

23 October 2018

Attn: Transport & Infrastructure Committee

To the members of the committee,

Officer-only Submission – Building Amendment Bill (94-1)

With regard to the Building Amendment Bill concerning the management of buildings after an emergency, I would like the select committee to record my submission of the following points:

- I broadly support the content of the Bill and the operational changes it will authorise for the post-disaster management of buildings, with the exception of;
- The definition of a heritage building as defined in the Bill, which appears to be limited to those listed as heritage buildings by Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga. If this is intended to be the case, then there are many buildings considered as heritage structures by territorial authorities that could be summarily demolished without input by the listing Territorial Authority or HNZPT. Consideration should be given to ensuring TA listed heritage buildings are afforded the same requirements as HNZPT listed heritage buildings.

My feedback is based on my own substantial experience being involved in the development and implementation of post-disaster response plans over the last decade, during which I have encountered limitations of the present legislation that the Amendment Bill goes a long way to addressing, especially in Auckland's context.

Please note that my submission is based on my own personal views and should not be taken to automatically reflect the collective stance of Auckland Council as an organisation.

Yours sincerely



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