is occurring
 - Auror tool subscription – retail crime reporting software,
 - Street Guardians sponsorship – this is a programme empowering people by offering voluntary work experience and assistance in engaging with social services, building confidence and a sense of purpose,
 - Maintaining night-time patrols and safety technology (CCTV, monitoring).
17. At the recent Auckland Ministerial Mayoral Forum that you and Mayor Brown convened, one of the actions discussed was to establish a separate Council/Central Government session to discuss law and order and homelessness. This action is under active consideration by Council's Community Committee and will be raised with Ministers Mitchell and Potaka.

Homelessness:

18. Viv has been vocal in her concerns about the impact of homelessness on perceptions of safety, noting an increasing trend in the numbers of people rough sleeping in the central city.



You have recently met with Helen Robinson, the Auckland City Missioner, to discuss the homelessness issue and relevant information provided for that meeting is repeated below.

19. Homelessness is a complex interplay of factors, including addiction, mental illness, job losses and financial hardship and affects individuals and families from all walks of life, with some groups disproportionately impacted.
20. Key concerns regarding homelessness in Auckland include the lack of affordable housing, rising poverty, mental health issues, and addiction problems. Various organizations, including the Auckland City Mission and other Community Housing Providers, provide support services to those experiencing homelessness and have voiced growing concerns at the rise homelessness, coupled with concerns around the reduction of emergency housing.
21. In August 2024, new rules-based Emergency Housing settings were introduced. MSD's tightened criteria aim to ensure that Emergency Housing resources are allocated to those in genuine need, recognising the intent of Emergency Housing is as a last resort, used for short periods. Applicants are expected to have exhausted all other housing options, such as staying with family or friends, before seeking emergency assistance.
22. Around 85% of all people applying for Emergency Housing are granted some form of housing support. Where people are declined, they may still be entitled to other housing assistance, including rent and bond assistance to access a suitable private rental.

Major events:

23. Viv has been a vocal advocate for Auckland's role in hosting major events to revitalise its city centre. She recently described Auckland missing out on hosting the 2027 America's Cup as a "golden opportunity missed," emphasising the event's potential to attract thousands of international visitors, boost local businesses, and showcase New Zealand's marine innovation. Viv has criticised the lack of urgency from central and local government in establishing a sustainable funding model for major events, noting that Auckland already has purpose-built infrastructure and that hosting such events could help revive city centre vibrancy.
24. Beyond the America's Cup, Viv has raised broader concerns about the future of Auckland's events sector. She has consistently advocated for a strong pipeline of events to maintain economic momentum and called for a rethink of funding mechanisms to ensure Auckland remains competitive on the global stage.
25. Viv has expressed support for an accommodation levy as a way to sustainably fund major events. She has publicly stated that such a levy could contribute meaningfully to events like the America's Cup and stressed that 'time is of the essence to get it across the line'.

Car access to the central city:

26. Viv agrees that congestion on Auckland roads is impacting on the city's productivity and is supportive of time of use charging to address the issue. However, she has raised concerns that a poorly designed system could effectively create a cordon around the city centre, limiting the number of people accessing the area and negatively impacting the local economy.
27. In a similar vein, Viv has expressed concern at efforts to pedestrianise the central city. She considers that reduction of car access and car parking will further limit footfall and spend.

Risks and mitigations

28. We have not identified any risks associated with this event.

Communications/Media

29. No media are attending the meeting.



Contacts

Name	Position / organisation	Telephone	Will meet you on arrival
Viv Beck	Chief Executive, Heart of the City	Privacy of natural persons	Yes

Biographies of key attendees

	<p>Viv Beck, Chief Executive, Heart of the City</p> <p>Viv Beck has served as Chief Executive of Heart of the City since September 2015. In her role, she has been a prominent advocate for the revitalisation and economic resilience of the city centre, especially through periods of disruption such as the COVID-19 pandemic and major infrastructure developments including the City Rail Link.</p> <p>Her tenure has been marked by initiatives to boost foot traffic, support retail and hospitality sectors, address law and order and enhance the overall appeal of Auckland's downtown. With a background in communications and public affairs, she has positioned Heart of the City as a key voice in shaping the future of Auckland's central business district.</p> <p>Viv is also the business Co-Chair of the Tāmaki Makaurau Business Network.</p>
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EVENT BRIEFING

Auckland City Mission Dentistry Opening

Date:	8 August 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0017770

	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown Minister for Auckland	Note the contents of this briefing	14 August 2025

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Andy Hill	Director Auckland	Privacy of natural persons	✓
Michael Quinn	Head of the Auckland Policy Office		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Health New Zealand

Minister's office to complete:

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EVENT BRIEFING

Auckland City Mission Dentistry Opening

Date:	8 August 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0017770

Purpose

You are attending the Auckland City Mission Dentistry Opening on 15 August 2025 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

This briefing provides logistical details about the event and suggested speech notes.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Note** the contents of this briefing ahead of your attendance at the launch of the new Dental Clinic at the Auckland City Mission

Noted



Michael Quinn
Head of the Auckland Policy Office

08 / 08 / 2025

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Auckland

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Logistics

1. You are attending the official launch of the new Dental Clinic at Auckland City Mission on 15 August 2025 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am, at HomeGround, 140 Hobson Street, community rooms 3 & 4. A copy of the event run sheet is attached at **Annex One**.
2. You will be met by Helen Robinson, CEO of Auckland City Mission.
3. You are scheduled to speak for 5-8 minutes and Helen Robinson will introduce you. Your speech focuses on the importance of dental care in healthcare, the role of the New Zealand government in supporting good dental health, and to acknowledge and thank all the internal and external parties that were involved in developing the HomeGround Dental Clinic. A draft speech is provided at **Annex Two**.
4. Helen Robinson and Dr Hugh Trengrove, Lead Volunteer Dentist, are also scheduled to speak.
5. The space will be set up theatre style, with a lectern. A car park within the HomeGround building will be provided for you and is accessed via 195 Federal Street.
6. The dress code is smart casual.
7. The guest list includes representatives from Auckland City Mission Board, Ministry of Social Development, and Dental professionals. Key attendees include Sir Chris Farrelly (previous Auckland City Missioner), Joanna Pidgeon (Chair of Auckland City Mission Board), Chloe Swarbrick (Auckland Central MP), Dan Brunt (Regional Commissioner, Ministry of Social Development) and Dr. Andrew Old (Deputy Director-General, Public Health Agency). Auckland officials Michael Quinn and Andy Hill will also be attending the event. A full list of attendees is attached at **Annex Three**.
8. Following speeches and a morning tea, there will be tours of the facility. You and dignitaries will have the first tour, guided by Helen.
9. There will be a Q&A session with key contacts following the tour, but you are not required to participate.
10. You are scheduled to leave the event after your guided tour, estimated around 10:15-10:30 am.

About Auckland City Mission and HomeGround

11. The Auckland City Mission - Te Tāpui Atawhai (the Mission) was established in 1920 to offer practical support to address significant challenges facing Auckland communities at that time. It has evolved to now offer a range of programmes providing access to food, housing and health services to Aucklanders in need, as well as advocating on behalf of the marginalised populations the Mission engages with.
12. The Mission is a Charitable Trust and relies heavily on funding from grants and donations, as well as government funding for specific initiatives.
13. HomeGround is the Mission's purpose-built central city community hub. Opened in 2022, it is an eleven-storey complex with 80 studio and one-bedroom apartments for people in need. Government, Auckland Council, Auckland District Health Board, Foundation North, companies and members of the public contributed to the \$110 million build cost. Facilities include a commercial kitchen, community dining room, public showers and toilets, medical

centre and pharmacy, addiction withdrawal services, activity and conference spaces, commercial spaces for social enterprises, and a rooftop garden.

About Mission Dentistry

14. There are very few funded dental services available for anyone over 18 years old. The main provider is the Auckland Regional Hospital and Specialist Dentistry (HSD), which has limited capacity to offer care.
15. Since the establishment of HomeGround, Health New Zealand (HNZ) officials and dentists from hospital dental services have been supporting the Mission to set up 'Mission Dentistry'. Due to lack of publicly funded health service for dental care, the Mission's model of care is based around Work and Income Special Needs Grant provided by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). Referrals will come primarily through other Mission services.
16. The service will be delivered by volunteer dentists with the grant going towards treatment costs. The service aims to offer immediate and essential dental treatments that are not provided under the emergency dental services offered by Health New Zealand.
17. As cost is the biggest barrier for low-income adults accessing essential dental care, Mission Dentistry offers access to much-needed dental services to some of the most vulnerable adults, many of whom have experienced significant hardship and/or trauma. MSD is working with the Mission to explore further opportunities to support its dentistry service, ensuring that clients most in need have access to affordable dental care.
18. The clinic will initially operate three days a week, expanding as more volunteers are brought on. There are currently 17 volunteer dentists who will support the service. Dr Hugh Trengrove, lead volunteer dentist, will head the Mission Dentistry team, supported by a paid dental assistant. Dr Trengrove has worked closely with the Mission team to bring deliver this initiative.
19. HNZ advise that the Mission's dentistry service will provide a limited solution for the dental needs of inner-city populations coming from poverty and homelessness. The Special Needs Grant provides for a restricted range of dental interventions (i.e. essential and immediate care only) and the scale of the service will not fully meet demand. HNZ also advise that the sustainability of the service is reliant on volunteer dentists, who may not be a viable workforce option in the long term.
20. As noted, Auckland City Mission's dentistry services are funded by the Ministry of Social Development that's core focus is on social welfare outcomes. While HNZ is responsible for health outcomes, it is limited in its ability to fund public dentistry services for low-income adults, as this would require a change in policy settings, substantial additional funding and workforce planning to ensure the right number of dental practitioners are available to make up a sustainable workforce (including for services like the Auckland City Mission Dental Service).

Risks and mitigations

21. We have not identified any risks associated with this event.

Communications/Media

22. The Mission have invited RNZ and TVNZ to the opening, but their attendance had not been confirmed at time of writing.



Contacts

Name	Position / organisation	Telephone	Will meet you on arrival
Helen Robinson	CEO, Auckland City Mission	Privacy of natural persons	✓
Hayley Shepperd	EA to the CEO, Auckland City Mission		



Annex One: Event run sheet

Event duration: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Date: Friday 15th August 2025

Location: HomeGround

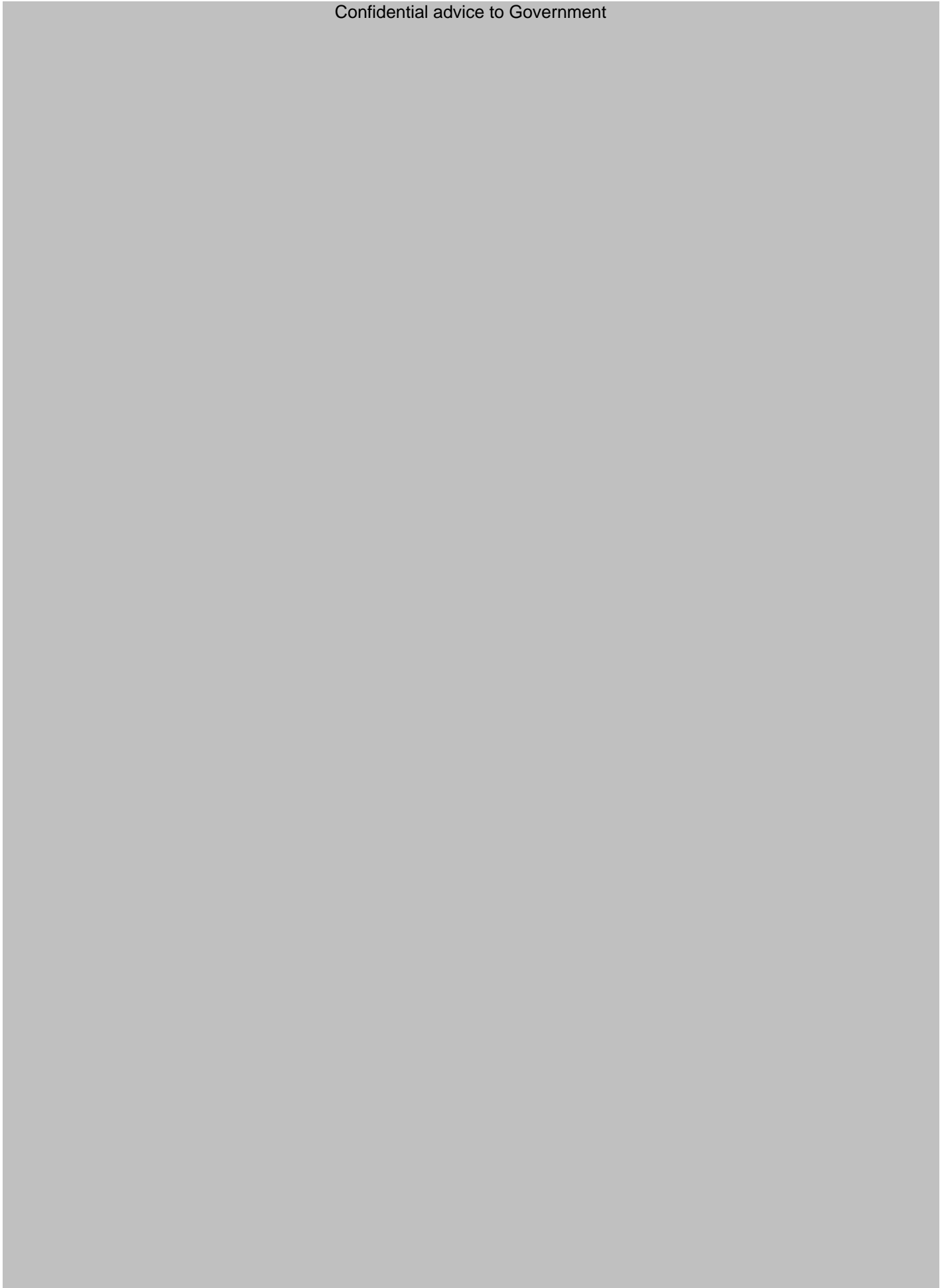
Arrival time: 8:45 AM

Event start time: 9:00 AM

Time	Activity	Details / Notes
8:45 AM	Arrival	Guests and guest speakers arrive
9:00 AM	Pre-start buffer	Time for people to get settled in their seats
9:05 AM	Manurau (Auckland City Mission Māori Rōpū) Opening	Led by Matua Otene (approx. 15 minutes)
9:20 AM	Speeches	Total allocated: 25 minutes (20 min planned + buffer)
	Helen Robinson CEO Auckland City Missioner	Welcome & introduction to Hon Simeon Brown
	Minister of Health and Minister for Auckland, Hon Simeon Brown	5–8 minutes
	Hugh Trengrove Clinical Lead of ACM Dental Clinic	2–5 minutes
	Helen Robinson CEO Auckland City Missioner	Closing remarks (approx. 8 - 10 minutes)
9:45 AM	Kai & networking	Morning tea served
	Tours commence concurrently	Approx. 80 attendees in groups of 10
	Minister of Health, Hon Simeon Brown and dignitaries to tour first	Guided walkthrough with Helen
	Q&A session	
11:00 AM	Event Ends	Ensure guests have left
12:00 PM	Pack down ends	Rooms vacated and cleaners arrive

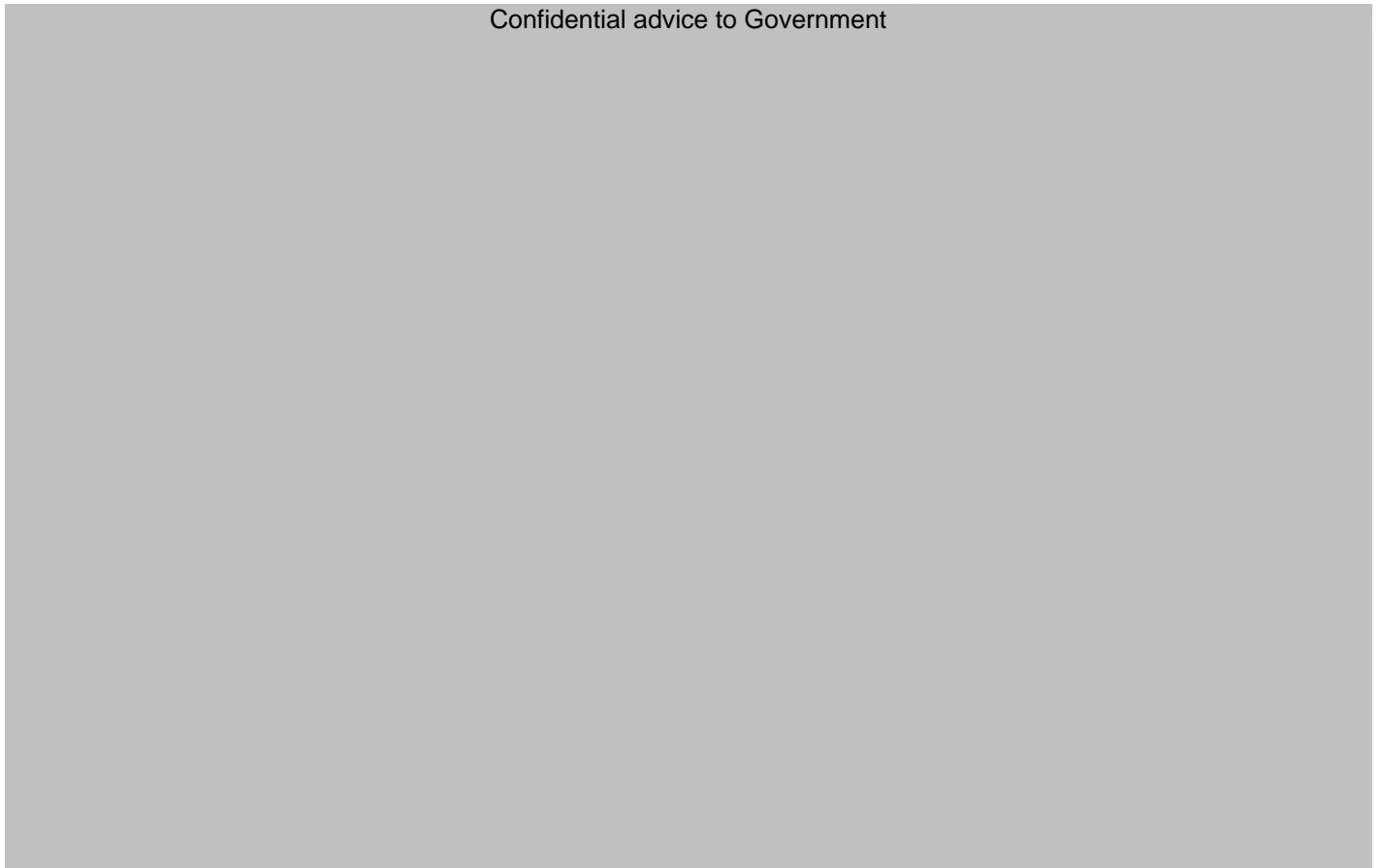


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Annex Three: Attendee list

Name	Organisation
Lexie Loof	Auckland Dental Association
Ron Suyker	Auckland Council
Julia Burgess Shaw	Auckland PHO
Michael Quinn	Auckland Policy Office
David Belcher	Clavell Capital
Darryl Bishop	Board Member
Evan Davies	Board Member
Gavin Rennie	Board Member
Graeme Birkhead	Board Member
Joanna Pidgeon	Board Member
Linley Wood	Board Member
Philippa Smith Lambert	Board Member
Viv Beck	CEO Heart of the City
Jamey Holloway	CEO Karangahape Road Business Association
Anne Marie Maikuku	Clare Foundation
Sophie McKenna	Expert Advisor - (Lead Dentist DCM Wellington)
Chloe Swarbrick	Auckland Central MP
Kristen Burkett	H2R consultancy
Deane Alderman	Henry Scheine
Emma Woods	Henry Scheine
Natisha Harridas	Kerr
Andy Hill	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Britnee Obrien	Ministry of Social Development
Dan Brunt	Ministry of Social Development
Jennika Charlton	NSK Oceania
Mo Amso	New Zealand Dental Association
Angela Cummins	Pharmaco
Denise McNaught	Pharmaco
Llewelyn Lewis Long	Pharmaco
Anthony Mitchelson	Pharmaco
Sir Chris Farrelly	Previous Auckland City Missioner
Andrew Old	Public Health Agency
Glenn Hawkins	Six Cents Foundation
Sonja Hawkins	Six Cents Foundation
Michael Breen	Te Whatu Ora
Deepa Hughes	Te Whatu Ora
Anna Dawson	Te Whatu Ora
Graham Tipene Te Wheke	Moko Design Studio
Alison Ingram	Volunteer Dentist - Auckland City Mission
Mayank Dewan	Volunteer Dentist - Auckland City Mission
Tania Stuart	Volunteer Dentist - Auckland City Mission



Megan Sharpe	Volunteer IPC and Business Specialist
Hugh Trengrove	Volunteer Lead Dentist - Auckland City Mission

Annex Four: Biographies of key attendees



Helen Robinson, Auckland City Missioner

Helen has devoted most of her life to addressing the social issues of New Zealand. She has a wealth of experience in social services, and a deep commitment to a more equitable nation.

As the Missioner, Helen leads the Auckland City Mission. She has been with the Mission for more than a decade in a range of leadership roles.

Helen is also co-chair of Kore Hiakai, a national collective working towards food security for all New Zealanders.

Alongside her practical work, Helen has published research into the measurement and experience of food insecurity in New Zealand.



Dr Hugh Trengrove, Lead volunteer dentist

Dr Trengrove has a Bachelor of Dental Surgery and a Master of Dental Surgery in Prosthodontics from the University of Otago, and is has been a practising dentist for 40 years, and a practising specialist for 20 years.

He is currently Auckland based and was integral to shaping and forming this new dental service.



Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 28 July to Sunday 10 August 2025

Date:	8 August 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0018721

Ministers	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown Minister for Auckland	Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
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Andy Hill	Director Auckland		✓

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Ministry of Transport and Department of Internal Affairs

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BRIEFING

Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 28 July to Sunday 10 August 2025

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Purpose

To provide you with a fortnightly report for the Auckland Portfolio for the period Monday 28 July to Sunday 10 August 2025.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting.

Noted

Michael Quinn
Head of the Auckland Policy Office
08 / 08 /2025

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Auckland
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1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Auckland Recovery	
	See Annex One for the Auckland Council's Recovery Weekly Report (week ending 25 July 2025).
Auckland City and Regional Deal	
Michael Quinn Head of the APO Privacy of natural persons	<p>Katrina Casey has been appointed as the City and Regional Deal Executive Director and is employed by DIA. Katrina will work closely with the Crown's Chief Negotiators during the next phase of the CRD negotiations.</p> <p>We are in discussions with the CRD Executive Director about how the combined expertise within the APO can support the DIA led process and more specifically how your portfolio interests will be represented and information shared with you.</p>
Auckland Transport CCO	
Karen Lyons Auckland Director Ministry of Transport Privacy of natural persons	<p>Auckland Council Governing Body Meeting Thursday 31 July 2025</p> <p><i>Group and Auckland Council Quarterly Performance Report for the three months ended 30 June 2025</i></p> <p>Auckland Council presented the fourth quarter report for the first year of the 2024-2034 Long-term plan. Transport was identified as a key investment area, and key achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 7,500 redundant pieces of temporary traffic management equipment have been removed from the system. • An additional 10,000 users have benefited from the \$50 weekly fare cap on public transport. • 250 signalised intersection optimisations have been completed and five intersection and road corridor improvement projects. • Three special vehicle lane projects (Great South Road, The Strand and Kingdon Street) were completed. • Six level crossing removals have now been completed and the preferred supplier for the five Takaanini grade separation level crossing removals has been identified. • The Great Barrier Tryphena Wharf renewal was completed. • The first fully electric ferry water testing was undertaken.
Law and Order	
Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE Privacy of natural persons	<p>Proceeds of Crime Fund update</p> <p>Following confirmation of 3 years of funding from the Proceeds of Crime Fund, Auckland Council facilitated a launch meeting with the central city BIDs, Waitematā Local Board and Police on 12 May 2025.</p> <p>The initial priority for the Proceeds of Crime Fund programme (the programme) was putting in place funding agreements with the central</p>



	<p>city BIDs and Waitematā local board for the financial year 2024-25. Agreements were established with defined objectives and reporting timeframes, and funds for the first year of the programme were distributed. The BIDs and Local Board are on track with their expenditure in line with the approved plans.</p> <p>The Waitematā local board is meeting next month to workshop their funding allocation across the full three-year term of the programme. Council staff are preparing advice for options to enable alignment with other initiatives being delivered across the central city.</p> <p>Initiatives being implemented include lighting improvements, purchase of protective vests for security staff, increased security patrols and CCTV system monitoring, additional CCTV camera installation, and subscription to a new AI tech platform that will enhance CCTV capability.</p> <p>CCTV installation plans around the CRL stations have been requested from Auckland Transport and the CRL developers to enable alignment and maximise synergies with the programme.</p> <p>Auckland Councillors have discussed the CRL concept design and they and precinct safety has been identified as a substantial issue. Workshops are being arranged by Council's new Auckland Urban Design Office and these may highlight opportunities for future investment by the programme.</p>
Water Reform Update	
<p>Lori Hand Executive Director Water Services Reform Department of Internal Affairs Privacy of natural persons</p>	<p>The Local Government (Water Services) Bill (the Bill) deems an Auckland water organisation (of which Watercare is one) to be a water organisation and so subject to the same objectives, requirements and obligations as other water organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">During the select committee process, following a submission from Auckland Council, amendments were made to the definitions of water services etc to ensure that there was alignment between the Bill and the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 (LGACA), which established Auckland water organisations. Further changes were made to the provisions relating to the preparation of a water services strategy to ensure they worked in the context of Watercare and Auckland Council. <p>The Bill as introduced, provided all water organisations, except for Watercare, with an exemption from income tax. Watercare, which had been a tax paying entity since its inception, was excluded from this exemption at the request of Auckland Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">During the select committee hearing, and following further discussions with Auckland Council, the exemption from income tax was expanded so that it included Watercare as well. Auckland Council submitted in favour of this as long as the accumulated tax losses, which were used by the wider Auckland Council Tax Group to offset tax liability, could still be retained. <p>The Bill requires water organisations to charge for services as per the provisions contained in Part 3, subpart 1. Watercare is specifically exempted from this provision following consultation with Auckland Council who advised that Watercare wanted to retain its practice of</p>



	<p>charging consumers for water services via contracts, rather than under an enactment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">During the select committee process, Auckland Council submitted that they would like the Bill to be amended so that Watercare could both retain its ability to charge for water services contractually, and benefit from being able to charge under an enactment. However, the Select Committee agreed with the Department's recommendation that charges should either be made under an enactment or via a contract, and that it did not make sense for an organisation to have a choice. <p>The Bill provides water organisations with different ways of raising development contribution charges for growth infrastructure in Part 3, subpart 2. Watercare is specifically exempted from these provisions following consultation with Auckland Council who advised that Watercare wanted to retain its Infrastructure Growth Charges arrangements, whereby contributions to the cost of growth infrastructure are raised through contracts rather than under an enactment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Bill amends section 60A of LGACA, which sets out how a receiver can raise charges on Watercare consumers to recover debts owed by Watercare. During the select committee process this section was expanded, following a submission from Auckland Council, to make it clearer exactly how these charges would operate and what they would apply to. The Amendment Paper makes further technical amendments to those provisions, following discussions with Auckland Council. <p>The Bill introduces the enduring economic regulatory regime that will apply to all water service providers. Watercare has been subject to the interim economic regime provided under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 and made through the Watercare Charter which took effect from 1 April 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Bill ensures that the Commerce Commission will set price-quality regulation under the new provisions of the Commerce Act 1986 introduced through the Bill before the Watercare Charter's expiration, thereby ensuring continued economic regulation for Watercare. The Bill also expands the definition of "rates" for the purposes of the Rates Rebate Scheme to include water services charges, including those charges raised through contract by Watercare. <p>The Bill provided a new framework for land access which would govern how and when water service providers could enter private land to carry out work on water infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">During the select committee process this framework was refined, including changes to notice periods and the way these notices were provided. Following the select committee report back, Watercare wrote to the Minister seeking further changes. The Department has agreed to a number of the changes proposed to ensure that Watercare would be able to maintain, repair and operate water infrastructure on private land efficiently. The changes are being progressed through an Amendment Paper.
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2. General Auckland Updates

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Fast Track substantive application – Drury Metropolitan Centre	
Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE Privacy of natural persons	<p>You have been invited to comment on the Drury Metropolitan Centre Fast Track application which has been referred to an expert panel for consideration. This application is for a Listed Project in Schedule 2 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024. Any comments you wish to make will be provided into that substantive process and are required by 11 August 2025.</p> <p>Project Summary</p> <p>The Drury Metropolitan Centre project, led by Kiwi Property Holdings No.2 Limited, seeks Fast-Track approval for the subdivision and development of a new metropolitan centre in Drury, Auckland. Stage 1 of the project involves subdivision to create 292 residential lots, while Stage 2 includes the construction and operation of retail, commercial, community, residential, and visitor accommodation facilities.</p> <p>The project spans approximately 48.4 hectares and includes bulk earthworks, infrastructure installation, and road construction to support the development.</p> <p>The proposal is aligned with the Drury Centre Precinct Plan and is designed to integrate with the Drury Central Rail Station and surrounding infrastructure. A number of resource consents for earlier stages of the proposal have been granted for the subdivision and development of land within the Drury Centre Precinct.</p> <p>Key economic benefits stated in the proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total construction expenditure of approximately \$1.47 billion • Creation of approximately 3,420 full-time equivalent (FTE) years in the construction sector • Total economic impact on Auckland's business activity estimated at over \$1.45 billion over 11 years • Long-term employment opportunities within the metropolitan centre • Contribution to a well-functioning urban environment and support for regional growth <p>Key issues identified in the proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for coordination with infrastructure upgrades and transport improvements • Reclamation of a stream and wetland, resulting in a net loss of ecological values and extent • Potential adverse effects on freshwater ecosystems not fully offset or compensated • Construction noise and vibration impacts on nearby properties. • Management of contaminated land and sediment control during earthworks



Free and frank opinions

Progress update on actions from the Auckland Mayoral – Ministerial Forum

Andy Hill

Director Auckland

MBIE

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There were ten actions recorded from the Auckland Mayoral and Ministerial Forum that took place on 19 June 2025. Each action is listed below with those responsible identified (Minister(s) or Council) and an update on progress.

1. Auckland Council have requested an update on Mill Road Stage 3 from NZTA (Minister Bishop).

To be actioned through regular engagement by the Council's Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee with NZTA.

Item closed.

2. Auckland Council is proposing to redevelop the site of Takapuna Golf Course into a multi-use recreational wetland as part of the "Making Space for Water" programme to increase flood resilience for the Wairau catchment and Milford. The proposal would reduce the golf course from 18 to 9 holes. Golf NZ is advocating for a 'dry-basin flood solution' which would meet flood protection requirements while retaining a full 18-hole golf course. Auckland Council request a discussion with central government on a way forward (Minister Watts).

Minister Watts met with Mayor Brown on 5 August 2025 to discuss the issue.

Item closed.

3. The Minister for Economic Growth seeks confirmation from Auckland Council that Watercare will respond appropriately to meet the water infrastructure requirements for housing developments that are successfully progressed through the Fast-track process (Auckland Council).

Mayor Brown wrote to Ministers Willis, Watts, Bishop and Brown, copying in Watercare CEO Jamie Sinclair, on 15 July 2025 explaining the Council position. Minister Watts responded in writing, acknowledging the Council position and clearly stating government expectations regarding the provision of infrastructure to support housing growth.

Item closed.

4. Local MP Penk and Councillor Sayers to write a letter to the Minister for Rail, highlighting the opportunity for a PPP to provide a passenger rail service to the Special Housing Areas at Huapai (local MP Penk with Councillor Sayers).

Action to be progressed by local MP and Councillor.



5. Auckland Council have requested an update on progress of the Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill and the proposed Hākaimangō-Matīatia (Northwest Waiheke) Marine Reserve (Minister Potaka).

Minister Potaka has written to Auckland Council providing an update on these two issues. The Minister stated that:

the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill remains a government priority to progress through its final Parliamentary stages, although competing priorities have delayed it being allocated time in the House. The Bill is on the list in Parliament's Order Paper, and he stated his expectation that the Bill will pass its Third Reading and be enacted in the coming weeks.

Minister Potaka received advise from DOC regarding the proposed Hākaimangō-Matīatia (Northwest Waiheke) Marine Reserve application in late November 2024 and he is considering this advice.

In his letter to Auckland Council, Minister Potaka also noted that continued investment by Council to stem land-based sources of marine pollution including sewage and sediment will be critical to the success of marine conservation initiatives in the Hauraki Gulf.

Item closed.

6. Establish a separate Council/Central Government session to discuss law and order and homelessness (Ministers Mitchell and Potaka).

Item was discussed at Auckland Council Community Committee on 29 July 2025. Further action is required.

Minister's offices are aware of concerns about anti-social behaviour and homelessness in Auckland, and the opportunity to engage with Auckland Council to address these issues.

7. Auckland Council have requested an update from MPI (Biosecurity) on what is being done to address the issue of freshwater clams, noting in particular the risk to electricity generation (Minister Hoggard).

Biosecurity New Zealand officials are actively working with Auckland Council to prevent the spread of Corbicula (freshwater clams) into Auckland waterways. This joint effort includes the regional implementation of Check, Clean, Dry protocols, targeting both recreational users and commercial water activities.

Additionally, Biosecurity New Zealand are collaborating with partners, which includes representatives of Te Uru Kahika (TUK), to develop a Corbicula Rapid Assessment Guide to guide on how to respond to a new detection at a regional level, and a National Surveillance Plan to improve early detection.

Earth Sciences New Zealand (formerly NIWA), with \$10.2 million in MBIE Endeavour funding, is conducting research into the ecological and economic impacts of this invasive clam. This includes assessing potential risks to commercial operations, such as hydroelectric power generation in the Waikato region.

Item closed.



8. **Auckland Council have requested an update on the status of the Predator Free NZ programme once it integrates into the Department of Conservation. Councillors have raised concerns that collaborations with the business community may be lost, reducing the effectiveness of the programme and the impact of Auckland ratepayers' investment (via the Natural Environment Targeted Rate). They also seek confirmation that the programme remains focussed on pest eradication (rather than suppression) (Minister Potaka).**

Mayor Brown wrote to Minister Potaka on 11 July 2025 to provide more context to this request. Minister Potaka has replied to both the Mayor and Council officials reiterating government support for Predator Free 2050 goals, detailing initiatives in train and encouraging Council to engage directly with the DOC lead for the programme.

DOC and Council officials are meeting to discuss Hauraki Gulf predator free initiatives on 2 September 2025.

Item closed.

9. **Auckland Council raised the issue of people charging EVs new dwellings with no onsite parking resulting in unsightly and dangerous charging cables crossing footpaths and roads. Minister Bishop requested information from Council on the scale of the issue (Auckland Council).**

Auckland Council officials advise that they in the process of quantifying the scale of the issue prior to engaging with central government.

10. **An opportunity was identified for government to work with Council to address issues in the energy system including reducing red tape to enable roof top solar and modernising rules for tree pruning around power lines (e.g. 50% of project costs for Vector relate to traffic management) (Minister Watts and Auckland Council).**

Rooftop solar: Government has recently taken several concrete steps to reduce red tape and accelerate the adoption of rooftop solar including clarifying that no building consent is needed to install solar on an existing house; reducing processing times for consents to install solar on new builds from 20 to 10 working days and changing permitted voltage ranges for electricity networks to better accommodate solar power.

Electricity (Hazards from Trees) regulations: Cabinet has approved amendments introducing national treefall hazard notice powers, aimed at reducing outages from 'fall zone' trees by allowing Electricity Distribution Businesses to require removal of trees posing moderate/high risk to power lines. Regulations are expected to be finalised by the end of 2025, with implementation from late 2027. Auckland Council provided a supportive submission to an enhanced risk based process, noting its goal of increasing tree canopy cover across the region.

Council tree planting and trimming costs: Councils continue planting trees near lines, creating costly trimming cycles. Auckland Council and Vector expect to spend at least \$25M over 3.75 years.



	<p>While regulations cannot be used to restrict planting for financial reasons, options are being explored to address this issue using powers available through the Local Government portfolio.</p> <p>Officials will engage with Council to identify and address further outstanding issues, including traffic management costs.</p> <p><i>Item closed.</i></p>
Transport News and Updates	
<p>Karen Lyons Auckland Director Ministry of Transport Privacy of natural persons</p>	<p>Bledisloe North and Fergusson North Wharves</p> <p>Port of Auckland (POAL) has received provisional approval to build Bledisloe North and Fergusson North Wharves under the Fast Track Process. POAL will work to finalise consent conditions in the coming months and hope to commence pre-construction works for Bledisloe North wharf in September 2025. Bledisloe North Wharf will help POAL meet Auckland's freight needs support the cruise industry, provide more access to the waterfront for Aucklanders and reduce congestion in the downtown ferry basin. Fergusson North Wharf is critical for the port to become big ship capable and serve Auckland's freight needs well into the future.</p> <p>Bus Driver Safety Initiatives</p> <p>As of 31 July 2025, the number of driver safety screens installed is 318. The actual spend to date on these installations is \$2.53 million. The central and local Government total budget for this is \$6.5 million. 51% of this is funded by NZTA, 49% by Auckland Council.</p> <p>Auckland Transport has confirmed that the target of equipping 80% of their 1,350 buses remains on track for delivery by June 2026.</p> <p>In addition, a live CCTV trial is currently undergoing user acceptance testing across 45 buses with two of their operators. The trial allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers to trigger live downloads of footage during security incidents. • Control rooms to view and track buses in real time. • Footage to be accessed instantly, rather than waiting for post-event retrieval.
Auckland Project Updates	
<p>Karen Lyons Auckland Director Ministry of Transport Privacy of natural persons</p>	Confidential advice to Government
<p>Steve Mutton Director Regional Relationships, Northland and Auckland, NZTA</p>	



Privacy of natural persons

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3. Ministerial items on hand

3.1 Upcoming significant meetings

Date and venue	Meeting and info
15 August 2025, 9:00 am – 10:00 am	Dentistry Opening by Auckland City Mission

3.2 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

Date	Minister	Meeting Info
None		

3.3 Upcoming significant media and announcements

Timing	Announcement
None	

3.4 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

Title	Date to Minister	Action for Minister	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

3.5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Title	Committee	Expected committee date	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				



3.6 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
26 August 2025		DOIA-REQ-0018568	Privacy of natural persons	Labour Leader's Office	<p>Requested copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFING-REQ-0013487 Meeting with Committee for Auckland Board 9 May 2025 • BRIEFING-REQ-0013260 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 14 April to 11 May 2025 • BRIEFING-REQ-0014558 Government appointments in Auckland • BRIEFING-REQ-0014171 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 12 May to 25 May 2025 • BRIEFING-REQ-0013724 Meeting with Auckland City Mission 28 May 2025 • Minister for Auckland's fortnightly reports for the months of June and July 2025
1 September 2025		DOIA-REQ-0018894	Privacy of natural persons	Labour Leader's Office	<p>Requested copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIEFING-REQ-0015373 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 26 May to 8 June 2025 • BRIEFING-REQ-015800 Progressing City and Regional Deals Cabinet Paper • BRIEFING-REQ-0015931 The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area • BRIEFING-REQ-0015975 Auckland Mayoral-Ministerial Forum • BRIEFING-REQ-0016010 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 9 June to 22 June 2025 • Minister for Auckland's fortnightly reports for July 2025



3.7 Ministerial correspondence

Due to Minister's office	Ref	Correspondent	Organisation	Summary of Correspondence
None				

3.8 Proactive release

Date	Title	Comment
23 June 2025	BRIEFING-REQ-0016471 Proactive Release of Auckland fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 May to 31 May 2025	Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 May to 31 May 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise.
13 August 2025	MBIE will provide your office with the list of briefing titles for review	Proactive release of briefing titles for July 2025

3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

Project Name	Unique Ref No.	Applicant Organisation	Date Received	Due Date to send Comments
Drury Metropolitan Centre	FTA-2502- 1019	Kiwi Property Holdings	16 July 2025	11 August 2025

4. Auckland dashboards

Transport environmental scan																				
<div><div>Karen Lyons</div><div>Auckland Director</div><div>Ministry of Transport</div><div>Privacy of natural persons</div></div>	<div>Public transport patronage update</div> <div>For the fortnight 7-20 July 2025, public transport patronage totalled 2.9 million boardings across the city’s public transport network. 90.4% of boardings in June were considered to be on-time, ahead of the 88% target. The monthly patronage total of 6.8 million was behind the 7.3 million target.</div> <div>Patronage increased by 3% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year. Bus patronage increased by 5%. However, rail and ferry patronage declined by 5% and 4% respectively. Rail patronage was likely affected by the reduced services and partial closures up to 13 July.</div> <div>Public transport patronage for the year to 30 June 2025 is 88.8 million boardings which has increased on the previous year’s total of 86.8 million boardings. Across all modes, bus patronage saw the largest annual increase of 3%, whereas rail patronage had a decline of 1%.</div> <div>At 88.8 million boardings, current annual patronage reaches 93% of Auckland Transport’s latest SOI target of 95.9 million annual PT trips for 2024/25. This also represents 86% of the pre-pandemic 12-month public transport patronage level in the year to December 2019 of 103.2 million boardings.</div>																			
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Auckland economic update August 2025	
<p>Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE</p> <p>Privacy of natural persons</p>	<p>Auckland Council has published its monthly economic update for Auckland. The full report is attached in Annex Two.</p> <p>Highlights this month for Auckland include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median house price for the month of June 2025 was \$990,000 (in real* dollars): similar to the last several months; similar to ten years ago (2015); 6% lower than a year ago; 36% below the 2021 peak. • Number of houses sold for the year ended June 2025 was 23,506: rising continuously for nine months; 28% above the May 2023 trough; similar to 2017-2020; but 35% below the July 2021 peak. • Average weekly rent for the month of May 2025 was \$676 (in real* dollars): similar or below the last three years; similar to nine years ago; below 2016 to mid-2022. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$572: a 4% real fall since May 2024; similar to May 2021; 1% annual average increase in the last five years. • Number of new dwellings consented in the year ended June 2025 was 14,295: 3% above May; slightly above all the previous 12 months; 35% below the September 2022 peak; 6% below the 2019 pre-Covid peak. • Real* value of new non-residential buildings consented in the year ended June 2025 was \$2,357 million: similar to the previous 4 months; 16% below a year ago; similar to the 2020 trough and among the lowest since 2016; 32% below the 2022 peak. • Real* value of imports by Auckland seaports for the year ended June 2025 was \$30.7 billion: similar to the last several months; still 9% below April 2023; but 17% higher than the 2020 Covid trough. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$31.1 billion: similar to the last several months; 21% above late 2020; and 25% lower than their 2023 post-Covid rebound peak. <p><i>*Note: real dollars/values are after adjusting for the effects of inflation each quarter, so a similar 'real' level means that a value rose at a similar rate to inflation.</i></p>

Annexes

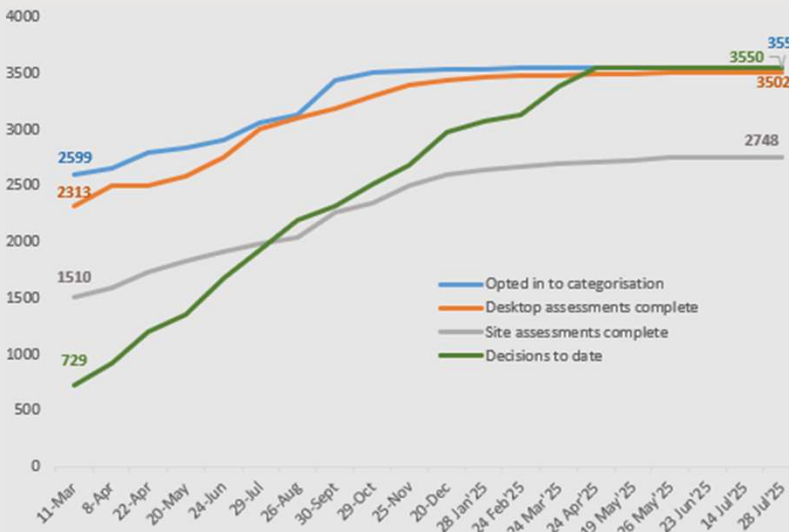
Annex One: Auckland Council's Recovery Weekly Report

Annex Two: Auckland Economic Update- August 2025

Categorisation Stages

Stages	Initial Impacted properties	Opted in to Categorisation	Desktop Assessments Complete	Site Assessments Complete
Number of properties	7,389	3,551	3,502	2,748
Change from last report	no change	0	0	0

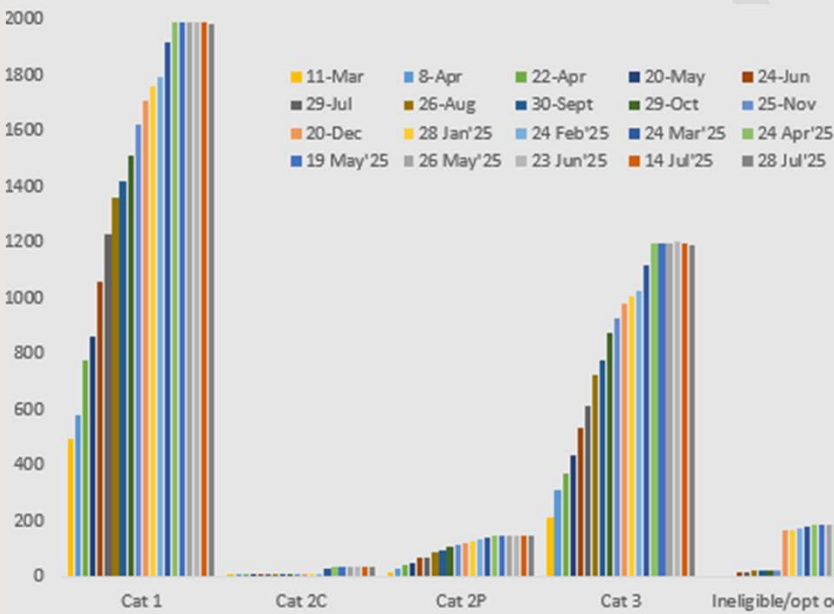
- Registrations have reached 3,551 exceeding the January 2025 forecast of 3,548 by 3 properties.
- One property pending final risk assessment for categorization.



Summary of Categorisation Progress

Final Categories 3,550 properties	Category 1	Category 2C	Category 2P	Category 3 Eligible for buyout	Ineligible/opt out
Number of properties categorised	1,983	32	145	1,189	201
Change from last report	-4	0	-3	-10	17
Estimated Final Categories 3,548 (Jan'25)	1,984	38	141	1,215	170
% Decisions to date	100%	84%	103%	98%	118%

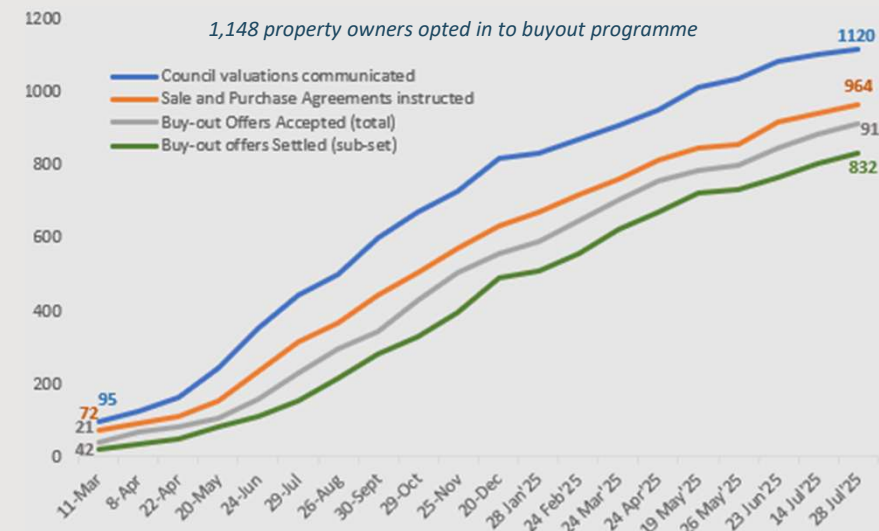
- 1) Category 3 properties currently total 1,189 including:
- 9 properties that have opted out and will not advance to the buyout stage
 - 12 ineligible properties due to change of ownership since 26 January 2023
 - 2 properties successfully recategorised from Category 1 following dispute resolution
- 2) Category 2P – 3 properties are ineligible due to change of ownership
- 3) Category 1 – 2 properties recategorised to category 3, 2 properties are ineligible



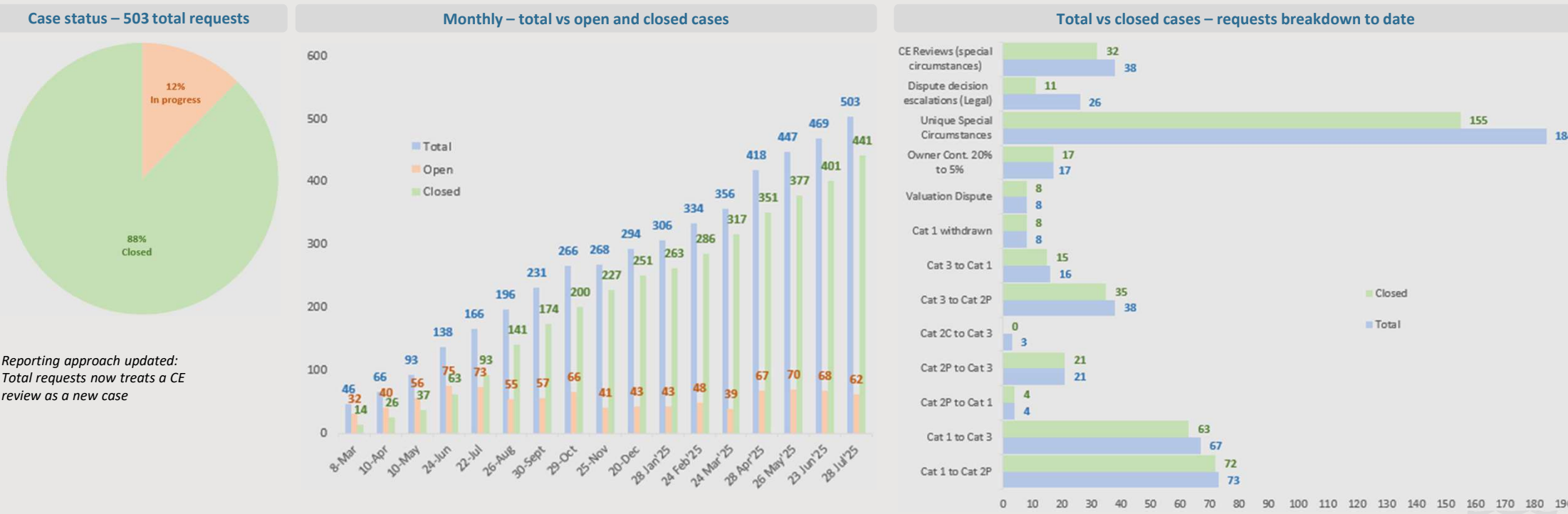
Category 3 Buy-outs in Progress

Stages	Council valuations communicated	Sale and Purchase Agreements instructed	Buy-out Offers Accepted	Buy-out Offers Settled
Number of properties	1,120	964	914	832
Change from last report	17	22	29	25
Buyout offers % based on 1,215 category 3 properties	91%	78%	73%	66%

NB: % based on revised Category 3 forecast number of 1,215 properties

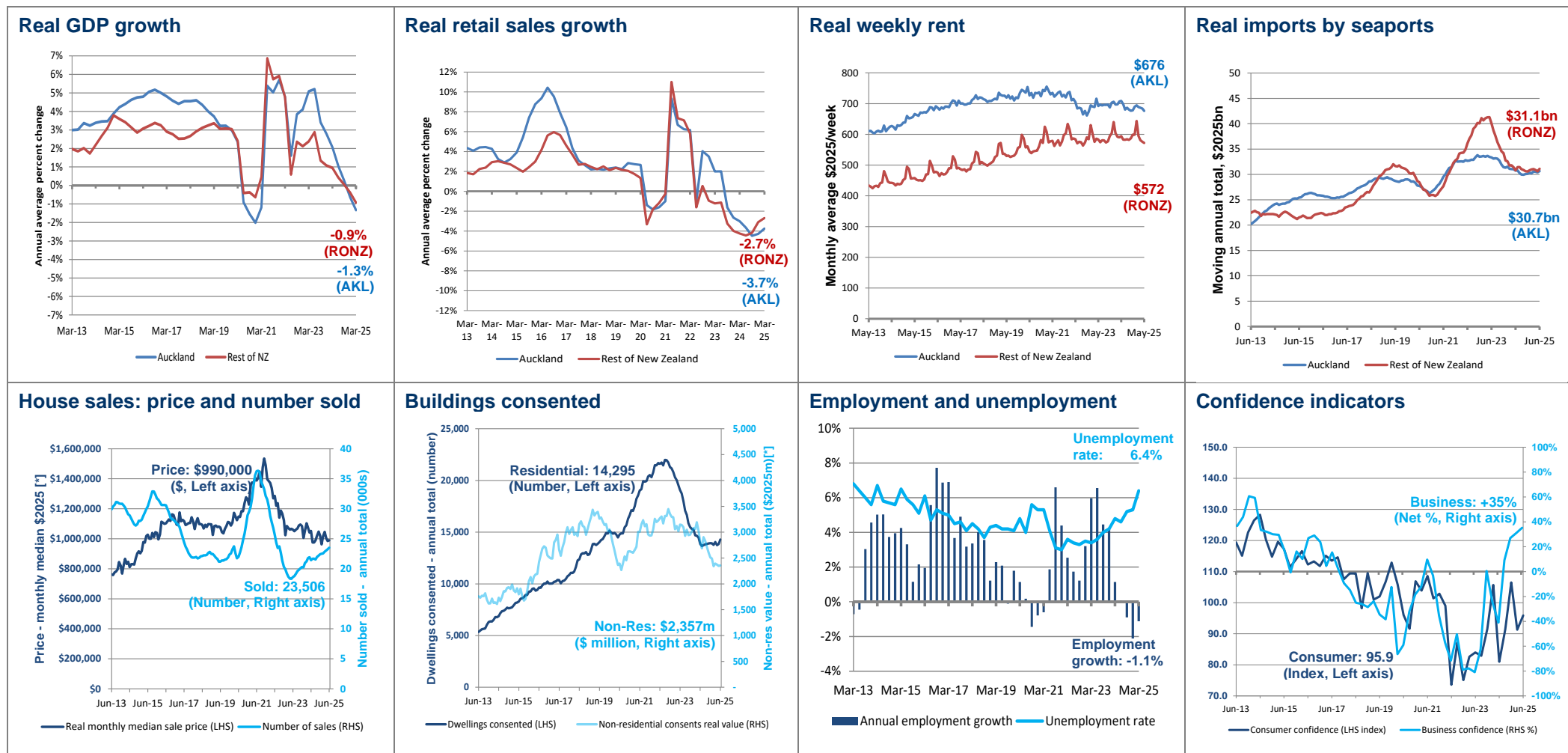


Special circumstances applications, Disputes / Category reviews



Reporting approach updated:
Total requests now treats a CE review as a new case

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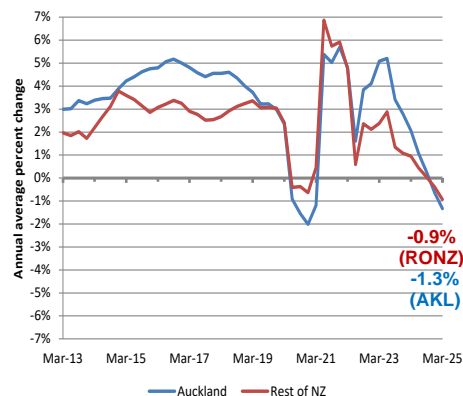


Note: Data is the latest available as at the start of the month, and is for the Auckland region, unless otherwise stated. This is a summary page only. All data sources and technical notes are provided on the next two pages.

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Real GDP growth



Auckland's real* Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year ended March 2025 was 1.3% lower than for the year ended March 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was 0.9% fall (see notes). Both growth rates were: falling since mid-2023; similar to their Covid-related troughs of 2020; below all other periods since 2010. Rest of New Zealand was similar to its GFC-related trough of 2009; Auckland was above, but only because its trough in 2009 was even lower.

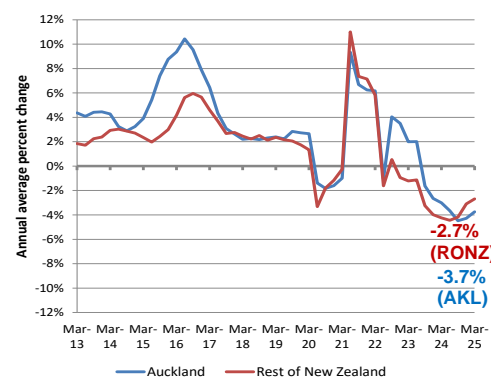
* Real GDP refers to GDP in constant 2022 dollars, to remove inflation.

Lockdowns due to Covid-19 affect results for 2020 onwards. Covid-19 lockdown level 3 began on 23 March 2020.

Latest and historical real GDP figures are modelled estimates, and subject to revision.

Source: Infometrics, Regional Economic Profile/Quarterly Economic Monitor.

Real retail sales growth



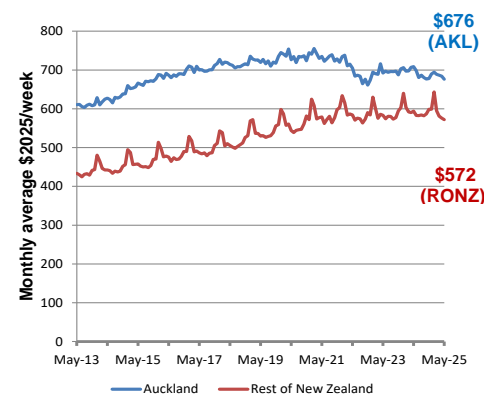
Real* retail sales for the year ended March 2025 were 3.7% lower than for the year ended March 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was a 2.7% fall. Both growth rates were among the lowest (most negative) since 2009 (just after the Global Financial Crisis), with Auckland continuing below its 2020 Covid-related trough. Both growth rates had been falling since late 2022, but now Auckland has started to follow the rest of New Zealand in rising slightly (but still negative).

* Real retail sales have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: These figures exclude non-retail activity captured elsewhere in the retail sales survey.

Source: Stats NZ, Retail Sales (quarterly); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Real weekly rent



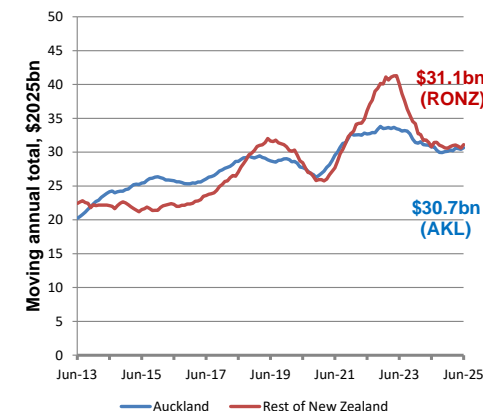
The average weekly rent for the month of May 2025 was \$676 (in real* dollars: similar or below the last three years; similar to nine years ago; below 2016 to mid-2022). For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$572: a 4% real fall since May 2024; similar to May 2021; 1% annual average increase in the last five years. "Real rent" changes are relative to CPI inflation, so a similar "real" level means rents rose at a similar rate to inflation.

* Real rents have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: Dwelling size and quality may vary over time. Rent is for new rental bonds lodged each month with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, for housing tenancies with private sector landlords (so excludes state housing). Data covers only new bonds, so excludes existing leases from earlier periods whose rent has not changed, or has changed but with no revision to the bond. It also excludes new leases where no bond is lodged. Data is subject to minor revisions.

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Regional Rental Prices (monthly); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Real imports by seaports



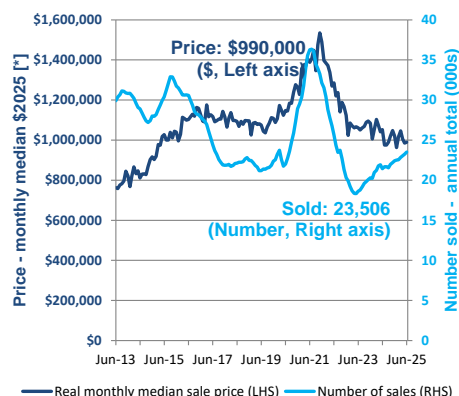
The real* value of imports by Auckland seaports for the year ended June 2025 was \$30.7 billion, similar to the last several months, still 9% below April 2023, but 17% higher than the 2020 Covid trough. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$31.1 billion: similar to the last several months, 21% above late 2020, and 25% lower than their 2023 post-Covid rebound peak. From 2024 on, import values for Auckland and the rest of New Zealand were similar to each other.

* Real import values have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI) for tradables, to remove inflation

Note: Import values are cost including freight (CIF). Auckland seaports consist of Port of Auckland on the Waitemata Harbour near the CBD, and Port of Onehunga on the Manukau Harbour (domestic only, no imports); both are owned by Ports of Auckland Limited (POAL).

Source: Stats NZ, Overseas Cargo Statistics-imports-value \$ CIF (monthly); Stats NZ, CPI Tradables (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

House sales: price and number sold



The median (not average) sale price of houses sold in Auckland in the month of June 2025 was \$990,000 (in real* dollars: similar to the last several months; similar to ten years ago (2015); 6% lower than a year ago; 36% below the 2021 peak).

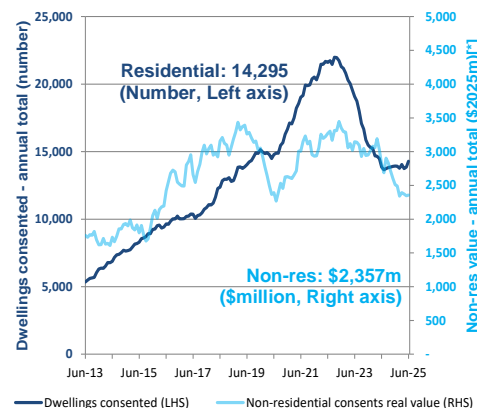
The total number of houses sold in Auckland in the year ended June 2025 was 23,506: rising continuously for nine months, 28% above the May 2023 trough; similar to 2017-2020; but 35% below the July 2021 peak.

* 'Real' prices for previous months are calculated by inflating previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars, using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI).

Notes: The data for 'houses' covers actual sales during the period. Size and quality may vary over time. 'Houses' includes all dwelling types (eg apartments and flats), not just free-standing houses, but excludes sales of undeveloped land. 'Price' is real* actual sale price (not just listed). REINZ revises recent data each month for numbers sold (usually slightly upwards) and prices.

Source: Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), Monthly Property Report (monthly – from website); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Buildings consented



The total number of new dwellings consented in Auckland in the year ended June 2025 was 14,295: 3% above May; slightly above all the previous 12 months; 35% below the September 2022 peak; 6% below the 2019 pre-Covid peak.

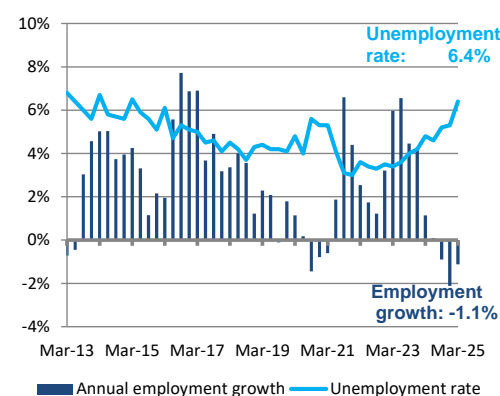
The real* value of new non-residential buildings consented in Auckland in the year ended June 2025 was \$2,357 million: similar to the previous 4 months; 16% below a year ago; similar to the 2020 trough and among the lowest since 2016; 32% below the 2022 peak.

* 'Real' values for previous months have been calculated by inflating previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars, using the capital goods price index (CGPI) for non-residential buildings

Note: Projects consented are not necessarily commenced or completed. "New" refers to new buildings (i.e. excludes alterations and additions). Residential number is new dwellings consented, which will exceed new residential buildings as some buildings have multiple dwellings; similarly, it will differ from new residential building consents issued, as some consents are for multiple buildings.

Source: Stats NZ, Building Consents (monthly); Stats NZ, CGPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

Employment and unemployment



The number of people employed in Auckland in the quarter ended March 2025 was 1.1% lower than in March 2024 quarter: the third quarter in a row of negative annual growth rates despite population growth; similar to during the 2020-2021 Covid lockdowns.

The unemployment rate in Auckland in the quarter ended March 2025 was 6.4%: the highest quarter since 2015 and worse than during the 2020-2021 Covid lockdowns, but still lower than most of 2010 to 2013.

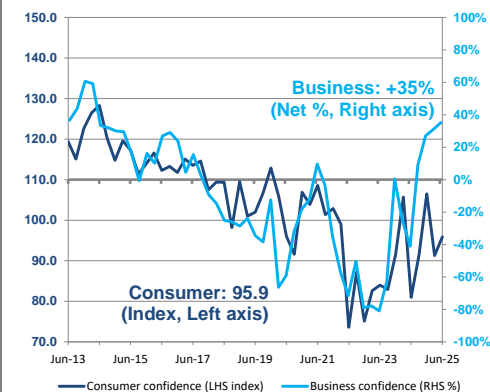
Note: Covid-19 lockdowns began on 23 March 2020, plus wage subsidies, which both affect official employment and unemployment.

Employment data is rebased by Stats NZ each quarter to match latest revisions of historic population estimates.

Both datasets are from a survey (HLFS) so are subject to error margins. Respondents define their own employment status. The survey covers all people aged 15+, so includes school pupils 15+ and people over 65, who might or might not have - or be actively seeking - a job.

Source: Stats NZ, Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) (quarterly).

Confidence indicators



In Auckland, the Westpac McDermott Miller Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) for the June 2025 quarter was 95.9: above most of 2022-2024, but below most of 2009 to 2021.

The NZIER QSBO in Auckland for the June 2025 quarter showed a net 35% of businesses expecting the general business situation to improve over the next three months – the fourth rise in a row, to well above pre-Covid levels, reaching the highest level in eleven years, since 2014.

Note: Left axis is for CCI (consumers: index). For the CCI, a score of greater than 100 shows more optimism than pessimism. Re-scaled 18/9/2024.

Right axis is for QSBO (businesses: net %). The QSBO calculates a net figure as (% of businesses expecting an improvement) minus (% expecting a worsening). QSBO data used here is not the seasonally adjusted version.

Source: Westpac McDermott Miller, Regional Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) (quarterly – published, but proprietary); New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER), Quarterly Survey of Business Opinion (QSBO) (quarterly – by subscription).



Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 11 August to Sunday 24 August 2025

Date:	21 August 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0019372

Ministers	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown Minister for Auckland	Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Michael Quinn	Head of the Auckland Policy Office	Privacy of natural persons	
Andy Hill	Director Auckland		✓

The following departments/agencies have contributed content

Ministry of Transport, Department of Internal Affairs and Ministry for the Environment

Minister's office to complete:

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Purpose

To provide you with a fortnightly report for the Auckland Portfolio for the period Monday 11 August to Sunday 24 August 2025.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

Note the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting.

Noted

Andy Hill
Director Auckland
Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
21 / 08 /2025

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Auckland
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1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Auckland Recovery	
	No updates available for this report.
Auckland City and Regional Deal	
	No updates available for this report.
Auckland Transport CCO	
	No updates available for this report.
Law and Order	
	No updates available for this report.
Water Reform Update	
Lori Hand Executive Director Water Services Reform Department of Internal Affairs Privacy of natural persons	The Local Government (Water Services) Bill passed all legislative stages on 19 August 2025 and is awaiting Royal assent. This is anticipated within seven days or sooner.

2. General Auckland Updates

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Waste Management Consultation on Redvale Landfill closure	
Monique Esplin Manager Waste Policy and Regulatory MfE Privacy of natural persons	<p>Aucklanders send around 1.6 million tonnes of waste to landfill each year. The Redvale and Whitford landfills currently manage approximately 50 and 20 per cent of Auckland's waste respectively.</p> <p>Redvale is due to cease landfilling operations at the end of 2028 and Waste Management NZ Ltd. (WM) are developing a new Auckland Regional Landfill (ARL) to fill the gap. However, the ARL is not expected to be ready until the mid-2030s, leaving several years with no consented disposal site for a significant proportion of Auckland's waste.</p> <p>To address this issue, WM is currently consulting on the three options below to manage Auckland's waste from 2029 to the mid-2030s:</p> <p>Option 1: Continue sending current waste volumes to Redvale Landfill under a new resource consent, with Whitford Landfill continuing to operate at existing capacity.</p>



	<p>Option 2: Cease landfilling at Redvale from 2029, divert all waste to Whitford Landfill, requiring new consents, a planning designation change, and substantial construction and operational upgrades.</p> <p>Option 3: Variations to operate both sites in parallel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Redvale receives general household/commercial waste (Class 1), Whitford receives construction and demolition waste (Class 2); requires new consents at both sites and likely designation change at Whitford. b) Whitford receives Class 1 waste, Redvale receives Class 2 waste; requires new consents at Redvale, designation change, and significant operational changes at Whitford. c) Regional split by allocating waste by collection origin; requires new consents at both sites and an alteration to the designation at Whitford. d) Use existing consented capacity at Whitford, sending the remainder to Redvale under a new consent. <p>Decision-making process</p> <p>WM will make a final decision after consultation closes on 25 August 2025 but have indicated that Option 1 is its preferred option. Consultation feedback will be communicated publicly in a report published on 12 September 2025.</p> <p>Officials from MfE have been in contact with the Auckland Council Waste Solutions Team who advised that they will be providing a submission on this consultation and have not raised any concerns.</p>
New Zealand International Convention Centre	
<p>Andy Hill Director Auckland MBIE</p> <p>Privacy of natural persons</p>	<p>The New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC) is a significant development for central Auckland and the country's conference and events industry. Originally scheduled to open in 2020, the project faced significant setbacks, including a major fire in 2019 and pandemic-related delays. Construction is now complete, with Fletcher Building focusing on defect remediation and final commissioning.</p> <p>SkyCity have been advised that Fletcher Building expect to complete its work in October 2025 at which time the facility will be handed over to SkyCity. The official opening is scheduled for February 2026, with the exact date still to be confirmed.</p> <p>Once open, NZICC will be New Zealand's largest and most advanced convention venue, capable of hosting up to 4,000 attendees. It features flexible, vertically stacked spaces, integrated public laneways, and a design that emphasizes connectivity to Auckland's cultural and innovation hubs. The centre is expected to attract over 33,000 international delegates annually, contributing an estimated \$90 million to the local economy.</p> <p>New Zealand Major Events works collaboratively with the city through Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to coordinate prospecting activity and this could benefit the NZICC.</p>



	<p>A list of confirmed events provided in confidence by SkyCity is attached at Annex One.</p> <p>Following an issue raised with you by the Employers and Manufacturers Association CEO, John Fraser-Mackenzie, the Medicines Act 1981 has been amended to remove the prohibition on advertising or showcasing unapproved medicines (i.e., those not yet consented by Medsafe) at medical conferences and trade shows. This change aligns New Zealand with international standards and removes a long-standing barrier that had discouraged global medical associations from hosting events in New Zealand. This change has had an immediate positive impact for the NZICC, with a number of medical conferences confirmed over the coming years.</p> <p>SkyCity have noted that they would be pleased to host you for a visit to the NZICC either before or after the official handover.</p>
Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill	
<p>Vanessa Blakelock Partnerships Director, Department of Internal Affairs</p>	<p>At its public meeting on 14 August, Auckland Council's Policy and Planning Committee considered its submission to Select Committee on the Local Government (Systems Improvements) Amendment Bill. Subsequently, there has been media coverage of the Mayor's and Councillor feedback on the provisions of the Bill.</p>
Privacy of natural persons	<p>At the meeting, the Committee resolved to oppose the Bill on the grounds that it does not adequately acknowledge special legislation that applies to Auckland Council. The Committee considers that any new legislation that affects Auckland Council to the degree that this Bill does, should be negotiated in partnership with Council. The Committee requested that Council staff prepare an Auckland Council submission in response to the Bill.</p> <p>The submission is likely to cover a range of matters and DIA will respond to the submission through the Select Committee process when it is received.</p>

3. Ministerial items on hand

3.1 Upcoming significant meetings

Date and venue	Meeting and info
26 September 2025, 8:00 – 9:00 am	Opening of 10 new dwellings at Stevenson Village

3.2 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

Date	Minister	Meeting Info
None		



3.3 Upcoming significant media and announcements

Timing	Announcement
None	

3.4 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

Title	Date to Minister	Action for Minister	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
BRIEFING-REQ-0019242 Proactive Release of Auckland Portfolio's fortnightly reports, event briefings and aide memoires from 1 June to 31 July 2025	26 August 2025		Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons	To request approval to release the fortnightly reports, event briefings and aide memoires for the Auckland portfolio for the period 1 June to 31 July 2025
BRIEFING-REQ-0019269 Opening of 10 new dwellings at Stevenson Village	22 September 2025		Andy Hill Privacy of natural persons	To provide background information for your meeting

3.5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Title	Committee	Expected committee date	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				



3.6 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
26 August 2025		DOIA-REQ-0018568	Privacy of natural persons	Labour Leader's Office	<p>Requested copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BRIEFING-REQ-0013487 Meeting with Committee for Auckland Board 9 May 2025• BRIEFING-REQ-0013260 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 14 April to 11 May 2025• BRIEFING-REQ-0014558 Government appointments in Auckland• BRIEFING-REQ-0014171 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 12 May to 25 May 2025• BRIEFING-REQ-0013724 Meeting with Auckland City Mission 28 May 2025• Minister for Auckland's fortnightly reports for the months of June and July 2025
1 September 2025		DOIA-REQ-0018894	Privacy of natural persons	Labour Leader's Office	<p>Requested copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BRIEFING-REQ-0015373 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 26 May to 8 June 2025• BRIEFING-REQ-015800 Progressing City and Regional Deals Cabinet Paper• BRIEFING-REQ-0015931 The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area• BRIEFING-REQ-0015975 Auckland Mayoral-Ministerial Forum• BRIEFING-REQ-0016010 Minister for Auckland Fortnightly Report 9 June to 22 June 2025• Minister for Auckland's fortnightly reports for July 2025



Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
8 September 2025		MOIA-REQ-0019527	Privacy of natural persons		<p>Requested copies of advice you have received directly from your officials, in particular, briefings, Cabinet papers, aide memoires and weekly updates, since 1 March 2025 on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business activity in Auckland, and business births and deaths• Advice and recommendations on initiatives to stimulate Auckland's economy• Advice and suggestions (anonymised) Auckland business stakeholders have given you on how to boost Auckland's economy• Any advice on bed taxes, GST sharing and other potential revenue sources Auckland might use to invest in its future• Specific advice on ways of boosting innovation and global links in Auckland

3.7 Ministerial correspondence

Due to Minister's office	Ref	Correspondent	Organisation	Summary of Correspondence
None				

3.8 Proactive release

Date	Title	Comment
None		

3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

Project Name	Unique Ref No.	Applicant Organisation	Date Received	Due Date to send Comments
None				



4. Auckland dashboards

Transport environmental scan																				
<div><div>Karen Lyons</div><div>Auckland Director</div><div>Ministry of Transport</div><div>Privacy of natural persons</div></div>	<div>Public transport patronage update</div> <div>For the fortnight 21 July – 3 August 2025, public transport patronage totalled 3.7 million boardings across the city’s public transport network.</div> <div>Patronage increased by 1% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year. Ferry patronage had the largest increase at 8%, with rail patronage increasing by 3%. Bus patronage increased by less than 1%.</div> <div>Public transport patronage for the year to 31 July 2025 is 88.7 million boardings which has increased on the previous year’s total of 87.7 million boardings. Across all modes, bus patronage saw the largest annual increase of 2%, whereas rail patronage had a decline of 2%.</div> <div>At 88.7 million boardings, current annual patronage reaches 83% of Auckland Transport’s latest SOI target of 106.8 million annual public transport boardings for 2025/26. This also represents 86% of the pre-pandemic 12-month public transport patronage level in the year to December 2019 of 103.2 million boardings.</div>																			
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Annexes

Annex One: NZICC International Conferences Won to Date



Confidential advice to Government