

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** Unknown  
**Submission:** I / we object the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

Frank Kitts Park does not need redevelopment, it's beloved as it is, and Wellington has other urgent prioritise, like water maintenance, roadworks and building projects. Why don't you actually put music/theatre on in the amphitheatre rather than just leaving it empty all the time? It doesn't need to be demolished, it needs to be used.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

Frank Kitts Park does not need redevelopment, it's beloved as it is, and Wellington has other urgent prioritise, like water maintenance, roadworks and building projects. Why don't you actually put music/theatre on in the amphitheatre rather than just leaving it empty all the time? It doesn't need to be demolished, it needs to be used.

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Frank Kitts Park does not need redevelopment, it's beloved as it is, and Wellington has other urgent prioritise, like water maintenance, roadworks and building projects. Why don't you actually put music/theatre on in the amphitheatre rather than just leaving it empty all the time? It doesn't need to be demolished, it needs to be used.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Frank Kitts Park does not need redevelopment, it's beloved as it is, and Wellington has other urgent

prioritise, like water maintenance, roadworks and building projects. Why don't you actually put music/theatre on in the amphitheatre rather than just leaving it empty all the time? It doesn't need to be demolished, it needs to be used.

# Submission on resource consent application

**Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council**  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

## Notes for the applicant

Use this form to make a submission on a resource consent application you support or oppose. You can also make a submission online, visit [wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-notice](http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-notice).

If you have any questions, visit [wellington.govt.nz/resourceconsents](http://wellington.govt.nz/resourceconsents), or email [planning@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@wcc.govt.nz) or phone us on 04 801 3590.

Send the completed submission to:

### Post:

Resource Consents  
Wellington City Council  
PO Box 2199, Wellington 6140

### Hand it in to:

Wellington City Council service desks  
Te Awe Library, 29 Brandon Street,  
8am-5pm, Monday to Friday  
Johnsonville Library, 34 Moorefield Road,  
10am-5pm, Monday to Friday

### Email:

[consent.submissions@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:consent.submissions@wcc.govt.nz)

## Submission details

Name of applicant:

~~MARY JANE WOOLTON~~

Site address:

Apt 2 FRANK KITTS PARK  
15 Jervois Quay 29 Jervois Quay

Proposal:

Redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park

Service request number:

558695



Support the application



Oppose the application



Neutral

## Submitter details

Name of submitter:

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## Submission statements (use additional pages if required)

The aspects of the application that I support/oppose are:

All of it. I totally support  
the changes & the final Outcome.

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**The reasons for my submission are:**

fully supportive of all  
decisions linked to this proposal.

**The decision I/we would like Wellington City Council to make is**  
(include any conditions of consent you would like to see imposed):

I would like to suggest that cycles &  
scooters if allowed in this area are  
limited to 10Kms

**Note: \*Select one.**

I ☐ request/ ☐ do not request\*, pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

**Oral submission at the hearing**

☐ I/we wish to speak in support of the submission

☐ If others make a similar submission, I will consider  
presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

☒ I/we do not wish to speak in support of the submission

Signature(s) of submitter(s) or agent of submitter(s)\*

M. Noottan

Date

2/7/2025

**Note:**

- The Council must receive this submission before the closing date and time indicated in the public notice. A copy of this submission must also be given to the applicant, as soon as reasonably possible, at the applicant's address for service.
- All submitters will be advised of hearing details at least 10 working days before the hearing. If you change your mind about whether you wish to attend the hearing, please phone 04 801 3590 so that the necessary arrangements can be made.
- This is not a statutory form, but is provided as a guide to people wishing to lodge a submission.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further
- it contains offensive language
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

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**Subject:** Submission on notified resource consent application for 558695

**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The new building - magnificent  
 better access to water compared to current concrete bunker and raised walls  
 outstanding and timely recognition of NZ as a Pacific nation and Pasifika peoples' contribution to Aotearoa  
 global iconic status of building and art design  
 community attraction and multi purpose  
 perfect fit with surroundings - cultural necklace  
 able to support itself financially - a positive attraction for Wellington

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

cultural awareness  
 economic benefit  
 social cohesion  
 cultural inclusion  
 all paid for by sweat equity of the Trust.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

support5 strongly and financially

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 July 2025 9:32 am  
**To:** BUS: Consent Submissions  
**Subject:** Submission on notified resource consent application for 558695

### Submitter details

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### Application details

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
Fully supportive

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

### The reasons for my / our submission are:

- It will be a key contributor to a growing cultural precinct destination that is being developed on the Wellington waterfront.
- It will create a focal point for all New Zealander's visiting Wellington to connect with multiculturalism at an iconic and visually striking destination and strengthen Wellington's rich cultural reputation.
- It will provide an accessible means for locals and visitors to easily engage with Pacific culture and heritage.

### The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:

Approve consent and support the project.

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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### Application details

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae  
**Site address:** Wellington waterfront  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

### Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:

Fale Malae will be a special Pacific place to facilitate / host collaboration and showcase NZ on an international stage. It also supports building economic innovation and resilience

### Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:

### The reasons for my / our submission are:

as above

### The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:

Approve the application

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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### Application details

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae  
**Site address:** Wellington Waterfront  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
Support the whole

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Fantastic cultural centre which will provide a space for pasifika and all cultures to meet, to talanoa, to celebrate. Will really enhance the waterfront

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**



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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Ngarangi Haerewa  
**Site address:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

As someone deeply committed to the cultural and civic future of Aotearoa, I strongly support the resource consent for the Fale Malae in Wellington. This project represents more than just a building — it's a living symbol of our Pacific identity, built on mana whenua partnership and pan-Pacific collaboration. I believe the Fale Malae will be a vital space for connection, learning, and ceremony — a place where communities can gather with dignity and belonging. Its placement alongside Te Papa and Te Wharewaka o Pōneke strengthens Wellington's cultural heart and affirms our role as a Pacific nation. I see this as an opportunity to honour our shared histories and create something enduring for future generations.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I'm submitting in support of the Fale Malae because I believe in creating spaces that reflect who we are as a nation — not just in name, but in presence, place, and practice. As someone who works at the intersection of public policy, indigenous development, and investment, I see the Fale Malae as a rare opportunity to embed Pacific values into the physical and cultural fabric of our capital city. This submission is also deeply personal — during my time as a Fulbright Scholar in the United States, I've come to see more clearly how Māori must consider ourselves as intrinsically part of the wider

Polynesian tapestry. The Fale Malae is a step toward honouring that shared whakapapa and reconnecting with our Pacific whanaunga in visible, enduring ways.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I urge Wellington City Council to approve the Fale Malae. This project is not just culturally significant — it's a statement of who we are and who we aspire to be as a Pacific nation. It will enrich our waterfront, strengthen ties across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa, and create a lasting legacy of inclusion, identity, and connection. The time is right. Let's build it.

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Ian  
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**Service request number:** 35  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
Will be a great space for all Wellington people

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**  
Will promote diversity and cultural awareness

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558696  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The use of the central site to enhance our connection with our Pacific Communities both in Wellington, Aotearoa and beyond

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:****The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the application

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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fake Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Wellington city  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the application - the value it brings to NZ is huge and well overdue. The location is fantastic and will provide huge cohesive cultural value and importance and will provide a focal point for Wellington and NZ and the Pacific region.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The cultural importance to Wellington and and the Pacific

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

To approve the application

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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I think this is a fantastic idea to celebrate Wellington being a pasfika city  
It will add vibrancy and life to the waterfront, and be an asset for all cultures in wellington

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

none

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I've lived in Wellington for 30 years and are unlikely to ever move. The waterfront is one of the city's treasures and this development will greatly enhance that

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I would like WCC to ensure all Wellingtonians are welcomed and included in this initiative

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park, 15 & 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the application because I believe it will be a standout, visually aesthetic venue for Pacific people and all New Zealanders. It will provide a cultural, social, artistic and performance meeting place and is a natural cultural fit with Te Papa Tongarewa, Wharewaka and the planned Chinese Gardens. It will be a modern, architecturally designed, iconic structure that will draw people in and to the 'Positively Wellington' brand.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

N/A

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I believe the Fale Malae will add significantly to the vibrancy of the waterfront and will provide a much-needed venue for cultural activities, concerts, conferences and serve as a place for all people to gather and enjoy, in a social setting. Wellington will benefit from this addition and the Fale will add to the attractiveness of the waterfront and be a standout feature to local and international visitors.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the consent for the Fale Malae to proceed under the conditions proposed in the submitted consent application.



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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
support all aspects

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**  
n/a

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

VUW supports the proposal to build the Fale Malae. We are a Pacific nation and it is important that our Pasifika students have a place that they can connect with their community outside the University. The Fale provides such a place as well as providing a venue for meetings and events that are by or for Pasifika. A place such as this adds to the wellbeing of Pasifika students by providing a hub for the Pasifika community.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**  
n/a

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Falae Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

- Connection to our past as navigators of the Pacific in a Harbour location.
- To provide a welcoming venue for celebrations that links Oriental Bay, Te Papa, the Wharenuui and the CBD

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

Needs assessment for potential risks of sea level rise.

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

To support the application

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

To approve the application.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 17 July 2025 7:51 am  
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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** FaleMalae Trust  
**Site address:** Wellington  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

A community area of significance for NZ and Pacifica

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

It's important for diversity and makes our country better

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the consent application

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Yuong Ha  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park Fale Malae  
**Service request number:** 558695  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the use of Frank Kitts for building the Fale Malae. It would be an amazing use of a prominent space to enable us to showcase our mutli-cultural heritage, and become a destination attraction that would also provide economic benefits to the city

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I think this is an appropriate use of an important public space that would benefit Wellington and NZ

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Support the building of the Fale Malae

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I fully support the vision to create a world-class cultural institution that delivers significant economic, cultural, and social benefits to the capital and our nation. I believe the design proposed will be a iconic cultural landmark.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

None

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I believe we should strengthen our ties to the Pacific and this is a great economically sensible way to do this. I lived in Wellington for 7 years and think this is a great redevelopment opportunity for this important space on our waterfront.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the resource consent and support progress with this proposal.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Application details**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558706  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I am very keen to see this representation of the multi-cultural city that is Wellington. Although Pacific people have lived in the city for many generations, they are not represented in the heart of the city. This is an excellent, national centre which will bring these communities together and be an asset for all New Zealanders. The facility for storing boats and supporting dragon boat racing is a further benefit for the wider Wellington community.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I have worked with the Pacific community in Wellington in the past and know the huge contribution they make to the city. I would like to support young Pacific people to be proud of their heritage and their contribution to Aotearoa. I believe it will also be of interest for tourists especially due to its proximity to the Wharewaka.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

For the development of Frank Kitts park to include this landmark building for the benefit of all the people of Aotearoa who live or visit Wellington.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Wellington Waterfront  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the construction of a Fale Malae on the Wellington waterfront and the demolition of the carpark to enable construction to proceed.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The national Fale Malae will be a significant development in Wellington City's cultural precinct including Te Papa, Wharewaka, Takina, Library, MFC and Music Centre. This will provide a Pacific Island presence - Te Moana a Kiwa, in Te Ika a Maui - reinforcing the multiculturalism of our capital city and nation.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

WCC approves the resource consents for: the demolition of the existing carpark; the building of the Fale Malae, and related financial and planning approvals necessary for this project to proceed.



**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I fully support the Fale Malae Trust's application to establish a cultural landmark on the southwest corner of Frank Kitts Park. I support the location, design, and purpose of the proposed Fale Malae, particularly its intention to provide a space that celebrates Pacific cultures, foster community connection, and enhance Wellington's waterfront.

I also support the integration of cultural heritage into the urban environment, the inclusive design elements, and the potential for the Fale Malae to host educational, civic, and cultural events that reflect the diversity of Aotearoa.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

Fully supportive of this project.

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The Fale Malae represents an opportunity to create a dedicated Pacific space in the capital - one that recognises the deep contributions of Pacific communities to New Zealand's identity, history, and future. Its proposed location on Frank Kitts Park will strengthen the cultural vibrancy of Wellington's waterfront while providing a public space that is inclusive, accessible, and meaningful. As someone with a personal connection to Pacific communities and a belief in the importance of cultural representation, I believe the Fale Malae will enrich Wellington both socially and culturally,

creating a place of connection, learning, and celebration for generations to come.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

N/A

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

This is a great initiative to support our Pasifika community who have given a lot to this city over the years and make up a big part of our population. This sounds like a space that will celebrate all cultures and bring life back into this area of the waterfront.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I am a Pacific person myself and think it is important for me to show my support for this project.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I would like to see Wellington City Council to not only grant resource consent, but they should be helping to fund this project giving back to the community that supports them.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the location of the Fale Malae at the waterfront. The area is a stunning area already and the project will only enhance the waterfront for all - not just as a celebration of our place in the Pacific but for everyone.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

N/A - fully in support

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Wellington is a multi-cultural city and has an important role to play in the Pacific. This project will only enhance the waterfront and celebrate our Pacific peoples. It is an amazing project that Wellington will be proud of in years to come. We already have the Wharewaka and Te Papa nearby so the placement will enhance the overall amenity of the area. People are currently talking about Wellington being a dying city but a project like this will enhance the area and bring life into the city. Plus it will help people gain a greater understanding of our Pacific communities both here and in the Pacific. I am a walking commuter and look forward to seeing our beautiful waterfront develop and evolve over the years. It will be a brilliant attraction for locals and visitors of all cultures. Love the project and what it means, and I can't wait to see it brought to life!

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Doesn't seem like the council has shown too much support to date. It appears the Fale Malae is doing a favour for the council and the city and the council should contribute in support accordingly.

## Surabhi Deshmukh

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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### Application details

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

### Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:

#### 1. Cultural Significance and National Identity

**Celebrates New Zealand's Pacific heritage:** The Fale Malae will be a landmark that affirms Aotearoa's identity as a Pacific nation, acknowledging deep ancestral and cultural ties with Pacific peoples.

**Symbolic home for Pasifika:** It provides a central, authentic space for Pacific communities to gather, celebrate, and share their stories, which currently does not exist in the capital.

**Supports multiculturalism:** The Fale Malae will be a venue for events that promote cultural diversity and inclusion, enriching Wellington's social fabric.

#### 2. Strategic Location and Urban Enhancement

**Prime waterfront site:** Located at Frank Kitts Park, the Fale Malae will enhance the visual and cultural appeal of Wellington's waterfront, creating a vibrant cultural precinct.

**Proximity to Te Papa and other landmarks:** Its location near Te Papa, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, and the proposed Chinese Garden strengthens its role in a growing cultural corridor.

**Connection to the moana (sea):** The waterfront setting resonates with Pacific cultures' deep relationship with the ocean, reinforcing cultural authenticity.

#### 3. Economic and Social Benefits

**Tourism and local engagement:** As a visually striking and culturally rich destination, the Fale Malae will attract visitors, boosting local tourism and hospitality sectors.

**Educational opportunities:** It will serve as a hub for learning about Pacific cultures, history, and contributions to New Zealand society.

Community collaboration: The space will foster dialogue and partnerships between diverse groups, including Pacific embassies, artists, educators, and civic leaders.

#### 4. Architectural and Environmental Value

Innovative design: The project involves renowned architects and designers, promising a structure that is both iconic and environmentally conscious.

Public accessibility: As a public space, it ensures inclusivity and openness, allowing all New Zealanders to engage with Pacific heritage.

#### **Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

N/A

#### **The reasons for my / our submission are:**

As a resident committed to Wellington's inclusive future, I strongly support the Fale Malae project. This initiative addresses a long-standing absence of civic infrastructure that visibly honours Pacific peoples and their contributions to our city. With New Zealand's Pacific population growing and increasingly urban, the Fale Malae responds to demographic realities and provides a space that reflects our evolving identity. It also strengthens our diplomatic and cultural ties with the wider Pacific region, offering a venue for engagement that reinforces Aotearoa's leadership in the Pacific. Beyond its symbolic value, the Fale Malae will support mental wellbeing and belonging, especially for youth and elders, by affirming cultural identity in a public setting. It is a forward-looking investment that future-proofs our civic landscape and enriches Wellington's storytelling by including narratives of migration, resilience, and cultural pride.

#### **The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve this consent in its entirety

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:** 10  
**If others make a similar submission:** I / we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I wholeheartedly support the building and vision of a Fale in the heart of Wellington City. This is more than just a structure — it is a powerful symbol of the deep, enduring connection between Aotearoa and our Pasifika communities. The Fale will stand as a cultural beacon, honouring the rich heritage, values, and contributions of Pasifika peoples across generations.

For myself and my community, the presence of the Fale will be a source of pride and belonging. It will offer a space where we can gather, celebrate, and engage meaningfully — a place that reflects our commitment to genuine partnership and respect.

This initiative sends a clear message: we are serious about strengthening our relationship with the Pasifika community, not just in words, but through action. I look forward to seeing the Fale come to life and to the many ways it will enrich our city and our shared future.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

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**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I am from the Pasifika community.



**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the resource consent as proposed by the Fale Malae Trust.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I'm writing in full support of the proposed Fale Malae development at Frank Kitts Park. As someone connected to both the Pasifika and Wellington communities, I truly believe this project is exactly what our city needs. A visible, cultural heartbeat on the waterfront that reflects who we are and where we're going.

The Fale Malae offers a beautiful and respectful way to honour the relationship between Tangata Moana and Tangata Whenua, and it's incredibly special to see that this has been a co-designed project from the start with mana whenua, Pasifika leaders, and the wider creative and academic community involved.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

N/A

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Fale Malae will bring life to the waterfront and complement the already rich cultural and civic spaces nearby, like Te Papa, Wharewaka and the proposed Chinese Garden. The design alone is powerful and symbolic, the idea of the tau'olunga dance and the coming together of hands under a shared roof really speaks to the kind of unity we should be striving for.

Most importantly, this will be a space for all of Aotearoa, a place for gathering, learning, celebrating and sharing stories of the Pacific that are often underrepresented in public architecture and civic space. It's about time that Pasifika people see themselves reflected in the heart of the capital city in a meaningful way.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Go ahead with resource consent please. Make our City great again.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Wellington Waterfront  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The Fale Malae will become a place of belonging for all cultures and communities in Wellington, nationally and the Pacific Region. It will celebrate Pasifika cultures and New Zealand's Pacific identity and history.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I have been advocating for the Fale Malae for more than a decade. I see it as an important collaboration between the WCC, Victoria University, central Government and the Pacific community. It will be a place for regional and international events to be hosted in the Capital City. The Fale Malae is supported by Mana Whenua. It will be a 21st century Fale on the Wellington Waterfront linking Te Moana A Nui with Te Ika a Maui. The Fale Malae will become part of a cultural precinct including Te Papa, Takina, Wharewaka, the MFC, the planned music centre and the Chinese Garden. The Fale Malae will also bring social, cultural and economic benefits to the City.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

WCC approves the resource consents for the demolition of the existing carpark, and the building of

the Fale Malae, along with any necessary related financial and planning approvals and consents.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Male Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:** 5-10 minutes  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I fully support the Fale Male Trust and the development if the Fale on the Frank Kitts Park.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

This venue will add considerable benefits to the city, to tourists, for hosting events, for providing a unique cafe while combining Pacific culture with commerce. Importantly enabling Wellington our capital city to provide a unique venue for the promotion and inclusive engagement and learning platform for community engagement with Pacific Island communities from greater Wellington, from across NZ and the Pacific Island rim.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

To approve the resource consent.

Submission 30 was withdrawn by the submitter, hence not included in the list

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Application details**

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**Service request number:** 000  
**Submission:** I / we are neutral  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:** 5 minutes  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
the location of the memorial plaques

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**  
Fale Malae and Garden of Beneficence

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**  
The new plan has not changed from previous plans

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**  
That greater consideration is given to the location of the memorial plaques.



**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I totally support the Fale Malae building and car park. It is time that the Greater Wellington area has a world-class cultural institution to cater especially to People of Te Moana Nui a Kiva.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

none

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I have been a supporter and friend of the Fale Malae since the idea was first proposed. We need the Fale Malae so the Wellington Pacific population will have a world-class cultural icon that we can call our own. My hope is that the WCC will see that the Fale Malae will deliver immeasurable benefits both economic and social to the capital.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

The decision I would like the Wellington City Council to make is to approve this resource consent request completely.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

As the capital city, Wellington is a political and cultural centre for the country and the wider Pacific region. The creation of a fale malae in such a prominent space in the waterfront reflects Aotearoa's whakapapa to Hawaiki and honours the contribution of Pacific peoples living in the region.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Same as above.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

It is vital that this project maintains support from Taranaki Whānui me Ngāti Toa.

An idea for the planting work around the fale malae could be to incorporate native, ecologically appropriate plants with whakapapa to Hawaiki (tī kōuka, ngāio, etc.). Please, please, please ensure that all designs adhere to a stormwater hydrological neutral design, that there is appropriate habitat for native biodiversity, and that significant public space is maintained.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 July 2025 4:05 pm  
**To:** BUS: Consent Submissions  
**Subject:** Submission on notified resource consent application for 558695

**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Will Atkinson-Moses  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay, Wellington Central and adjoining parts of Jervois Quay and the Waterfront Promenade  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I think this will be a wonderful asset to our city, encouraging connection and further strengthening our cities position as a city in the pacific region.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I would love to see the further development of this area, and would love a welcoming space that acknowledges the pacific peoples.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I would love to see resource consent for this project and see it go ahead outside of the concept phase.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Subject:** Submission on notified resource consent application for 558706

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale application (Fale Malae Trust application)  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay, Wellington Central and adjoining parts of Jervois Quay and the Waterfront Promenade  
**Service request number:** 558706  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

This space is needed in this area to support cultural exchange and support for our Pacifica community.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The design is beautiful and replacing an ugly area of the waterfront which displays a cultural aspect of Wellington and New Zealand which is missing

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the Fale submission

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Subject:** Submission on notified resource consent application for 558706

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay, Wellington Central and adjoining parts of Jervois Quay and the Waterfront Promenade  
**Service request number:** 558706  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support this application as it will be a beautiful asset to the city, as well as an important cultural space. Wellington is a city that prides itself on cultural diversity, so it is a no brainer that they produce a facility like this.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I believe this will greatly benefit the city.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park, including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
the great cultural aspect to wellingtons waterfront

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**  
community engagement?

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**  
It will be a great addition to wellington

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Subject:** Submission on notified resource consent application for 558695

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

Support the resource consent application to continue planning/building this iconic fale for Wellington, Aotearoa, Communities, Students, Rate Payers, Religious communities that reflect Wellington's multiculturalism which reflects Wellington & Aotearoa's turangawaewae in the wider pacific region & for all us wellingtonia's who identify, support & want to establish/reflect our links as Aotearoa NZ within our Pacific Region.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

N/A

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I was born/raised (& reside) in Wellington 55 years ago, I have seen so much progress in how we treat our minority communities & how we have become more aware of our place as a Pacific Nation..My Aiga/Whanau are in our 5th generation of NZ born children & for their future well-being & place in Wellington & Aotearoa I humbly participate in this process.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

To grant resource consent for fale malae.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Subject:** Submission on notified resource consent application for 558706

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale application (Fale Malae Trust application)  
**Site address:** 15 and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558706  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
Design Statement, Cultural Values and Impact

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Wellington, the capital of Aotearoa, prides itself as a culturally diverse and rich city that takes value in its diverse backgrounds. Although, in the vista of colonial and european derived architecture that fills our city it becomes a bit of a challenge to see these values physically reflected in our local built environment. With the City To Sea Bridge currently being a great display of bi-cultural design, which is now being removed, it becomes even more challenging to find Wellington's bi-cultural nature reflected in its built environment.

Frank Kitts, the site, for example embodies this concern. In its current state Frank Kitts features a large colonial lighthouse within its Kids Playground, while the rest of the design resembles something of a military fort. At the top end of this park, it is raised, underused, inaccessible, and dangerous at night given its lack of visibility. The challenge to get even the Waka into the kids playground was made difficult having been removed from the scope then reintroduced when its crucial value to culture and context was finally seen. That is of a much smaller scale, but, its impact is wide seen.

The Fale presents an incredible opportunity for Wellington to display our rich culture, create a vital community space, and activate currently 'dead' space of Wellington. For a city that prides itself on



culture, arts, and community, it currently doesn't have much to reflect for it and this is ever-decreasing with the underappreciation for the arts and community venues. The Fale is a chance for Wellington showcase its values.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Support the Resource Consent, and approve the Fales materialisation on to Frank Kitts.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council and Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** 15 and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695 558706  
**Submission:** I / we object the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:** 30 minutes  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

All land use and subdivision consent applications as described in the applications and the public notice

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

: <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/public-notice/open/other/resource-consent-application-15-and-29-jervois-quay>

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE SENT IN THE SUBMISSION AS A WORD DOCUMENT AS WELL IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT IT IS ABLE TO BE READ.

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THE WELLINGTON CIVIC TRUST

The Wellington Civic Trust was established in 1981 with the aim of helping make

Wellington the best of all possible places to live and work. The trust comprises individual and business members — planners, architects, engineers, developers and citizens.

We work to:

- encourage public participation in decisions that affect our city
- ensure good planning and design to address the challenges of the future
- preserve the best of the old, but encourage new development which will enhance our city
- protect and enhance the unique character and the many natural features of the city, including the skyline, the town belt and the harbour
- encourage green space and environmentally conscious development
- develop a pedestrian- and cycle-friendly environment
- safeguard the waterfront as a public amenity
- support transport options that enhance the city and health

Submission details:

The applicants are Wellington City Council and the Fale Malae Trust. The applications are for "land use and subdivision consents".

Our submission is on "all land use and subdivision consent applications as described in the applications and the public notice".

We are opposing all of the applications

Submission statements

We oppose all applications in their entirety.

Reasons for Submission

There are two reasons for our opposition.

The first (A) is that the proposals are contrary to the objectives and policies of the relevant district plan.

The second (B) is that the effects on the environment from the proposals will have effects which are greater than minor:

- a) loss of and reduction in public open space in this vital part of Wellington's waterfront
- b) loss of much of Frank Kitts Park as an established and functional open space
- c) loss of established trees
- d) loss of functional parts of Frank Kitts Park, including the amphitheatre and the viewing platform over the car parking building
- e) loss of shade and shelter
- f) traffic impacts associated with the proposed entrance from Jervois Quay
- g) construction effects, including demolition
- h) effects of the proposed subdivision, which include loss of future flexibility to use the publicly-owned open space area.
- i) Additional major departures - much more than minor effect: eg. para 20 because it is not true to say, that what is proposed here in this resource consent application is simply 'refinements'. to the 2018 resource consent. eg. Paragraph 20 which says, that the 2018 resource consent would have been fully implemented by now..but for external factors which have resulted in the need for refinements" This application for subdivision and land use is far greater than "refinements", eg. Para 23 which says that the current project bears a close resemblance to the 2018 scheme in many aspects. It does not. That is why it is a new resource consent for a new project and scheme.
- j.) Non-complying activity. This is not a discretionary activity - Reference by the applicants to the 2000 District Plan is not relevant.
- k.) The loss of esplanade reserve, couched as a "technical non compliance with the requirement to provide a 20 m wide esplanade reserve". (para 193)  
The site extends into the coastal marine area. (para. 88).  
It is contrary to the NZ Coastal Policy Statement. Para 212 as it is wrong to say "The site is not in an

area of outstanding natural character," It is in an area of outstanding natural character. Wellington Harbour is one of the outstanding features of the City.

l.) Vagueness of "Volunteered conditions". We do not understand what this means for a non complying activity. There should be conditions. We object to volunteered conditions as opposed to conditions.

m.) Townscape and visual amenity is seriously compromised. Therefore, we object to much of para 92. and loss of views – the fale will add to the now wall of new buildings along Jervois Quay and minimises this visual open space along Jervois Quay.

n.) Loss of pedestrian access to Frank Kitts Park and the waterfront through demolition of the bridge over Jervois Quay.

o) Loss of open space for near future 80,000 increase in population anticipated in the spatial plan and the planning instruments that followed, and the increase in CBD density,

"In 30 years, the population will double with more people in higher density living. This density needs to be done well which includes accessing and being able to view greenery." (WCC Green Network Plan 12 May 2024). 23 September 2021 Officer report

34. Officers acknowledge that due to the exponential growth of residential development within the central city, a deficit of open space has emerged. This has been acknowledged in the Spatial Plan and is being addressed in the Green Network Plan. 23 September 2021 Officer report

#### SOME ADDITIONAL POINTS:

1. Council decisions, policy, and District Plan decisions preceding this WCC-Fale application.

The WCC-Fale application is contrary to Council decisions, policy, and District Plan decisions.

i. 2000 February Public Petition: Waterfront Watch—led by Pauline Swann—and concerned residents submitted a petition signed by 11,233 people to Wellington City Council, expressing opposition to proposed buildings on Frank Kitts Park. At that City Council meeting, councillors voted by a majority against any new buildings on Frank Kitts Park.

ii. 2018 Court decision

The WCC-Fale application makes constant reference to the 2018 Court decision and resource consent. But the resource consent, for a quite different project, has lapsed.

We object to it now being made relevant by the applicants.

iii. 2018 The Court decision was:

"The proposed modifications to the (Frank Kitts) Park are these:

(1) Demolition of the existing amphitheatre and associated promenade walls. (Note: there was no proposal to demolish the carpark)

(2) Earthworks to level the surface of the park (except above the carparking building).

(3) The creation of two flat open lawns, the northern-most to be called the Harbour Lawn and, above the carpark building, the City Lawn.

(4) The expansion towards Jervois Quay and upgrade of the children's playground, which will include repositioning the lighthouse slide structure.

(5) The construction of a Chinese Garden, to be known as the Garden of Beneficence, which is to be located across the area of the park which marks the transition between the City Lawn and the Harbour Lawn. (which has not been started).

(6) The removal and replacement of the memorial plaques currently located on the promenade wall, and the relocation of the Wahine mast (also a memorial).

(7) The construction of a pavilion structure adjoining the Chinese Garden.

(8) A pergola structure on the southern elevated edge of the site to provide shelter to that part of the City Lawn.

(9) Related seating, lighting, landscaping and paving."

Clearly the resource consent for the then scheme for the Chinese garden has also lapsed.

The Chinese Garden was to be integrated with the Fale, and a variation to the 2018

Consent proposed. This never eventuated. It is not joined to the Fale proposal or part of this WCC-Fale application for resource consent.

"2. The 2018 consented design of the Chinese Garden relies on the carpark building for support. On the premise this building is demolished, the design of the garden would need to be reconsidered. This work is currently underway, with the Chinese Garden Society working alongside the Fale Malae Trust to integrate their designs. 53. If the amendments to the design are relatively minor, section 127 of the Resource Management Act provides for the Trust to apply for a variation to the existing resource consent." 23 September 2021 officer report.

This WCC-Fale application appears in documentation and drawings to be an application for two buildings, two major built structures on Frank Kitts Park – a fale, and a Chinese garden. But this is without specifying the latter in the WCC-Fale application, despite the 2018 resource consent for it having lapsed. It appears to us, although it is not transparent, that the Chinese Garden would need to apply for another resource consent.

iv. 2020-2024 Wellington Civic Trust (WCT) Submissions to Council planning.

From 2020 to 2024, WCT made extensive, exhaustive and exhausting submissions on the Waterfront (including Frank Kitts Park), (and on Te Ngakau, the Town Belt) to the draft spatial plan, the draft District Plan, the proposed District Plan, and hearings of the Independent Hearings Panel, culminating in the IHP report and recommendations.

The IHP recommendations which made no changes to the park status of Frank Kitts Park, and their report was adopted by the Council in March 2024.

The effect of the applicants' application is to undermine the Council's District Plan 2024, on this matter. We presume that this is why a plan change has been signalled to be approved by the Council after this resource consent application, in August and publicly notified in September 2025. This plan change is to the District Plan approved just 16 months ago and dealt with separately by Council on August 7.

## KEY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

i. 23 September 2021 Wellington City Council made the following resolution:

### FALE MALAE COUNCIL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

We note that a Council committee resolved on 23 September 2021:

" That the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee:

1. Receive the information.

2. Agree to the demolition of the carparking building subject to Council agreement on timing of demolition (noting the need to strengthen or demolish by 2034).

3. Subject to landowner and resource consent processes, endorse in principle the Fale Malae Trust proposal to continue investigating Frank Kitts Park as the preferred site for the Fale Malae, being the south west corner of the park where the carpark building is currently located.

4. Direct officers to prepare a development plan and report back to Council by June 30 2022,

recognising that there is an existing resource consent and commitment in Council's Long-term plan for the Garden of Beneficence (Chinese Garden).

5. If the recommendation to demolish is agreed to then direct officers to prepare a demolition plan to be reported back to council alongside the development plan by June 2022.

6. Agree that if the fale malae project goes ahead on Frank Kitts park that compensatory open space will be created elsewhere in the central city which will be designed in line with Water Sensitive Urban Design principles and that the overall objective of the Council's planning work is to significantly increase the amount of green open space overall. Note that part of the Fale Malae will be open space.

7. Note that Council and the Fale Malae trust will continue to work with mana whenua and will provide an update on where the proposal is at now.

8. Direct officers to assist the eight businesses connected to the Frank Kitts car park with relocation. Note: We object that this recommendation has been completely left out of future decisions and recommendations of Council and no reference is made to it in the WCC-Fale application.

"...Agree that if the fale malae project goes ahead on Frank Kitts park that compensatory open space will be created elsewhere in the central city..."

October 2021 Council resolution:

In October, contradicting their previous month's decision, councillors supported Frank Kitts Park as a key central city park - one (of only two on the Waterfront, the other one being Waitangi Park) when they approved the draft Wellington Central Green Network Plan, which emphasised in this Green Spaces plan that Frank Kitts park is one of only two highest priority Destination Parks on the waterfront. This resolution was then followed by a further committee approval on 12 May 2022, and finally adopted by Council on 27 June 2024.

A Destination Park was defined in the Wellington Central Green Network Plan as "a large urban destination or an anchor place. As a green space it will have high cultural, social, and recreational importance to the central city. It will accommodate a mix of uses, respite, recreation, planned events, tourism, and large gatherings of people.

Green elements: These spaces are an opportunity to showcase our best practice greening approaches to public space. The greening needs to contribute to the space's strong character and identity.

Greening must support the multi-functional needs as a place of refuge, events, and sites of ecological & cultural importance through high quality, diverse planting treatments. Greening opportunities could include: · Large areas of planting (i.e. urban forest establishment, ecological significance) · WSUD – e.g. sub catchment scale raingardens and wetlands, stream connections (daylighting, light wells or interpretation) and stormwater harvesting for irrigation and city re-use · Integrated flood storage for resilience · Large lawn space (for kickaround space & large events & civil defence) · Community garden, urban farming & orchard · Dedicated ecological areas that form part of the city's ecological network (steppingstones / corridor)

Other amenity considerations relative to type: · Multiple seating / picnic areas / shade structures · Significant playground and multiple nature play areas · Multiple sports facilities eg. 3 on 3 court / football fields / skate surface etc ·

Design/elements strongly reflect the site's history and are well grounded in mana whenua / cultural values · Managed/programmed events Permanent kiosks and spaces for food trucks/coffee carts · Integrated into the wider pedestrian, cycle and public transport network."

It needs to be noted that there is no mention of a large building or a significant structure like the Chinese Garden as appropriate to be included in or on a Destination Park.

## ADDITIONAL POINTS

### 1. "PREFERRED SITE" ALTERNATIVE SITE:

The WCC-Fale application says that Franks Kitts park is the "preferred site" for the fale, when no professional detailed evidence has been presented regarding any alternative site.

We object here to the statement in the WCC-Fale application that Frank Kitts Park is the "preferred" site for the Fale, when the applicants have produced no professional or extensive evidence of any other investigated site. Instead, the Council as landowner has seen this Park as a building site and one to be subdivided.

i. 2021 December 6 CIVIC TRUST RESOLUTION:

At our Meeting on December 6 2021, the Civic Trust Board was presented with argument which supported the Transition site (called 'Te Papa Transition' in the Waterfront Framework), as a more readily suitable and available site, for a range of reasons. After discussion we confirmed:

1. That the Trust's long-term approach and policy regarding Frank Kitts Park is that the area remain green public open space, with no buildings or excluded spaces;
2. That the Trust will continue to seek that the whole area (including the part of the park area which is currently located above the car park) remains green open public space; and
3. That the Trust supports a Fale Malae in central Wellington.
4. That the Trust write to Wellington City Council, asking that there be a parallel investigation regarding the suitability of that part of the Waterfront, called the Te Papa Transition site as a possible alternative site. (This expert investigation of the Transition site should also report back on 30 June 2022, along with the investigation into Frank Kitts Park, and once completed would then be available to the Trust and wider public in a transparent way.)

ii. 2021 8 December

We communicate with WCC

We conveyed our resolution to the mayor, chief executive, Barbara McKerrow, Liam Hodgetts, Chief Planning Officer, Paul Andrews Manager Parks and Recreation and all councillors and emphasised our opinion that there should be a professional investigation of an alternative site owned by the Council (the Transition site, or part of it on the Waterfront, next to Te Papa.) We considered such a study would enhance the robust nature of any future planning applications.) We also outlined what appeared to us to be significant advantages of this site. These advantages, we said appeared to be financial, structural, legal (less likelihood of legal challenge), no need for any demolition or 'cut and fill and other such engineering works, earlier completion, environmental-close to the sea, and an additional (malae) green open space, cultural and educational -close linkages with Te Papa, and to festivals held at Waitangi Park, and it complies with the Waterfront Framework. Several months later in March, we received a reply from the CEO which in summary said this was not a Council project, (while failing to recognise or address the fact that Council is the landowner of this public park, managed on behalf of the people of Wellington who 'own' it.)

Note: Our position on the Fale has long been well known. Since December 2021, we made that clear to the Fale Trust in emails and discussion, to the CEO the mayor and councillors.

In summary we do not oppose a Fale Malae but we have repeatedly said that this site is the wrong site, we suggested with many relevant reasons an alternative and easier site and asked Council to investigate it.

## 2. THE WATERFRONT FRAMEWORK

The WCC-Fale application references the Waterfront Framework as if it supports their application for resource consent. This is clearly wrong.

2015-2017 The 2001 Waterfront Framework was reviewed and approved 2017

The Waterfront Framework reviewed 2015/17, described Frank Kitts Park as "a major green open space". .

The effect of the WCC-Fale application is to go directly against the Waterfront Framework and its fundamental approach to the importance of Frank Kitts Park.

The Framework guides planning for Frank Kitts Park, recognising it as a major civic green space and suggests only modest improvements to edge safety and water access without major alterations. It recognises the importance of preserving it as Public Open Space. It recognises the Frank Kitts Park as one of the largest contiguous open green spaces on the central waterfront. The Framework specifically emphasizes retaining and enhancing this open character, and limiting large-scale development within the park.

The TAG report

WCC commissioned a TAG report on the Waterfront Framework and Frank Kitts Park which was then attached to officer reports and recommendations. The Council on 8 June 2023 passed a further resolution on the Fale following on from the TAG report which had made scant reference to Frank Kitts Park, except a page reference by TAG to one page number of the Waterfront Framework. This is despite the fact that Frank Kitts Park and open space is a defining part of the Waterfront and the Framework.

Despite this, the TAG report to that meeting says, "The proposal for a Fale Malae and related revisions to the design of Frank Kitts Park to accommodate it, are consistent with ....the Framework's aspirations for Frank Kitts Park." This is not correct.

Our objection is that the application is quite contrary to the Waterfront Framework in key aspects. The effect is to undermine Frank Kitts Park and the Waterfront and the objective that the Waterfront is to have this large park, one of only two.

## 3. 2023 8. June COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The following Council resolution which emphasised the need to comply with the Waterfront Framework, was passed:

Frank Kitts Park Development Plan and Fale Malae

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receive the information
2. Agree to the preferred development plan for Frank Kitts Park and request officers to prepare resource consent submission.
3. Agree to approve the initial stage of landowner approval for the proposed development plan, ensuring compliance with the Waterfront Framework and the Significance and Engagement Policy. Noting, therefore, this does not trigger the strategic asset transfer process.
4. Note that final landowner approval is subject to the following:
  - Resource Consent Approval
  - WCC Funding for Frank Kitts Park integration works through the LTP
  - Commercial Terms approved by Council and the Fale Malae Trust
5. Note that officers will come back to Council to seek the approval of the Key Commercial Terms and Operational Principles that would inform a lease between Council and the Fale Malae Trust, prior to Resource Consent.



6. Note that funding will be allocated as part of the 2022/23 Year-End Capital Carry Forward & Prioritisation process to support resource consent lodgement.

It is clear that this WCC-Fale resource application does not comply with the Waterfront Framework. We object to that. It should.

Frank Kitts Park is one of only two parks on the Waterfront, highlighted as key public open green public spaces on the Waterfront and in the City in this and several Council policy documents:

#### 4. SUMMARY OF KEY COUNCIL POLICY DOCUMENTS:

Frank Kitts Park is one of two parks on the Waterfront, highlighted as key public open green public spaces on the Waterfront and in the City in several Council policy documents:

i. The Waterfront Framework reviewed 2015/17, which described Frank Kitts Park as "a major green open space".

ii.

The Draft District Plan (consultation closing 14 December 2021), described it as "one of two key parks on the waterfront".

iii. The Green Network Plan, approved 26 October 2021, identified it as a 'Destination Park').

iv. The IHP recs and the March 2024 Council approving them and the Proposed Plan.

Our objection is that the effect of this WCC-Fale resource consent application is to go directly against all of these key planning and Waterfront open space and green network decisions of WCC.

#### 5. THE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

We believe the public notification has failed to meet the requirements of the Act

As far as we are aware the only public notification was on the Council website as:

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This Wellington City Council-Fale Malae Trust resource consent application for land use and subdivision meets neither test, neither having minor adverse effects, nor complying with the objectives and policies of the relevant plan.

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We oppose the application in its entirety and wish to be heard and reserve the right to clarify, expand and add to this objection then.

Helene Ritchie Sylvia Allan  
Chair Board Member  
Wellington Civic Trust Wellington Civic Trust

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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The Wellington Civic Trust was established in 1981 with the aim of helping make Wellington the best of all possible places to live and work. The trust comprises individual and business members — planners, architects, engineers, developers and citizens.

We work to:

- encourage public participation in decisions that affect our city
- ensure good planning and design to address the challenges of the future
- preserve the best of the old, but encourage new development which will enhance our city
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**Submission details:**

The applicants are Wellington City Council and the Fale Malae Trust. The applications are for "land use and subdivision consents".

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There are two reasons for our opposition.

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The second (B) is that the effects on the environment from the proposals will have effects which are greater than minor:

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- c) loss of established trees
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The site extends into the coastal marine area. (para. 88).

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n.) Loss of pedestrian access to Frank Kitts Park and the waterfront through demolition of the bridge over Jervois Quay.

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“In 30 years, the population will double with more people in higher density living. This density needs to be done well which includes accessing and being able to view greenery.”

(WCC Green Network Plan 12 May 2024). 23 September 2021 Officer report

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#### **SOME ADDITIONAL POINTS:**

##### **1. Council decisions, policy, and District Plan decisions preceding this WCC-Fale application.**

*The WCC-Fale application is contrary to Council decisions, policy, and District Plan decisions.*

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##### **ii. 2018 Court decision**

The WCC-Fale application makes constant reference to the 2018 Court decision and resource consent. But the resource consent, for a quite different project, has lapsed.

We object to it now being made relevant by the applicants.

##### **iii. 2018 The Court decision was:**

“The proposed modifications to the (Frank Kitts) Park are these:

(1) Demolition of the existing amphitheatre and associated promenade walls. (Note: there was no proposal to demolish the carpark)

- (2) Earthworks to level the surface of the park (except above the carparking building).
- (3) The creation of two flat open lawns, the northern-most to be called the Harbour Lawn and, above the carpark building, the City Lawn.
- (4) The expansion towards Jervois Quay and upgrade of the children's playground, which will include repositioning the lighthouse slide structure.
- (5) The construction of a Chinese Garden, to be known as the Garden of Beneficence, which is to be located across the area of the park which marks the transition between the City Lawn and the Harbour Lawn. (which has not been started).
- (6) The removal and replacement of the memorial plaques currently located on the promenade wall, and the relocation of the Wahine mast (also a memorial).
- (7) The construction of a pavilion structure adjoining the Chinese Garden.
- (8) A pergola structure on the southern elevated edge of the site to provide shelter to that part of the City Lawn.
- (9) Related seating, lighting, landscaping and paving."

Clearly the resource consent for the then scheme for the Chinese garden has also lapsed. The Chinese Garden was to be integrated with the Fale, and a variation to the 2018 Consent proposed. This never eventuated. It is not joined to the Fale proposal or part of this WCC-Fale application for resource consent.

"2. The 2018 consented design of the Chinese Garden relies on the carpark building for support. On the premise this building is demolished, the design of the garden would need to be reconsidered. This work is currently underway, with the Chinese Garden Society working alongside the Fale Malae Trust to integrate their designs. 53. If the amendments to the design are relatively minor, section 127 of the Resource Management Act provides for the Trust to apply for a variation to the existing resource consent." 23 September 2021 officer report.

This WCC-Fale application appears in documentation and drawings to be an application for two buildings, two major built structures on Frank Kitts Park – a fale, and a Chinese garden. But this is without specifying the latter in the WCC-Fale application, despite the 2018 resource consent for it having lapsed. It appears to us, although it is not transparent, that the Chinese Garden would need to apply for another resource consent.

#### **iv. 2020-2024 Wellington Civic Trust (WCT) Submissions to Council planning.**

From 2020 to 2024, WCT made extensive, exhaustive and exhausting submissions on the Waterfront (including Frank Kitts Park), (and on Te Ngakau, the Town Belt) to the draft spatial plan, the draft District Plan, the proposed District Plan, and hearings of the Independent Hearings Panel, culminating in the IHP report and recommendations. The IHP recommendations which made no changes to the park status of Frank Kitts Park, and their report was adopted by the Council in March 2024.

The effect of the applicants' application is to undermine the Council's District Plan 2024, on this matter. We presume that this is why a plan change has been signalled to be approved by the Council after this resource consent application, in August and publicly notified in



September 2025. This plan change is to the District Plan approved just 16 months ago and dealt with separately by Council on August 7.

## KEY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

- i. **23 September 2021** Wellington City Council made the following resolution:

### FALE MALAE COUNCIL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

We note that a Council committee resolved on 23 September 2021:

*“ That the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee:*

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to the demolition of the carparking building subject to Council agreement on timing of demolition (noting the need to strengthen or demolish by 2034).*
- 3. Subject to landowner and resource consent processes, endorse in principle the Fale Malae Trust proposal to continue investigating Frank Kitts Park as the preferred site for the Fale Malae, being the south west corner of the park where the carpark building is currently located.*
- 4. Direct officers to prepare a development plan and report back to Council by June 30 2022, recognising that there is an existing resource consent and commitment in Council’s Long-term plan for the Garden of Beneficence (Chinese Garden).*
- 5. If the recommendation to demolish is agreed to then direct officers to prepare a demolition plan to be reported back to council alongside the development plan by June 2022.*
- 6. Agree that if the fale malae project goes ahead on Frank Kitts park **that compensatory open space will be created elsewhere in the central city** which will be designed in line with Water Sensitive Urban Design principles and that the overall objective of the Council’s planning work is to significantly increase the amount of green open space overall. Note that part of the Fale Malae will be open space.*
- 7. Note that Council and the Fale Malae trust will continue to work with mana whenua and will provide an update on where the proposal is at now.*
- 8. Direct officers to assist the eight businesses connected to the Frank Kitts car park with relocation.*

Note: We object that this recommendation has been completely left out of future decisions and recommendations of Council and no reference is made to it in the WCC-Fale application.

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#### **October 2021 Council resolution:**

In October, contradicting their previous month’s decision, councillors supported Frank Kitts Park as a key central city park - one (of only two on the Waterfront, the other one being Waitangi Park) when they approved the draft Wellington Central Green Network Plan, which emphasised in this Green Spaces plan that Frank Kitts park is one of only two highest priority Destination Parks on the waterfront. This resolution was then followed by a further committee approval on 12 May 2022, and finally adopted by Council on 27 June 2024.

A Destination Park was defined in the Wellington Central Green Network Plan as “a large urban destination or an anchor place. As a green space it will have high cultural, social, and recreational importance to the central city. It will accommodate a mix of uses, respite, recreation, planned events, tourism, and large gatherings of people.

Green elements: These spaces are an opportunity to showcase our best practice greening approaches to public space. The greening needs to contribute to the space’s strong character and identity.

Greening must support the multi-functional needs as a place of refuge, events, and sites of ecological & cultural importance through high quality, diverse planting treatments. Greening opportunities could include: · Large areas of planting (i.e. urban forest establishment, ecological significance) · WSUD – e.g. sub catchment scale raingardens and wetlands, stream connections (daylighting, light wells or interpretation) and stormwater harvesting for irrigation and city re-use · Integrated flood storage for resilience · Large lawn space (for kickaround space & large events & civil defence) · Community garden, urban farming & orchard · Dedicated ecological areas that form part of the city’s ecological network (steppingstones / corridor)

Other amenity considerations relative to type: · Multiple seating / picnic areas / shade structures · Significant playground and multiple nature play areas · Multiple sports facilities eg. 3 on 3 court / football fields / skate surface etc ·

Design/elements strongly reflect the site’s history and are well grounded in mana whenua / cultural values · Managed/programmed events Permanent kiosks and spaces for food

trucks/coffee carts · Integrated into the wider pedestrian, cycle and public transport network.”

It needs to be noted that there is no mention of a large building or a significant structure like the Chinese Garden as appropriate to be included in or on a Destination Park.

## **ADDITIONAL POINTS**

### **1. “PREFERRED SITE” ALTERNATIVE SITE:**

*The WCC-Fale application says that Franks Kitts park is the “preferred site” for the fale, when no professional detailed evidence has been presented regarding any alternative site.*

We object here to the statement in the WCC-Fale application that Frank Kitts Park is the “preferred” site for the Fale, when the applicants have produced no professional or extensive evidence of any other investigated site. Instead, the Council as landowner has seen this Park as a building site and one to be subdivided.

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3. That the Trust supports a Fale Malae in central Wellington.
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ii. **2021 8 December**

*We communicate with WCC*

We conveyed our resolution to the mayor, chief executive, Barbara McKerrow, Liam Hodgetts, Chief Planning Office, Paul Andrews Manager Parks and Recreation and all councillors and emphasised our opinion that there should be a professional investigation of an alternative site owned by the Council (the Transition site, or part of it on the Waterfront, next to Te Papa.) We considered such a study would enhance the robust nature of any future planning applications.) We also outlined what appeared to us to be significant advantages of this site. These advantages, we said appeared to be financial, structural, legal (less likelihood of legal challenge), no need for any demolition or 'cut and fill and other such engineering works, earlier completion, environmental-close to the sea, and an additional (malae) green open space, cultural and educational -close linkages with Te Papa, and to festivals held at Waitangi Park, and it complies with the Waterfront Framework.

Several months later in March, we received a reply from the CEO which in summary said this was not a Council project, (while failing to recognise or address the fact that Council is the landowner of this public park, managed on behalf of the people of Wellington who 'own' it.)

Note: Our position on the Fale has long been well known. Since December 2021, we made that clear to the Fale Trust in emails and discussion, to the CEO the mayor and councillors.

In summary we do not oppose a Fale Malae but we have repeatedly said that this site is the wrong site, we suggested with many relevant reasons an alternative and easier site and asked Council to investigate it.

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*The WCC-Fale application references the Waterfront Framework as if it supports their application for resource consent. This is clearly wrong.*

### **2015-2017 The 2001 Waterfront Framework was reviewed and approved 2017**

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The effect of the WCC-Fale application is to go directly against the Waterfront Framework and its fundamental approach to the importance of Frank Kitts Park.

The Framework guides planning for Frank Kitts Park, recognising it as a major civic green space and suggests only modest improvements to edge safety and water access without major alterations.

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### The TAG report

WCC commissioned a TAG report on the Waterfront Framework and Frank Kitts Park which was then attached to officer reports and recommendations. The Council on 8 June 2023 passed a further resolution on the Fale following on from the TAG report which had made scant reference to Frank Kitts Park, except a page reference by TAG to one page number of the Waterfront Framework. This is despite the fact that Frank Kitts Park and open space is a defining part of the Waterfront and the Framework.

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### 3. 2023 8. June COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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Frank Kitts Park Development Plan and Fale Malae

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

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of an application under s 87G of the  
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Wellington Central

BY

MFC DEVELOPMENT LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP

(ENV-2023-WLG-002)

Applicant

Court: Environment Judge L J Semple sitting alone under s 279(1) of  
the Act  
Hearing: In chambers at Wellington  
Last Case Event: Final submissions received 2 June 2023  
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**DECISION OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT**

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RE MFC DEVELOPMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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- *That the Council deleted this 2021 decision in following resolutions, “if the fale malae project goes ahead on Frank Kitts park that compensatory open space will e created elsewhere in the central city....*
- *That the AEE conclusion para 259 in wrong to state “The proposal accordingly passes both limbs of the gateway test for non-complying activities under S109D of the RMA.”*

**This Wellington City Council-Fale Malae Trust resource consent application for land use and subdivision meets neither test, neither having minor adverse effects, nor complying with the objectives and policies of the relevant plan.**

- Finally we recommend that that no works associated with the resource consent applications and/or the demolition be undertaken on the site until such time as final plans are available to the public, and finance is available (as outlined in Council and Trust decisions and documents).

We oppose the application in its entirety and wish to be heard and reserve the right to clarify, expand and add to this objection then.

Helene Ritchie  
Chair  
Wellington Civic Trust

Sylvia Allan  
Board Member  
Wellington Civic Trust

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the cultural significance and impact the Fale Male will have for the Māori and Pasefika community and the improved landscape and spacial design for the Wellington public.

The inclusion of the Fale Male in relationship with the Whare Waka and Chinese garden will be a statement to the city and the country about Wellington's aspiration to be a multicultural and diverse city, embracing the whakapapa of all cultures and providing a launching pad for what future generations could be or become.

It is appropriate that another culturally and spiritually sensitive space along the Wellington waterfront

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

A space such as the Fale Male can be a landmark that recognises the cultural and societal contributions the Pacific peoples have made to Wellington and Aotearoa. People of Samoan, Tongan (and other nations) descent have been icons of Wellington-based sports teams and serve in many areas of our communities and public service.

It is time that the presence and accomplishments of the Pacific people be recognised in the nation's capital. There is the Pacifica Arts Centre in West Auckland but there is no such space in Wellington yet.

As a member of the Wellington Chinese Garden Society, I believe the Fale Male is a critical piece in the transformation and revitalisation of the Wellington waterfront. The story of Aotearoa New Zealand being made up of a nation of migrants should be reflected in its infrastructure and spaces, especially along the waterfront which is considered 'Wellington's shop front'.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

to vote in support of the construction of the Fale Male and approve any infrastructure upgrades that are necessary to bring the building to life.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the application to subdivide the land at Frank Kitts Park allowing for the redevelopment of land

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park with the inclusion of the Garden of Beneficence will transform the waterfront into something world-class, making Frank Kitts Park an instantly recognizable landmark in New Zealand's capital city to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the subdivision.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
In support

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**  
Support

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**  
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### Application details

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
Support all aspects

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**  
Support redevelopment and the Chinese Garden

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**  
Approve consent

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:**  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The refurbishment of the Park will transform the waterfront into a unique world-class space that will be a notable feature of, and a special feature of this city. It will provide for the establishment of the Garden of Beneficence, further enhancing the waterfront as a special amenity for the pleasure and enjoyment of Wellingtonians and visitors to the city.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

none

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The Chinese community of Wellington has long sought to establish this garden which through landscape will tell the story of the many migrant communities who call Wellington and New Zealand, of their arrival, settlement and integration as New Zealanders.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

To consult and encourage the sponsoring communities with positive progress towards the realization of the work on the Park refurbishment.



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### Application details

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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the prompt demolition of the carpark. This has gone on for too long.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I would like to see the installation of the Fale Malae and the Chinese Garden - both important recognition of significant contributors to this city

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

To consent to the demolition so the Fale Malae and the Chinese Garden can proceed.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 27 July 2025 11:19 am  
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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:**  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The Fale Malae will be a fantastic and welcome addition to Wellington's waterfront — and to Aotearoa as a whole. It will become a national icon and a defining point of difference for Wellington, our capital city and the seat of government.

This is a unique opportunity to celebrate our many Pasifika cultures and affirm our place in the Pacific. It must not be lost.

The Fale Malae would unlock substantial untapped potential — from strengthening international relationships to fostering a more inclusive and connected society. The benefits are wide-ranging, intergenerational, and enduring.

The time is right. We have the chance to remove an earthquake-prone car park and efficiently transform the site into something of lasting cultural and civic value.

While many stakeholders — including Wellington City Council — are grappling with pressing near term challenges, we must lift our heads and embrace long-term thinking. Not having a Fale Malae at the cultural heart of our capital would leave a significant and visible gap. Let's not let that happen.

Regards,

Les Montgomery

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the application.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 27 July 2025 3:36 pm  
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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council  
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**Submission:** I / we support the application  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park offers the people of Wellington (and visitors to the capital) a once in a generation opportunity to further enhance the beauty and cultural significance of one of the world's great natural harbours. The reoriented park, the Garden of Beneficence, and the Fale Malae, in connection with the other various natural and human-made features that encircle the western and southern sides of the harbour, will serve to offer a continuous ambulatory engagement with both the natural splendour of the harbour and reminders of its significance in the history of the development of the city, and the nation more generally.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

None. The re-engagement of city and sea, by means of a variety of contrasting and culturally charged means, is both long overdue, and will redound to the enhanced physical and mental well-being of future generations of Wellingtonians.

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I address this issue as both a long-standing member of the Wellington Chinese Garden Society, and as a member of the design team for the 2018 competition-winning design for the Garden of Beneficence (with Wraight + Associates). I have been consulted about the changes necessitated to this plan by the removal of the existing car park and the consequent alteration of the topography of the site, and fully endorse them. In fact, from a number of perspectives, I believe this present proposal to more fully capture the idea of a contemporary Chinese garden, as called for in the design competition brief. And the excitement of the proposal has, to my mind, been greatly enhanced by the subsequent development of the design of the Fale Mall, working in close co-ordination with the

garden.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I would hope that the WCC ensure that this application is fully consented.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

It's a place of serenity and unity. It is a good project that can be enjoyed by many

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

to support the application

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

to allow for the project to go ahead and give people their garden so it can bring happiness , strengthen community and sought unity to many

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### Application details

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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**



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**Application details**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the redevelopment of Frank Kitts park and that the Chinese Garden is an integral part of the FKP.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The Chinese Garden mooted over time is integral to FKP's redevelopment.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the consent

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**From:** Website Team <noreply@alchemer.com>  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
I support the application

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**  
delays

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**  
the enhancement of the wharf areas and a major tourist attraction

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**  
no conditions, just start it now, there have been too many delays already

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

We support the inclusion of the Garden of Beneficence.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

We are neutral towards the development for the Fale Malae.

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The Chinese Garden is an integral part of the Frank Kitts Park so our association supports it. This development will benefit our Chinese community and reflect the stories of the Chinese people and it will show the diverse culture of Wellington.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

It is paramount to support and grant the resource consent for the long overdue development and construction of the Fale Malae. It will serve all of our capital city's population and further afield with visitors from other parts of the motu and abroad. It will be another iconic landmark representative of the growing multiple religions, cultural and creative groups and communities. Aotearoa NZ is another jewel in the Pacific with strong Polynesian links via tangata whenua and tagata o le moana. The Fale Malae will be testament to the many generations who have helped and continue to do tremendous work to build Wellington and the rest of Aotearoa NZ.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

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**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I am a Wellingtonian, born in Wellington hospital, raised and educated here. The Fale Malae will be a monumental facility used for many years ahead to celebrate life, opportunities and key events in our diverse communities. I have been part of the Pacific Advisory Group for several years and am excited with what the Fale Malae will offer for all who will use it or be in its presence.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Wholeheartedly support and grant resource consent to enable the construction of the Fale Malae. Kia manuia!

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

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**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The Chinese community has made major contributions to Wellington and Aotearoa in general. The Garden of Beneficence not only celebrates the contributions for the past and current generations, but also future generations. Furthermore, the Garden of Beneficence enhance the diverse cultures and communities of Wellington, celebrating diverse and inclusion that is part of the Wellington community. The Garden of Beneficence also add to the beautification of the waterfront area that is enjoyed by locals, and national and overseas visitors.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

n/a

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I fully support the development of the Garden of Beneficence. It will be a great addition to the waterfront as it symbolizes diversity and inclusion of Wellington City. Both local and national and overseas visitors will greatly appreciate and enjoy the aesthetics of the Garden of Beneficence. It is a great way to pay tribute to the generations of Chinese in Aotearoa.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

n/a

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**Application details**

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**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The original Chinese have been persecuted in Wellington since the 1800s. As an atonement and acknowledgement, a Chinese garden is an appropriate memorial for people to reflect this aspect of history.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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**Application details**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

N/A

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

To redevelop Frank Kitts Park to include the Garden of Beneficence as a cultural icon for generations to come.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I strongly support the inclusion of the Garden of Beneficence in Frank Kitts Park which would enhance the cultural contribution that the Chinese Community have made since the beginning of the 19th century when my grandfather Young Low On arrived in 1896 and began establishing his business as a trader. I ask this for all the Chinese Community whose forefathers have made an impact on the development of Wellington City.

## Surabhi Deshmukh

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Proposal:	Redevelop Frank Kitts Park and Development of a Falae Malae		
Service request number:	558695 & 558706		
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Tēnā koe,

Please see attached a submission on Frank Kitts Park and the Falae Malae, along with appendix attached. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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# **Falae Malae & Frank Kitts Park – Submission on Proposed Development**

Te Wharewaka o Pōneke – July 2025





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## **Purpose**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2025, Te Raukura Te Wharewaka o Pōneke received correspondence from Wellington City Council regarding the proposed redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park, and the proposed development of a Fale Malae on the site. This submission has been produced in response to said correspondence.

## **Mana Whenua**

As Mana Whenua, we hold ancestral, cultural, and ongoing responsibilities to Te Whanganui a Tara and its surrounding areas. Our sustained presence in this rohe affirm our ahi kā status and obligations as kaitiaki of our tribal territory.

Our interests are represented through the Wellington Tenth Trust and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust – two Ahu Whenua Trusts that hold and manage lands originally reserved for our tūpuna. Our collective interests are also represented through the Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Port Nicholson Block Settlement) Trust, which was established through our Waitangi Tribunal claim, led by the Wellington Tenth Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust. Together, these Trusts have long served to protect and advance the rights and wellbeing of our people.

Te Raukura – Te Wharewaka o Pōneke is one visible expression of our enduring connection to the whenua and our role as kaitiaki. It is both a cultural beacon and a contemporary space for the exercise of our mana whakahaere on the Te Whanganui a tara (Wellington) waterfront.

This submission reflects our collective responsibilities and perspectives as Mana Whenua and speaks to the need for any proposed development to recognise and uphold those responsibilities.

We are Mana Whenua and hold mana whakahaere in the takiwā of Wellington, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt cities.

### **Wellington Tenth Trust**

The Wellington Tenth Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust established following the agreement between the New Zealand Company and the Rangatira of Te Āti Awa in 1839. The Trust comprises nearly 7,000 registered owners and their whānau, representing a total of approximately 20,000 people.

### **Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust**

The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust that originated through an act of the Crown in 1866 when Governor Grey exchanged Te Āti Awa land interests in Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt, with a block of land which is now part of central Palmerston North. There are currently 1,111 beneficial owners with many other whānau through those beneficial owners.

### **Te Raukura - Te Wharewaka o Pōneke**

Te Raukura – Te Wharewaka o Pōneke stands as a living expression of Mana Whenua presence in Te Whanganui a Tara. Established by the Wellington Tenth Trust and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust, this significant cultural space was developed to bring a Māori presence back to the Wellington waterfront.

As owners of Te Wharewaka, our Ahu Whenua Trusts continue to exercise mana whakahaere and uphold the cultural, economic, and social aspirations of our people. The whare acts as a gateway for locals and visitors alike to engage with the history, tikanga, and identity of Te Āti Awa nui tonu ki Te Upoko o Te Ika tribal collective, and it represents an enduring connection to Te Whanganui a Tara.

Any proposed development in the surrounding area must acknowledge and protect the visibility, integrity, and mana of Te Wharewaka as a cornerstone of our presence in the city.



## **Historical Connection to Site**

As Mana Whenua in Te Whanganui a Tara, we have deep ancestral connections to the whenua within our takiwā. As such, we feel it is vitally important to illustrate this connection within our submission.

### **Kumutoto Pā**

Kumutoto Awa, and the associated pā of the same name, were extremely significant to Mana Whenua and continued to be so after the arrival of settler Europeans. When Taranaki hapū, Ngāti Mutunga and Ngāti Tama arrived in the inner harbour (now Lambton Quay) in 1827, they found no permanent residents. The incoming hapū took over the inner harbour and first occupied the lands from Pito One (Petone) south to Ōwhiro Bay. One of the principal inner harbour pā was Kumutoto. The people of Kumutoto Pā, located on The Terrace above Woodward Street, maintained mana whakahaere of all territory from Waikoukou Awa to Waipiro Awa and was principally under the leadership of Pōmare Ngātata of Ngāti Mutunga and Ngātata-i-te-Rangi of Ngāti Te Whiti.

Kumutoto Pā is viewed with significance because it became a centre for flax trade in this district between 1831 and 1834. One European settler, David Scott, is said to have told William Spain's Land Commission, which began its hearings in May 1842, that he and other Europeans working at Kumutoto Pā only left after 1834 because of fears of possible conflict that could arise from the battle of Haowhenua on the Kapiti Coast.

In 1835, Pomare Ngātata and the resident iwi of Ngāti Mutunga at Kumutoto Pā relocated to Wharekauri (Chatham Islands). As this migration occurred, leadership of Kumutoto Pā shifted to Ngātata-i-te-Rangi and his son, Wī Tako Ngātata.

### **Kumutoto Awa**

The Kumutoto awa flows from Pukehinau to the moana of Te Whanganui-a-Tara as a fluid current connecting past and present in Wellington city. Though the awa is today mostly culverted below ground, a small section of the awa still flows along its natural course. As one

of the several streams in Wellington's central urban area, the course of the awa also tracks the history of Kumutoto Pā. The history of the papakāinga and the tūpuna who lived there reflects both Māori settlement in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, and Wellington's colonial development. This awa has recently been listed as a Wāhi Tūpuna (place of ancestors) by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and as such holds deep significance to Mana Whenua.

The Kumutoto Wāhi Tūpuna is located within the bush known as Kumutoto Forest within the Wellington Town Belt. This wāhi tūpuna features the only section of the original Kumutoto awa that still follows its natural course. The upper reaches of the stream were culverted under Kelburn Parade and is fed by the water table beneath Pukehinau ridge. The pipes pour water into the Kumutoto Wāhi Tūpuna through three outlets, including an old brick culvert, a concrete pipe and a modern stormwater outlet, forming a natural pool in the Kumutoto glen. The water then flows over and through the remains of a stone weir. The stream flows across a bed of earth and stone, winding its way through native bush of the Kumutoto glen. It then abruptly passes beneath a corrugated iron fence barrier 20 meters into barricaded property for around 20 metres before exiting at a concrete waterfall. The Kumutoto forest track intersects with the awa here and accompanies it for another twenty metres before it being channelled underground again. The Kumutoto Forest is rich in native plants, such as karaka, rangiora, patete, and kawakawa. Native fish have been observed in the awa like banded kokopu and kōaro. Access to the awa is from the carpark beneath Club K squash courts, via the pedestrian path at 218 The Terrace.

After entering the Terrace Tunnel culvert, the pipes run under the northern motorway, and Kumutoto Lane running parallel to The Terrace before branching towards the sea at Woodward Street. In 1840 Kumutoto Pā was in this vicinity on both sides of where the awa met Te Whanganui a Tara, during this time the shoreline was what is known today as Lambton Quay. Today the culvert runs under Woodward Street and Lambton Quay, and then down Waring Taylor Street. The awa outlet to the sea is in the Kumutoto Plaza development on the Wellington waterfront. The Kumutoto awa is an important waterway for the ancestors of Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa, this remains then case for the descendants of those tūpuna. The name Kumutoto is linked to traditional birthing practices, and the stream played a central role in Māori life during the early settlement of Wellington.

## **Wi Tako Ngātata**

As discussed earlier in this submission, in 1835 leadership of Kumutoto Pā transferred to Ngātata-i-te-Rangi and his son, Wi Tako Ngātata. Wiremu Tako Ngātata, known more commonly as Wi Tako, was born in the early 1800s at Pukeariki Pā in Taranaki. He was of Te Āti Awa descent through his father Ngātata-i-te-rangi, and of Ngāti Ruanui descent through his mother Whetowheto. In 1832, as part of the Tama-te-Uaua migration, he moved south with his whānau and other Te Āti Awa leaders, including his relations Hōniana Te Puni Kōkopu and Te Wharepōuri Te Kakapi o Te Rangi. Like many migrations of the time, this journey brought iwi into new relationships—and tensions—with existing communities in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, as well as with each other.

After 1840, Wi Tako emerged as a key leader of Te Āti Awa in the growing colonial settlement. While Te Wharepōuri and Te Puni were prominent figures in the early engagement with the New Zealand Company, Wi Tako led his people at Kumutoto and took part in the company's controversial land dealings. Though he received a share of the trade goods offered, it is clear he and others did not fully understand the nature of the transaction, due to poor translation and legal jargon. The land that Māori believed they retained turned out, in the eyes of the settlers, to have been sold almost entirely.

Despite the injustice, Wi Tako remained deeply engaged with the changing world around him. He dressed in European clothing, lived among settlers, and used his literacy in te reo Māori, and English to communicate directly with officials and newspapers. He frequently spoke out against mistreatment and discrimination yet continued to provide material support to settlers—supplying food, raupō for buildings, and advocating for peaceful relations.

His involvement in the Waitangi Tribunal's precursor processes, particularly his evidence to Commissioner William Spain, was significant. He challenged the legality and fairness of the land sales, asserting Māori rights and calling out colonial bad faith. Despite these tensions, he accepted compensation on behalf of his people for lands at Kumutoto.

Throughout his life, Wi Tako navigated the delicate balance between diplomacy and resistance. He supported early conversations around Māori unity and leadership, including the Kīngitanga movement, and built Nuku Tewhatewha—a carved pātaka at Te Taitai (Taitā)—as a symbol of that kaupapa.

In his later years, Wī Tako converted to Catholicism and became a well-regarded statesman. He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1872, one of the first Māori to enter Parliament. There, he continued to defend Māori land rights and push for equitable treatment. He was remembered not only as a clever and dignified leader but also as a bridge between two worlds—respected by both Māori and Pākehā communities.

When he passed away in 1887 in the Hutt Valley, thousands attended his funeral, including military detachments, church leaders, politicians, and his whānau. His legacy endures through his descendants and through the many marks he left on the cultural, political, and historical fabric of Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

As direct descendants of Wī Tako Ngātata, we carry the responsibilities he upheld in his lifetime. His legacy of leadership, diplomacy, and protection of Te Āti Awa interests lives on in us. The obligations he embraced—to uphold Mana Whenua, to protect our whenua and taonga, and to act as kaitiaki in the face of ongoing change—remain with us today. It is not only our right but our duty to speak on matters affecting our rohe, as he once did.

## **Modern Connection to Site**

### **Te Raukura Te Wharewaka o Pōneke**

Te Raukura – Te Wharewaka o Pōneke was officially opened at a dawn ceremony on Waitangi Day, 6 February 2011, led by the late Sam Poutū Wipa Jackson, a respected kaumātua of Te Āti Awa, alongside Wellington's Mayor at the time, Celia Wade-Brown, who spoke of the building's unique cultural significance.

Located on Taranaki Street Wharf, the building re-establishes a clear Māori presence on the city waterfront—a presence largely absent since the late 1800s.

Designed in the shape of a korowai (cloak), Te Raukura stands as a visual symbol of prestige and protection. It supports waka traditions on its lower level, cultural gatherings in its whare tapere, and community interaction through the whare kai (Karaka Café), fostering deep connections to our tūpuna through storytelling and ceremonies.

Because it was founded by the Wellington Tenth's Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust, the Wharewaka represents the exercise of mana whakahaere and ongoing kaitiakitanga by our people.

Te Raukura holds a similar function to marae across the motu. For us, Te Raukura is a modernised marae that has been designed with the fast-paced environment of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in mind. However, its significance as a cultural hub is paramount for many of the descendants of Wī Tako Ngātata. Any development proposed nearby must respect its cultural, spiritual, and historical significance—and safeguard its place as an enduring beacon of Indigenous presence in Te Whanganui a Tara.

### **Whai Repo Lagoon**

While Whai Repo Lagoon is a modern, man-made feature of the Wellington waterfront, it holds significant cultural and practical value for us as Mana Whenua. The lagoon serves as the primary launch site for our waka, enabling us to uphold the traditions of our tūpuna and exercise tino rangatiratanga in ways that are uniquely and unapologetically Māori.

Through waka launching, navigation, and ceremony, Whai Repo supports our living culture and connects us to Te Moana o Raukawa and beyond. In warmer months, we observe whai repo (stingrays) gliding through the lagoon's waters—taonga species that we consider to be indicators of mauri and health within this space. Their presence deepens our sense of responsibility to protect the lagoon and maintain it as a place where both human and non-human life can thrive.

In this way, Whai Repo is more than just a constructed body of water—it is an active and sacred part of our cultural landscape, deserving of ongoing care and respect in any proposed development.

### **Recommendations**

We support the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park and the proposed development of the Fale Malae. These projects present an opportunity to further enrich the cultural and civic heart of Wellington.

We recommend that the Fale Malae Trust and Wellington City Council actively work with us in the ongoing design and planning stages to ensure that the mana of Te Raukura – Te Wharewaka o Pōneke is upheld and enhanced. It is important to us that these neighbouring spaces—Te Raukura, the Fale Malae, and the wider park—do not compete with one another, but instead whakamana each other through intentional design, shared values, and cultural integrity.

This project also presents an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of Kumutoto Pā and Wī Tako Ngātata. As such, we endorse the assertion by our whanaunga at the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust that the project must be mindful of these invisible but culturally significant connections, ensuring that the development does not sever these traditional linkages or reduce the continuity of mana whenua presence within the urban environment.

By working in partnership, we can ensure that this part of the waterfront reflects the diverse heritage and identities of all its communities, while continuing to honour the whakapapa and tikanga of Mana Whenua.

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I fully support the submission: Being recognition of the rich history of culture and heritage of Chinese immigration to New Zealand, and to Wellington, and being part of the wider community with other cultures, equally with a rich history of culture and heritage including Maori, European, Pacifica and other cultures. It would be a fully recognised beautification of the Wellington waterfront with the Chinese Garden alongside and with significance of joining together on this historical and significant harbour entry with Wellington Tenth Trust, Palmerston North Maori Reserve Trust. Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust, Te Wharewaka o Poneke Trust, the Pacifica Fale, and the wider encompassing precinct of our Te Papa Museum.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

I fully support the entire application

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I am a a Wellington born and raised here, and also descendant of the Chinese immigrant community arriving in Wellington, New Zealand in the 1850-1900's. The project brings together the rich culture of all immigrants alongside Maori as referred to above.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I have no conditions that I would want imposed, I would just like to support the submission on an upward path, now that the previous impediments have been remedied to date.

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I support the Garden of Beneficence

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

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**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**



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Support the Chinese Garden  
 Support the Fale

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

carpark

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Supporting the Wellington Chinese Garden Society Inc.'s perspective of "The redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park with the inclusion of the Garden of Beneficence will transform the waterfront into something world-class, making Frank Kitts Park an instantly recognizable landmark in New Zealand's capital city to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike."

This is a long overdue project, which has been advocated for by leader of the Cantonese Chinese Community. Sadly many of our elders have passed and young people have moved away to see this develop.

An exciting prospect with the Fale also seeking resource consent. This seeds the possibility of cross-cultural exchange for future generations.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

WCC grant resource consent for Chinese Garden and Fale, trusting and onboarding community leadership and knowledge in the development and allocating mutual respectful work strategies, timelines and resourcing.

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I fully support this application. It will add to the beautification of the waterfront area and be a destination for visitors to this great city. It will help to tell the story of the contribution that all migrant communities made to the growth of Wellington and the growth of New Zealand as a young country.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

The application is fully supported I have no reservations.

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I am president of the Poon Fah Association of NZ inc. We represent the oldest Chinese association in New Zealand having been formed originally in the 1870's during the gold mining period as the Poon Yu Society.. I am proudly New Zealand born, and educated and served in the military under CMT. I am an Officer in the New Zealand Army. There are many Chinese like me. The inclusion of the Chinese Garden and Fale Malae in this project serves to act as a monument to remember the contribution of Chinese community and Pacific Peoples past and present, have made to enrich the growth of our multicultural society; this country we call home.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

There are no conditions or amendments. This project is overdue.

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**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the redevelopment of Frank Kitts park to provide more usable spaces and a fresh look.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

Demolition of the car park

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park with the inclusion of the Garden of Beneficence will transform the waterfront into something world-class, making Frank Kitts Park an instantly recognizable landmark in New Zealand's capital city to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the construction of the Garden of Beneficence.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
Garden of Beneficence

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support in full the resource consent applications for the Frank Kitts Park redevelopment and the Fale Malae application - 558706

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

None - I support the application in full

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I would like to see the Garden of Beneficence and the Fale Malae finally built after so much work. I believe they will both give Wellington's waterfront a real cultural and community boost.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Please approve the resource consent applications in full.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
I support the establishment of a Chinese garden on Frank Kitts Park

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I have seen the benefits of Chinese gardens in Dunedin and Bendigo (Victoria) for enlivening urban areas. Other examples exist in Invercargill and Ross at varying scales and locations. Chinese gardens provide variety in parkscape and enhance cultural variety.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I would like to see this consent granted.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

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**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

I support the subdivision of the land to allow for redevelopment, particularly for the Garden of Beneficence; the demolition of the carpark; and the allowance for the development of the Fale Malae

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

None

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Since it was first mooted in the 1990s, I've supported the work of the WCC and the Wellington Chinese Garden Society to create a Chinese garden for the city. Despite all the controversy and court battles, the resulting garden will be a benefit for the wider community - as can be seen in Dunedin and Sydney. The Chinese community strongly supports this kaupapa over the long term, including financially. The stainless steel & granite sculpture by my father, Guy Ngan, which was community funded in 2008 for the Chinese garden, is in Wellington and available for inclusion in the final design. The granting of this resource consent will allow the Garden project to finally proceed to create an exciting waterfront asset. It will be the fruition of the work which so many have championed over the years. Let's get on with it!

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Grant resource consent to allow the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park and progress on the Garden of





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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Fale Male Trust  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** SR 558706  
**Submission:** I / we object the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

Wellington is not an appropriate location for the Fale Male centre. The vast majority of Pacific peoples live in Auckland, not Wellington. Furthermore, green spaces in Wellington CBD should be prioritised over further building developments.

However, I support the general redevelopment and refreshment of Frank Kitts Park to enhance and modernise the area, as long as green and public space is maximised.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

I have given my reasons above.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park that maximises public and green space. No private or culturally exclusive/themed aspects. No buildings.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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Attached is my submission on the Frank Kitts Park redevelopment.

Regards  
Steve Dunn

**RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION 15 AND 29 JERVOIS QUAY  
FRANK KITTS PARK REDEVELOPMENT**  
(WCC Application SR558695 AND FALE TRUST Application SR558706)

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**SUBMITTER**

Steve Dunn, 1 Nikau Street, Newtown, Wellington 6021  
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I do not support the application by Wellington City Council and Fale Malae Trust and request the applications be declined.

My submission focuses on the application to construct a new building (Fale) on the southern end of Frank Kitts Park, currently being used as Open Space over an underground car park building. The proposal illustrates how open space and well-established trees in the central city are vulnerable to building development.

**OPEN SPACE**

Frank Kitts Park is identified in The Wellington Waterfront Framework, 2001 to be a key Open Space element, including a destination playground, together with Waitangi Park,.

1. It is disingenuous to compare the construction of a new building (Fale) footprint 708m<sup>2</sup> to replace an existing underground car park building 3,692 m<sup>2</sup> as an improvement, when the exposed surface area can be currently always used as Open Space that will be reduced by the construction of a new building. This represents a loss of 708m<sup>2</sup> of open space.
2. Constructing a building at Frank Kitts Park would be contrary to the primary purpose for Open Space on the waterfront according to the Wellington Waterfront Framework.
3. The building would be significantly larger than any structures currently on site. The proposed roof height at 13.130m above Jervois Quay, will be significantly more than the current walls.
4. The Wellington Waterfront Framework identified a transition building site between Te Papa and Waitangi Park, currently the Chaffers car park. This alternative site has cultural and harbour attributes that would fit the concept for a Fale Malae without impacting on the current open space on the waterfront.
5. The redevelopment does not address the concerns during public consultation on the Fale Malae proposal. In the summary of most discussed topics during community consultation, Global Research noted in addition to perceived loss of recreation activities, the loss of public, open and green space was of concern.
6. The subdivision into 2 lots of the area creating Lot 2 of 0.1285ha, comprising the Fale basement, L1 floor and roof, gives potential separation and could allow for privatisation of the waterfront.

## GREEN NETWORK PLAN

The proposed redevelopment is contrary to the WCC Green Network Plan principles that promotes retaining established vegetation and open space.

7. Removal of the 50 year old Norfolk Pines along Jervois Quay that are healthy and robust in the harbour environment as well as growth that is in scale with the surrounding buildings is contrary to the Green Network Plan. It also does not meet the criteria under the Centres and Mixed Use Zone design guide G4\_7 to '*integrate existing established trees into the planting...*' The landscape design statement says '*The Norfolk Island Pines and pohutukawa are an odd mix of forms.... but do not necessarily add to the character of the Park. The Norfolk Island Pines are variable in condition, with many being very poor quality. There is considerable variation in height and calliper width*'. The statement dismisses the value of these 50 year old trees that are wind hardy, follow the line of Jervois Quay and are in scale with nearby buildings and lacks rationale for removal or why they cannot be incorporated into the park redesign.
8. Removal of a Green Wall growing on the wall fronting Jervois Quay will be a loss. It is arguably the only successful green wall in the central city and is often promoted as a sustainable feature in greening the environment.
9. Providing new open space in inner city areas, such as Te Aro is identified in the Green Network plan. A new parklet on the corner of Frederick Street Park (726m<sup>2</sup>) is being established but this new open space is almost the same area as that under the proposed Fale building (708m<sup>2</sup>), giving a loss to central city open space.
10. Open Space is always up for grabs and building development. Waitangi and Frank Kitts Parks are not protected under the Reserves Act and the only protection given by the Waterfront Framework Plan is the zero height limit because that triggers a resource consent application. The proposal illustrates how vulnerable open space in the central city.

## MISSED DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

The redevelopment missed design opportunities when it was decided to demolish the car park structure after the Kaikoura earthquake. Initially the car park was closed but the ground level is now open for use after a new MBIE guidance and risk-based occupancy assessment concluded it a low seismic risk.

11. Levelling the whole of the southern section of Frank Kitt Park and a redesign gives new opportunities to improve the Willeston St viewshaft and direct access from the waterfront promenade to the Chinese Garden.
12. The redesign gives an opportunity to locate the Chinese Garden to the south and would clear the viewshaft of wall structures. Repositioning the Chinese Garden addresses the comment by the TAG reference group that the design puts the garden in a contentious location in the viewshaft. A redesign gives the opportunity to lower ground levels to directly see the harbour water and to Oriental Bay. Locating the Chinese Garden further south further also enhances the view and ensures the line of sight is uninterrupted to the harbour.

13. Lowered levels make the park accessible from main paths.
14. Recognising the value of established trees and the need for generous open lawn areas could ensure flexible open space to cater for a wide range of activities for the central city activities

#### **FINAL COMMENT**

- If the proposed development is granted Resource Consent, the final design of the Fale Male and Chinese Garden must be confirmed and fully funded before any work starts.
- The Wellington Waterfront Framework, for the Lambton Harbour environment including north of the railway station, needs to be reviewed given the changes over time and to reflect the Green Network plan.

I wish to be heard at any hearing on these matters.

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Steve Dunn

[Steve.dunn025@gmail.com](mailto:Steve.dunn025@gmail.com) 28.07.2025

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:** 5 minutes  
**If others make a similar submission:** I / we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

The Wellington Chinese Garden project was first suggested in 1994 and almost 30 years later, despite many promises, the garden is no nearer being constructed. The question that is very obvious is, why? There have been objections by some Wellingtonians to the construction of a Chinese park in Wellington, and with each new elected council matters appear to revert to square one. Many promises have been made but with the same result. Meanwhile there have been many Chinese gardens constructed throughout New Zealand, most since 1998, when the Dunedin garden was built. In 2024 there were at least six Chinese gardens in New Zealand, three of which were built specifically to commemorate the early Chinese settlers in those regions. For a proposal to build a Chinese garden in Wellington to languish for almost 30 years raises some very serious questions. Chinese have been a part of Wellington's history since 1865. Like the 2002 government apology to the Chinese of New Zealand for the institutional racism against them, a Chinese garden in Wellington would bring very positive benefits to Wellington and would no doubt attract people and capital from the east Asian region. One can only hope that these seemingly inexplicable delays can finally be overcome.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

I have no neutral feelings towards this situation or this application. The project either needs to be completed or the Council should formally inform the Garden Society and Wellington that the project has been rejected and will not be built.

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

As noted, the garden should be either built or the council should be honest and inform the Wellington people and the Wellington Chinese community that it will not build the garden. The money is there to build it, the plans and designs are ready, all is needed is the will to do so. The costs to Wellington ratepayers is minimal as these are being borne by the Society and the community. It is well-known that the wealth and well-being of a city is not just in the amount of money it can generate but is carried in large measure by its culture, its non-monetary values, and the feeling of value and inclusiveness of all its people. Pointing out this fact and to urge the Council to finally either stick to its words and its promises or to state clearly that it will not build the garden is the aim of my submission. Councils are elected to lead, not just to carry out the desires of the majority of the voters. If the Council follows the second course the city will always be led by the tyranny of the majority. Sometimes Council has to lead by doing what is right, and not merely follow the desires of people whose demands might well be biased or incorrect. My submission urges you to do the right thing and either build the garden or state definitively that you will not. Please put the people campaigning for and those people supporting the project of a Chinese garden in Wellington out of their misery one way or another.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Vote in favour of the consent application and build the garden immediately, or formally scrap the proposal of building a Chinese garden in Wellington altogether.



## Surabhi Deshmukh

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Dai Gar Hoa, 大家好

Please find attached our resource consent submission for Frank Kitts Park.

Kind regards

Tina Dome (on behalf of the Wellington Chinese Garden Society Inc)

Mob. 021 475537

# Submission on resource consent application

**Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council**  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

## Notes for the applicant

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Send the completed submission to:

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## Submission details

Name of applicant:	Wellington City Council
Site address:	Frank Kitts Park 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay
Proposal:	Land use consent and subdivision
Service request number:	558695
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support the application <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose the application <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	

## Submitter details

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## Submission statements (use additional pages if required)

The aspects of the application that I support/oppose are:

We support the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park and the adjoining areas along Jervois Quay and Te Ara Moana, as it:

- Enables the implementation of a cohesive, long-term vision for the park, developed through significant investment and extensive stakeholder engagement.
- Facilitates the completion of outstanding elements from the previously approved 2018 Resource Consent.
- Ensures compliance with legal obligations to demolish the earthquake-prone car park.
- Allows for the coordination of above-ground and below-ground works, creating opportunities for potential cost efficiencies.

We support the construction and operation of the Fale, as it:

- Serves as a key feature of the overall design, integrating seamlessly with the Garden of Beneficence and other elements of Frank Kitts Park to create a nationally significant public destination.
- Sits harmoniously alongside the second lawn at promenade level, contributing to the realisation of a complete Fale Malae.
- Celebrates and reflects a vital aspect of Aotearoa's cultural heritage.

We support the subdivision of the site to create new title boundaries.

### The reasons for my submission are:

For over 20 years, the people of Te Whanganui-a-Tara have waited for successive Councils to take meaningful action on the long-promised redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park—an upgrade that would benefit all who use the space. Failing to grant resource consent would once again stall the momentum needed to transform this key site and support Wellington's revitalisation as an attractive, vibrant city.

The elements already approved in the 2018 Resource Consent for the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park have been further enhanced in the new, well-considered and cohesive design. The Garden of Beneficence is now even more thoughtfully integrated into the site, while preserving the original integrity of its design.

### The decision I/we would like Wellington City Council to make is (include any conditions of consent you would like to see imposed):

Approval of the resource consent application with no additional conditions.

### Note: \*Select one.


I ☐ request/ ☒ do not request\*, pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

### Oral submission at the hearing

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Signature(s) of submitter(s) or agent of submitter(s)\*

Tina Dome

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28 July 2025

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Please find **attached** a submission from Powerco Limited on the application from Wellington City Council for a resource consent for the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park at 15 and 29 Jervois Quay, Wellington Central, and adjoining parts of Jervois Quay and the Waterfront Promenade (SR 558695).

Do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Ngā mihi

Regards

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## **SUBMISSION BY POWERCO LIMITED ON THE NOTIFIED RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FROM WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FRANK KITTS PARK REDEVELOPMENT**

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Via email: [consent.submissions@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:consent.submissions@wcc.govt.nz)  
cc: [jason@rmgroup.co.nz](mailto:jason@rmgroup.co.nz)

Name of submitter: Powerco Limited  
Private Bag 2065  
New Plymouth 4340  
*(Note that this is not the address for service.)*

1. This is a submission by Powerco Limited on an application from Wellington City Council for a resource consent for the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park at 15 and 29 Jervois Quay, Wellington Central, and adjoining parts of Jervois Quay and the Waterfront Promenade (SR 558695).
2. Powerco is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The reasons for Powerco's submission are set out in attached Schedule 1. In summary, Powerco seeks to ensure its existing underground gas assets within the project area are appropriately identified and protected during the site works.
4. Powerco does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.
5. Powerco does not request, pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.



Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of Powerco Limited:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Scholfield", written over a faint circular stamp.

**Gary Scholfield**

**Senior Environmental Planner**

**POWERCO**

Dated at Tauranga this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

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# Schedule 1 – Submission from Powerco Limited

## Introduction

Powerco Limited (*Powerco*) is New Zealand's second largest gas and electricity distribution company and has experience with energy distribution in New Zealand spanning more than a century. The Powerco network spreads across the upper and lower central North Island servicing over 450,000 homes, businesses and industries. This represents 46% of the gas connections and 16% of the electricity connections in New Zealand. These consumers are served through Powerco assets including over 28,000 kilometres of electricity lines and 6,100 kilometres of gas pipelines.

Powerco owns and operates the natural gas distribution infrastructure located within Wellington City. As illustrated on the attached asset map (Attachment A), Powerco has existing underground gas assets located in Jervois Quay. A strategic high pressure gas pipeline appears to be located within the project boundaries. Additionally, Powerco owns a cast iron pipeline that runs parallel to the live gas pipeline.

## Powerco's Submission

Powerco is neutral as to whether or not the resource consent is granted. However, Powerco seeks to ensure that any ground works and associated structures or plantings associated with the redevelopment do not affect the ongoing operation, maintenance or access to its gas network.

It is noted that the demolition plan indicates that excavation and construction work will occur at the front of the site, including removal of the footbridge / foundations and the removal of existing asphalt and paving. Furthermore, the construction plans identify light poles and new street trees to be located along Jervois Quay in close proximity to the underground gas assets. It is imperative that these strategic gas assets are protected during the site works.

A Powerco Gas Engineer will need to be consulted regarding the following matters (at a minimum):

- Permanent/temporary structures being built over/near the gas pipelines;
- Reduction or addition of cover over the gas pipelines;
- Excavation procedures to avoid damage to the steel strategic gas pipeline;
- Changes to fill/surface reinstatement that would prohibit access to our assets in an emergency or planned event;
- Whether significant vibration would be generated by construction activities (as this can loosen below-ground threaded joints and cause leaks).
- Consideration for the proximity of earthing equipment required for power assets to be away from the steel gas pipeline.
- Consideration for metallic/concrete structures below-ground that could interfere with our Cathodic Protection system.
- Allowance for Powerco to install signage (e.g. kerb markers) to note that we have a strategic gas pipeline in the area.

Should the resource consent be granted, Powerco seeks the inclusion of an appropriate condition(s) to ensure the above matters are taken into consideration - perhaps as part of the Demolition Management Plan (DMP) and Construction and Environment Management Plan (CEMP).

# Attachment A – Powerco Assets within Project Area

## Relief Sought

Should the resource consent be granted, Powerco seeks the inclusion of the following conditions, as offered by the applicant, with the following modifications (red highlight):

MANA2      *The CEMP must be prepared in consultation with mana whenua and contain the following information as a minimum:...*

*p. measures and controls to appropriately manage potential effects of construction activities on the safe and efficient operation of the Powerco gas distribution network*

MANA6      *The DMP must contain the following as a minimum:...*

*d. methodology for working around existing services to be left in-situ, disestablishing existing services and associated connections to local networks, including communication plans with relevant service providers;*

## Concluding Comment

Powerco appreciates the opportunity to provide input to this resource consent. Through the suggested conditions above, Powerco seeks to ensure that its existing assets that may be affected by the work are protected so that we are able to continue to operate, maintain and access them within the project area.

Powerco would be pleased to discuss any of the matters raised above. If you have any queries or require additional information please contact Gary Scholfield on (07) 928 5659 or via email [planning@powerco.co.nz](mailto:planning@powerco.co.nz).



## Attachment A – Powerco Assets within Project Area



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**Submitter details**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Emma Dunlop-Bennett  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

Te Whanganui-a-Tara is a historic gateway for Pacific ancestors and stands as a tribute to the identity and heritage of Pasifika peoples in Aotearoa. As such having a place of prominence - such as the Fale Malae - will provide a space for the sharing of Pacific stories and heritage, fostering cultural exchange, education, and celebration. Situated within the city's arts and cultural precinct - alongside institutions such as Te Papa - I believe that the Fale Malae will enrich the cultural fabric of the waterfront. Its contemporary architectural design, grounded in Pacific traditions, will honour and respect the surrounding cultural landscape. Accommodating a range of activities - such as talanoa, learning, and recreation - the Fale Malae would be a welcomed addition to the city: not only for now, but the generations to come.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

N/A

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The Fale Malae will serve as a culturally significant venue, strengthening Pasifika identities through dedicated spaces for celebration, storytelling, education, and performance. It holds the potential to contribute meaningfully to improved social and economic outcomes for Pasifika communities.

Situated within a prominent waterfront cultural precinct, the Fale Malae will enhance an area that attracts thousands of visitors while integrating respectfully into its surrounding environment. Architecturally, it will embody a balance between iconic contemporary design and cultural authenticity, weaving ancestral narratives into its form and function. The Fale will offer recreational amenities, food and beverage facilities, and will maintain a harmonious relationship with neighbouring developments, cultural expressions, and the moana.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

I would like the Wellington City Council to proceed with the Fale Malae. Thank you

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** Wellington City Council  
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**Service request number:** 558695  
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**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**  
The inclusion of the Garden of Beneficence

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**  
n/a

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**  
Its important to have a prominent Chinese space alongside other cultures in the city as the community has existed in NZ for centuries

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**  
Include the Garden of Beneficence



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I support the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park with the inclusion of the Garden of Beneficence.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:**

Wellington is the Arts and Culture city of New Zealand. The addition of the Garden of Beneficence and Fale Male would proudly reinforce a "Corridor of Culture" along the waterfront that has the Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington Museum, the heritage Boat Shed, Te Wharewaka o Poneke, Michael Fowler Centre, Town Hall, and Te Papa.

I quote Her Worship, Tory Whanau, Mayor, "That's why when we make decisions, it's important to consider the Local Government wellbeing provisions; social, economic, cultural and environmental impacts." Much of these provisions apply to building the Chinese Garden in Frank Kitts Park.

The Garden of Beneficence would boost Wellington's friendly multi-cultural image -encouraging return of international students for Victoria University, increase Chinese sister city relationships for trade and tourism, and be also another tourist drawcard for our city. To date in 2025, tourists have spent over \$1.5M which according to Infometrics is a decrease from the previous year.

<https://rep.infometrics.co.nz/wellington-city/tourism/expenditure>

It has been 156 years since a Chinese Garden was proposed for Wellington, but failed due to

insufficient popular support, tinged with anti-Chinese sentiment later sanctioned by government. My late father, Ken Chan was the founding Chair of the Wellington Chinese Garden Society and he would have been highly disappointed at the lack of progress. I almost think that failure to create the Chinese Garden is akin to lack of recognition and respect for Chinese in Wellington after all this time.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Granting of the resource consent application to subdivide the land at Frank Kitts Park allowing for the redevelopment of land (including what's needed for the Garden of Beneficence), progress with the demolition of the carpark, and allow for development of the Fale Malae.

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**Application details**

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**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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**Application details**

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**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
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**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

On behalf of Willis Bond, we consider the proposed Frank Kitts Park upgrades will have a positive impact on the safety and functionality of the waterfront precinct, and will be a great improvement on the current configuration. Funding of this project however must be considered in a responsible and prudent manner given the challenges Wellington currently faces.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the consent, on the basis however of a responsible and prudent funding strategy given the challenges Wellington currently faces.



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### Application details

**Applicant name:** Fale Malae Trust  
**Site address:** 15-29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558706  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:**

**The reasons for my / our submission are:**

The proposed Fale is a well considered, positive activation of the Frank Kitts Park precinct. Willis Bond, as both a neighbour to the proposed Fale and contributor to the Wellington Waterfront over previous years support this application and commend the work undertaken by the Trust.

**The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

Approve the application

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**Application details**

**Applicant name:** D Weeg Chan  
**Site address:** Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay  
**Service request number:** 558695  
**Submission:** I / we support the application  
**Oral submission at the hearing:** I / we do not wish to speak in support of mine / our submission  
**How long will you need for your presentation:**  
**If others make a similar submission:**

**Aspects of the application that you support or oppose:**

Creating a Chinese garden in Frank Kitts Park as a gift to the city by the local Chinese community will offer a rich blend of cultural, environmental, and social benefits.

Chinese people have lived and worked in Wellington for a long time and are amongst the earliest immigrant settlers to arrive in New Zealand. It would be good to have an element of Chinese Cultural Enrichment for people to enjoy.

**Aspects of the application that you are neutral towards:****The reasons for my / our submission are:****The decision I / we would like Wellington City Council to make is:**

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Site address: Frank Kitts Park including 15 Jervois Quay and 29 Jervois Quay

Proposal:

Service request number: 558695

☒ Support the application
 ☐ Oppose the application
 ☐ Neutral

## Submitter details

Name of submitter: Wellington Chinese Association

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## Submission statements (use additional pages if required)

The aspects of the application that I support/oppose are:

See attached Appendix

### The reasons for my submission are:

See attached appendix

### The decision I/we would like Wellington City Council to make is (include any conditions of consent you would like to see imposed):

We would like the Wellington City Council to approve the resource consent

### Note: \*Select one.

I ☐ request/ ☐ do not request\*, pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

### Oral submission at the hearing

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- ☒ If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

Signature(s) of submitter(s) or agent of submitter(s)\*

Date  
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## **Appendix**

### **The aspects of the application that I support/oppose are:**

The Wellington Chinese Association supports WCC's application for the resource consent to subdivide the land at Frank Kitts Park allowing for the redevelopment of land which includes the Garden of Beneficence

### **The reasons for my submission are:**

The Wellington Chinese Association would like to note the importance of the project to create a Chinese garden (the Garden of Beneficence) in Wellington. We wish to see this project go ahead. The approval of the resource consent is the next step to progress this project, and it is important that this be approved on a timely basis.

The Wellington Chinese Association believes the garden will be a symbolic representation of the Wellington Chinese community's history, migrant experience, and contribution to the city's cultural landscape. It serves as a tangible reminder of the rich heritage and lasting impact of Chinese New Zealanders. The garden is designed to commemorate the history of the Chinese community in Wellington, including their early market gardening practices and their ongoing contributions to the city. The garden's design, including the use of traditional Chinese landscaping elements, aims to reflect the Chinese migrant experience, both historically and in the present day. The garden will serve as a symbol of goodwill and cultural exchange between New Zealand and China, fostering understanding and appreciation of different cultural traditions. Throughout the years of discriminatory legislation, the Chinese community in Wellington maintained its family values, strong work ethic and appreciation of education. Wellington has been home to Chinese New Zealand people for nearly 150 years. There are long-established Chinese families in the city who are 6th or 7th generation New Zealanders. The history of this community is integral to the history of Wellington and the community is now well-established and integrated into a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural city in Wellington living together with tangata whenua and tau iwi. In the last 30 years, new settlers from China and other countries have enriched the community and that story too will be told in the journey through the Garden. The Garden will become an oasis for everyone on Wellington's popular waterfront. It will be a sanctuary in the heart of the capital. It is a symbol of goodwill, social, cultural, political and economic relationships between New Zealand and China. As a unique and powerful garden in the heart of Wellington, New Zealand's capital city the Garden of Beneficence is a modern Chinese garden. The Garden draws on the principles of traditional Chinese garden design and what this means to New Zealand in the 21st century. The Garden will integrate both traditional Chinese landscaping and New Zealand-specific elements, creating a unique and distinct representation of the New Zealand Chinese experience. The garden can serve as an educational tool, helping visitors learn about the history, culture, and contributions of the Chinese community in New Zealand. The garden provides a space for cultural events, gatherings, and celebrations, further enhancing the community's sense of belonging and identity. The Wellington Chinese Association believes the garden will be a place of pride for the

Chinese community, expressing their belonging as New Zealanders. It is a gift to the people of Wellington, but also a gift for others (Wellington residents and visitors) to enjoy and embrace cultural awareness and expression of the presence of Chinese New Zealanders in Wellington. This garden truly symbolizes the meeting of many peoples – all New Zealanders and visitors from overseas. It will overlook the sea – a symbolic reaching out to the world beyond.

**Surabhi Deshmukh**

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**From:** Priscilla Agius <agius.pr@gmail.com>  
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Kia ora,

Please find attached my submission. I cannot edit the form to sign it. I have signed and attached a separate pdf copy (but it does not show the text in the "reasons for my submission" box).

Please advise if you require anything further.

Nga mihi,  
Priscilla Agius

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## Submission details

Name of applicant:	Fale Malae Trust		
Site address:	Frank Kitts Park, 15 and 29 Jervois Quay		
Proposal:	Redevelopment of FKP + Construction and occupation of a new building (Fale)		
Service request number:	558695 and 558706		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support the application	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose the application	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral

## Submitter details

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## Submission statements (use additional pages if required)

The aspects of the application that I support/oppose are:

The proposal to redevelop Frank Kitts Park, including the establishment of two new open lawn areas, and the establishment of a buildi



**The reasons for my submission are:****The decision I/we would like Wellington City Council to make is  
(include any conditions of consent you would like to see imposed):**

To grant the consents for the development and construction of the Fale, and the wider re-development of Frank I

**Note: \*Select one.**

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The aspects of the application that I support/oppose are:

The proposal to redevelop Frank Kitts Park, including the establishment of two new open lawn areas, and the establishment of a building (Fale) on the waterfront.

**The decision I/we would like Wellington City Council to make is**

***(include any conditions of consent you would like to see imposed):***

To grant the consents for the development and construction of the Fale, and the wider re-development of Frank Kitts Park.

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Proposal: Redevelopment of FKP + Construction and occupation of a new building (Fale)

Service request number: 558695 and 558706



Support the application



Oppose the application



Neutral

## Submitter details

Name of submitter: Priscilla Agius

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## Submission statements (use additional pages if required)

The aspects of the application that I support/oppose are:

The proposal to redevelop Frank Kitts Park, including the establishment of two new open lawn areas, and the establishme

**The reasons for my submission are:**

**The decision I/we would like Wellington City Council to make is**  
(include any conditions of consent you would like to see imposed):

To grant the consents for the development and construction of the Fale, and the wider re-developmen

**Note: \*Select one.**

I ☒ request/ ☐ do not request\*, pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

**Oral submission at the hearing**

- ☐ I/we wish to speak in support of the submission ☐ If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing
- ☒ I/we do not wish to speak in support of the submission

Signature(s) of submitter(s) or agent of submitter(s)\*

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Date

28/07/2025

**Note:**

- The Council must receive this submission before the closing date and time indicated in the public notice. A copy of this submission must also be given to the applicant, as soon as reasonably possible, at the applicant's address for service.
- All submitters will be advised of hearing details at least 10 working days before the hearing. If you change your mind about whether you wish to attend the hearing, please phone 04 801 3590 so that the necessary arrangements can be made.
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Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious
- it contains offensive language
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further

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- ☒ via email (please ensure you have provided your email address on page 1) ☐ via post, ie hardcopy