

Concept Design for Cenotaph Square and Parliamentary Steps

PARLIAMETARY PRECINCT

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Capital City Initiative: Local and National Character Parliamentary Precinct

The Concept Design for the Cenotaph Square and Parliamentary Steps is a proposal for substantial public space improvement in the Parliamentary Precinct, delivering on the objectives of the Capital City Initiative and the Central City Framework '2040 Smart Capital'. The main initiative for renewal is located around the Cenotaph, which will reinstate the memorial itself as a prominent city monument.

The project will create a ceremonial space around the Cenotaph to be used for the ANZAC ceremony but also create a city square to be used by locals and visitors alike throughout the year. The proposed project is programmed to be completed in time for the ANZAC Centenary commemoration in 2015. The other component of the concept is the creation of a new pedestrian connection between Parliamentary Grounds and the area around the Cenotaph. A new grand staircase is intended to open up this corner between the Beehive and the Cenotaph by traversing the six metre height difference and creating a 'Capital' place that will link the two iconic structures and create a more direct and legible way up to Parliamentary Grounds. This will contribute to the status of Wellington as Capital City while maintaining the informality of the Wellington character.



Introduction:

- Capital City Initiative
- Central City Framework

Capital Landscape:

- Project area
- 6 Projects
- Site Selection

Parliamentary Precinct:

- Concept Design
- Cenotaph Square
- Parliamentary Steps



Waterfront connections via Whitmore and Bunny Streets give improved access to the Parliamentary area.



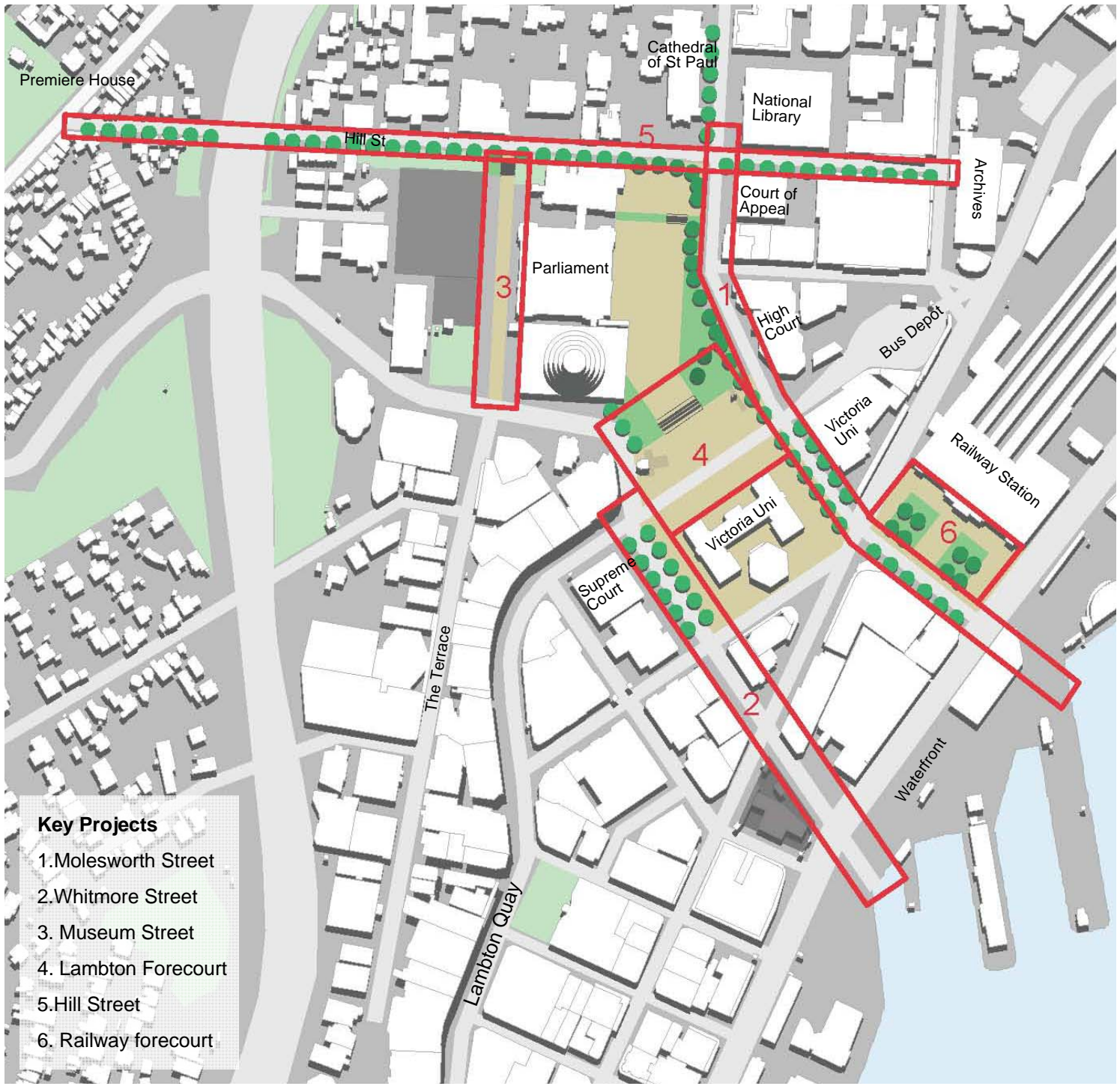
Capital Landscape: Hill to sea connection with Parliament at the centre.



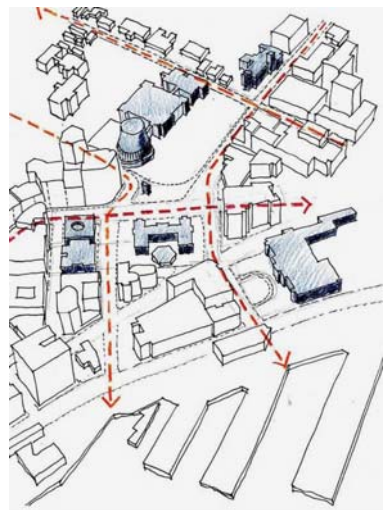
Built form pattern



Landscape as a central connection.



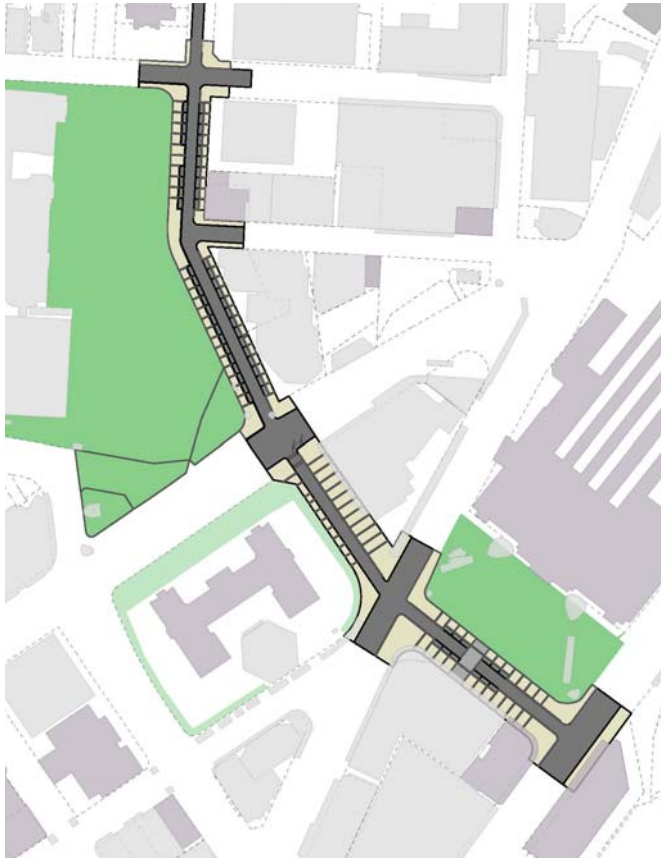
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Improved pedestrian connections to the waterfront, railway station and Thorndon.

Key Projects

- 1. Molesworth Street
- 2. Whitmore Street
- 3. Museum Street
- 4. Lambton Forecourt
- 5. Hill Street
- 6. Railway forecourt



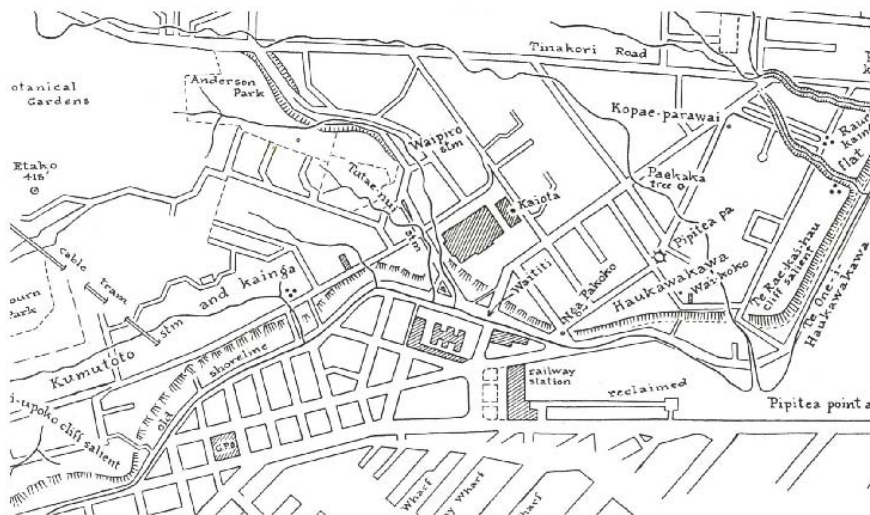
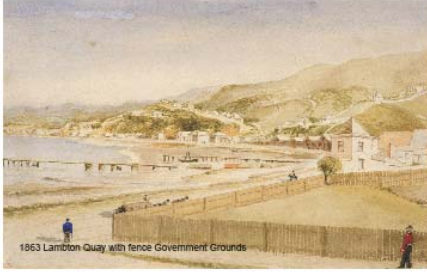
CENOTAPH SQUARE 2015

100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day

150th Anniversary of Wellington being NZ Capital

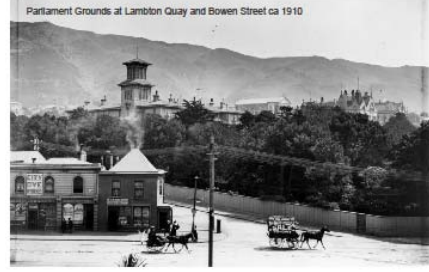


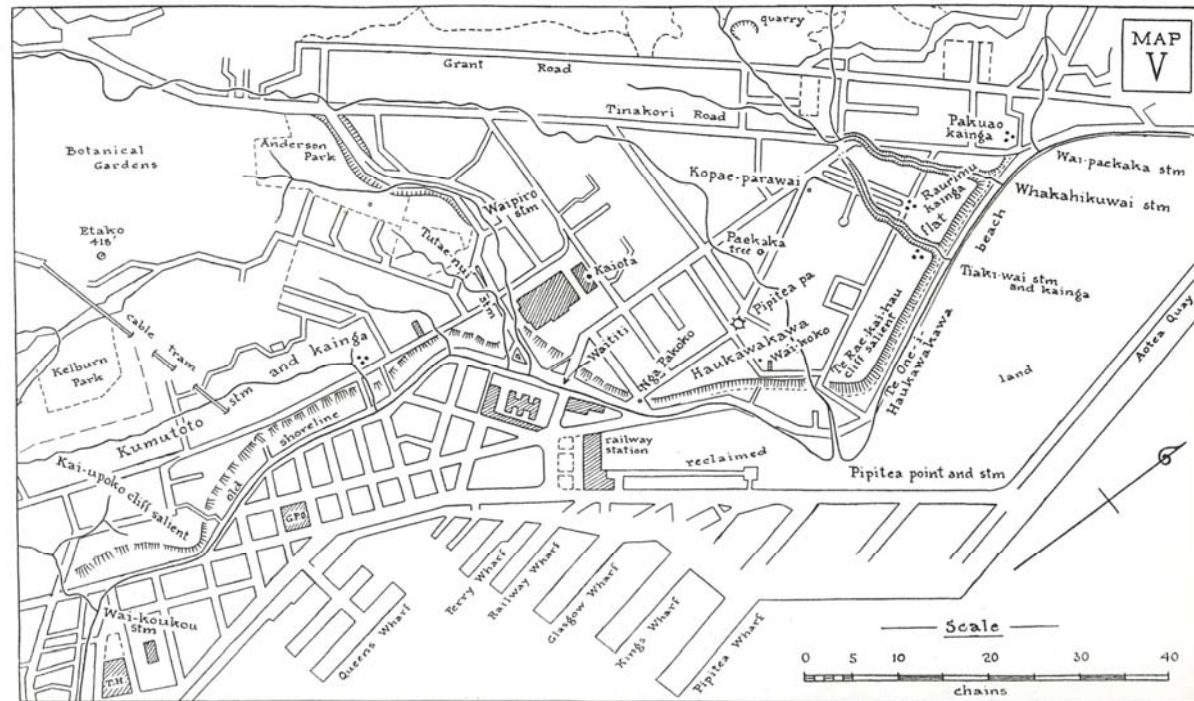
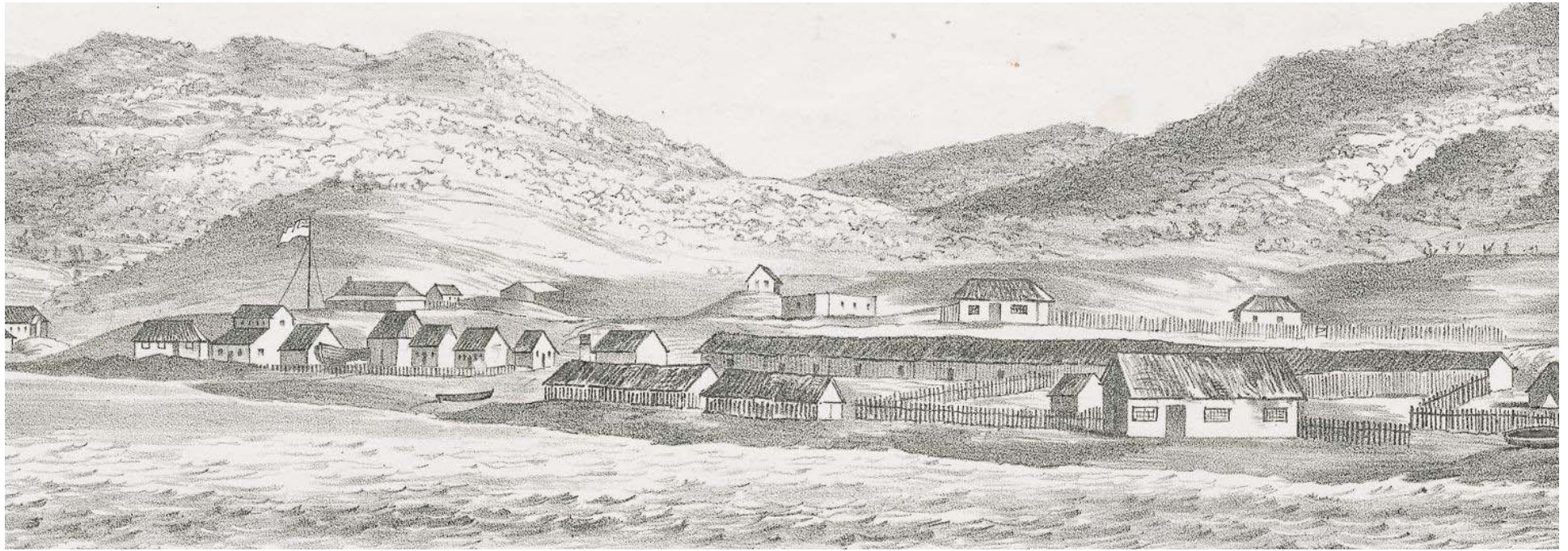
Heritage: Foreshore Landscape - Wai Piro Stream



Parliament and Wai Piro Stream in historical context, Map from 'The Great Harbour of Tara', Adkin 1956

Heritage: Parliamentary Grounds - Cenotaph





MAP V. CENTRAL WELLINGTON CITY

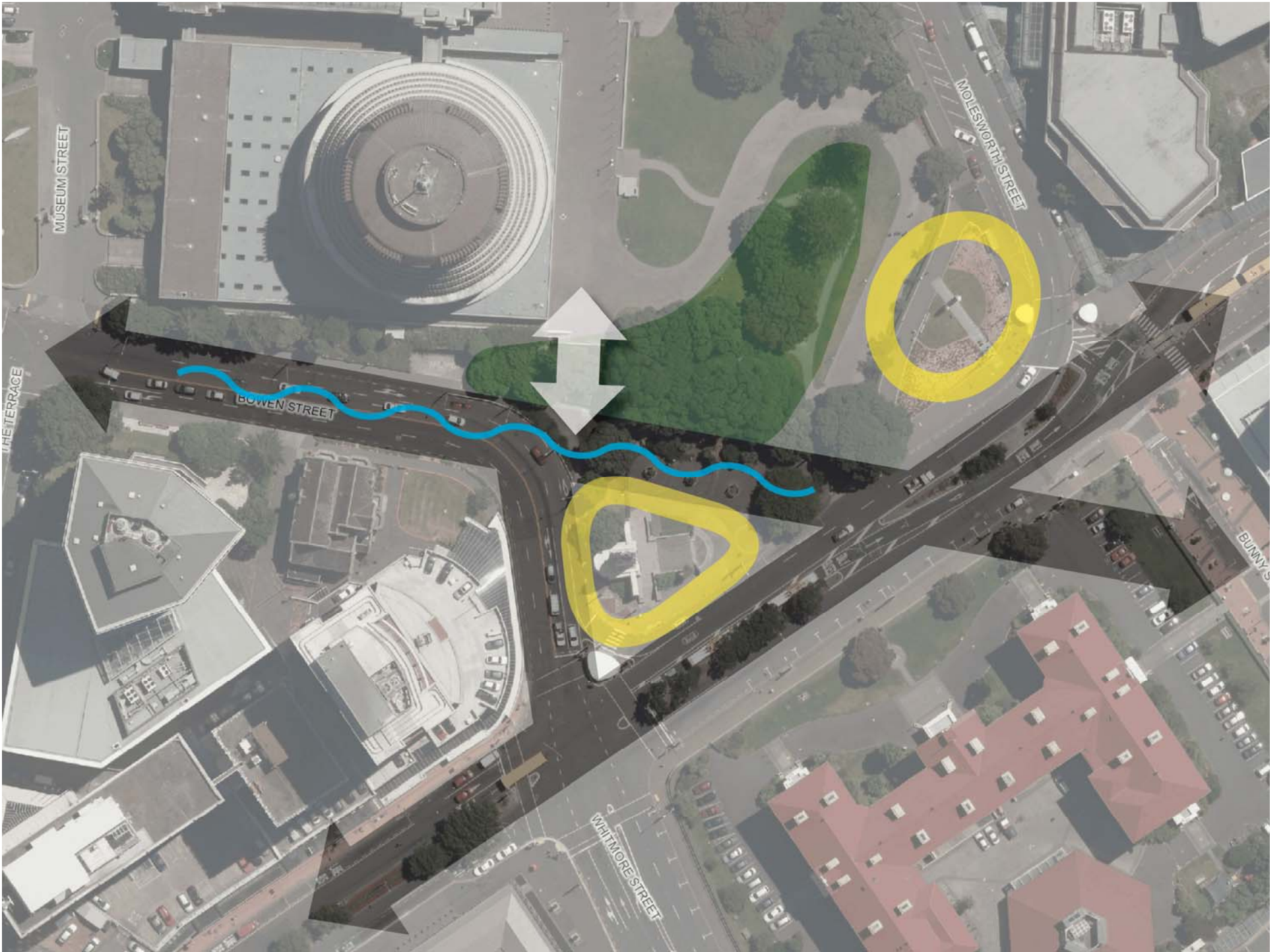




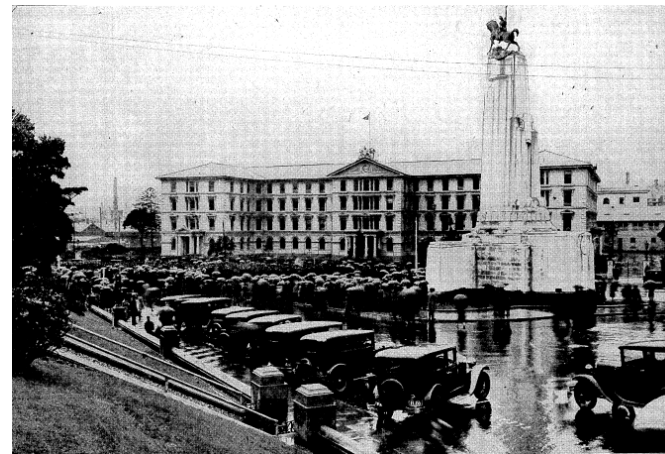
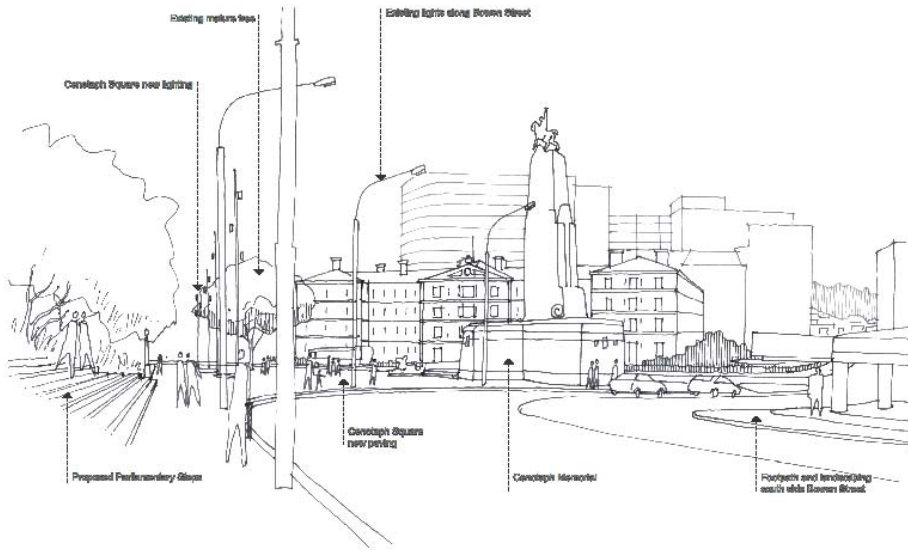
Current Site: Lambton Quay - Bowen Street - Cenotaph - Parliamentary Precinct

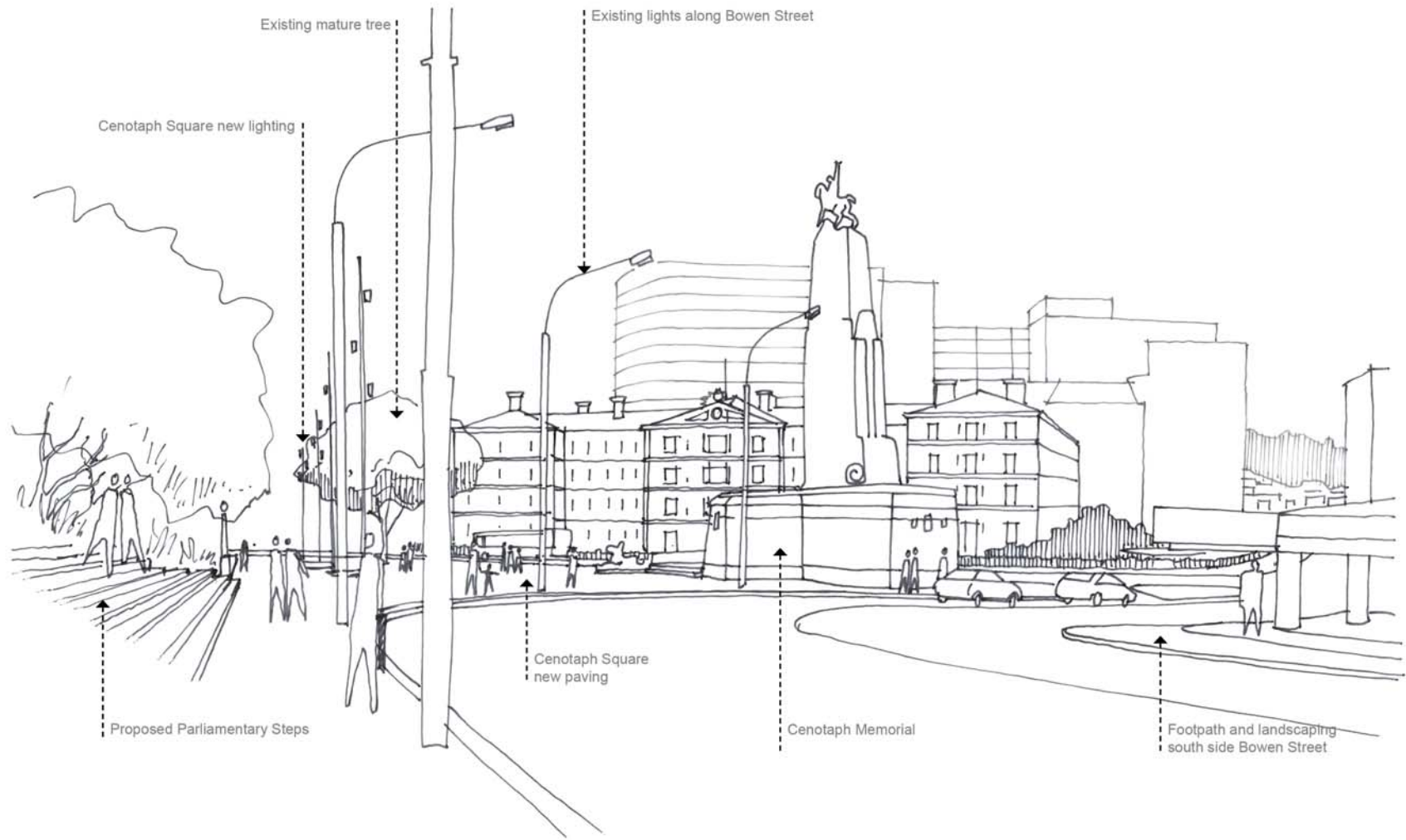






Cenotaph Square and Parliamentary Steps: indicative view Bowen Street





Existing mature tree

Existing lights along Bowen Street

Cenotaph Square new lighting

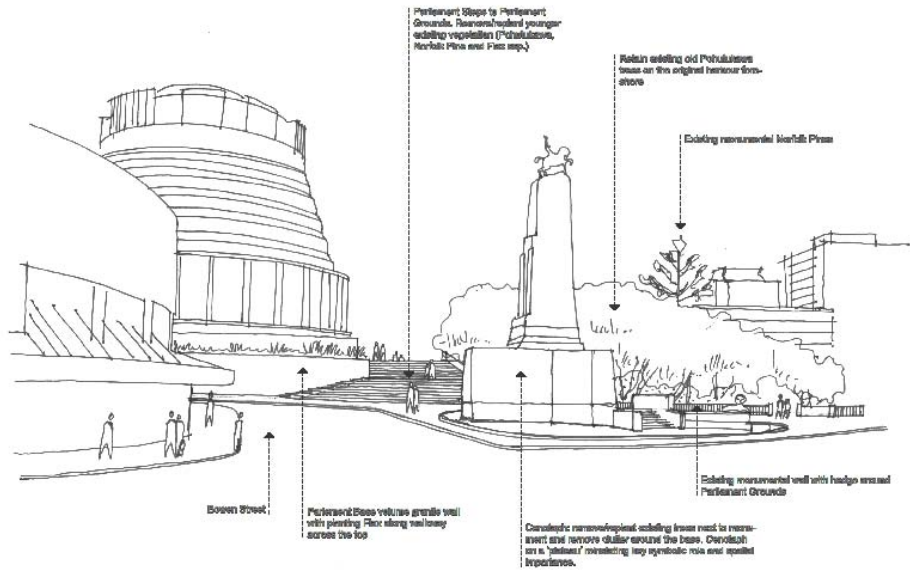
Proposed Parliamentary Steps

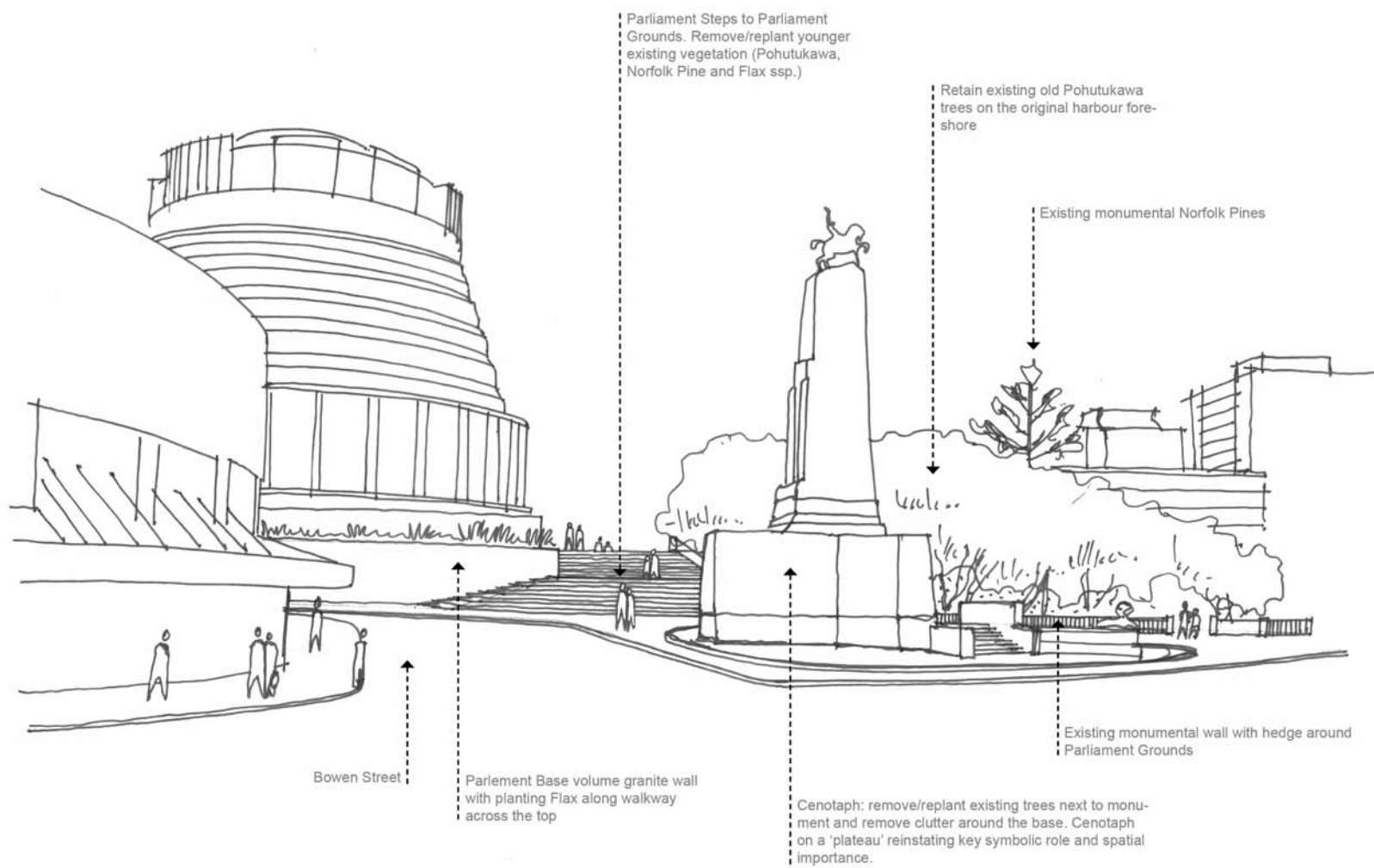
Cenotaph Square new paving

Cenotaph Memorial

Footpath and landscaping south side Bowen Street

Cenotaph Square and Parliamentary Steps: view Lambton Quay & Whitmore Street





Parliament Steps to Parliament Grounds. Remove/replant younger existing vegetation (Pohutukawa, Norfolk Pine and Flax ssp.)

Retain existing old Pohutukawa trees on the original harbour foreshore

Existing monumental Norfolk Pines

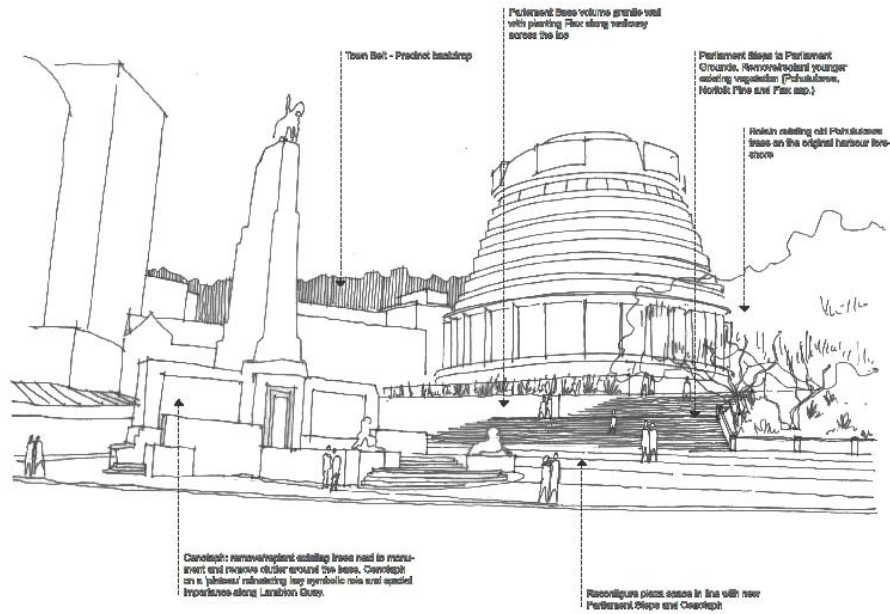
Bowen Street

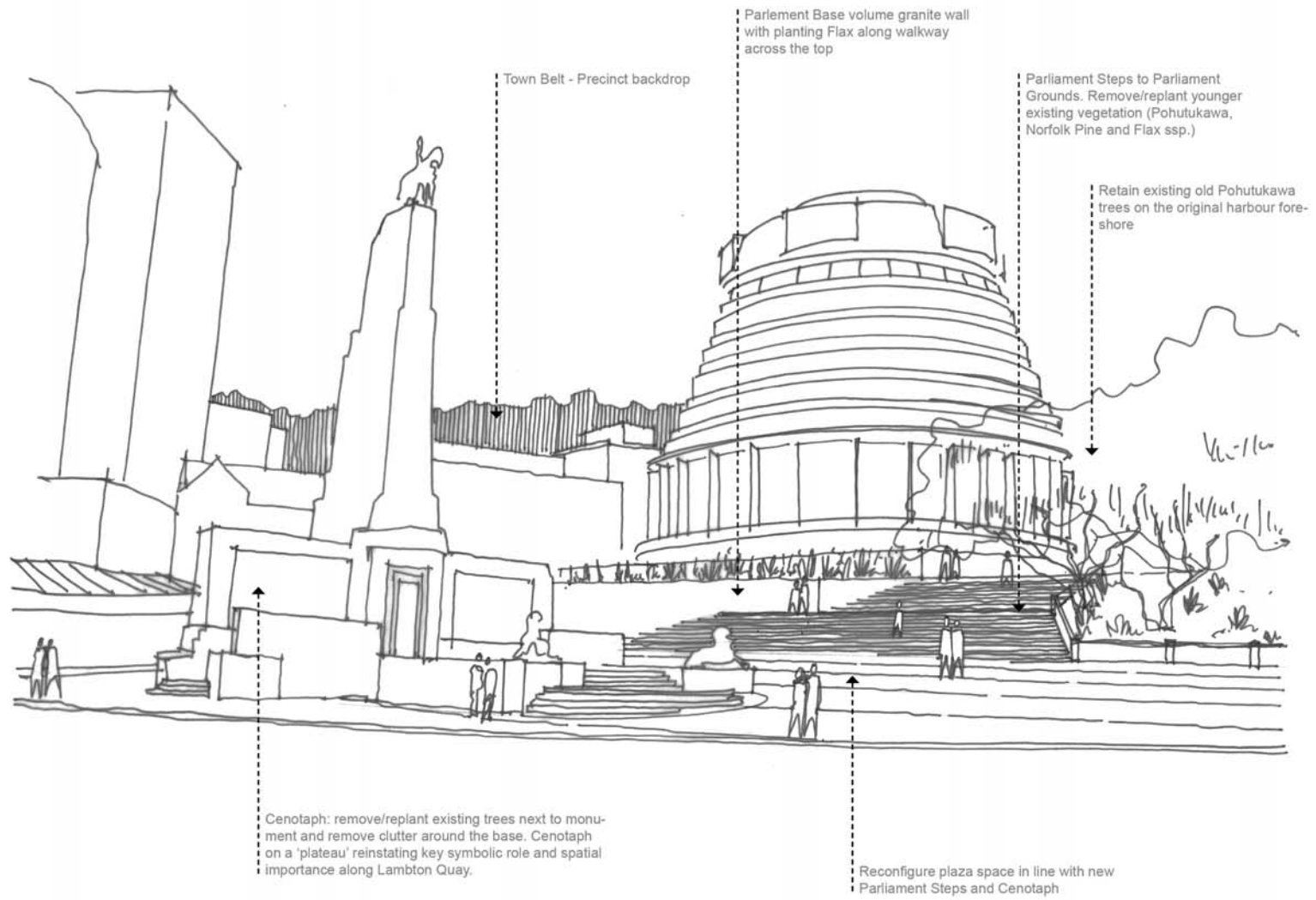
Parlement Base volume granite wall with planting Flax along walkway across the top

Cenotaph: remove/replant existing trees next to monument and remove clutter around the base. Cenotaph on a 'plateau' reinstating key symbolic role and spatial importance.

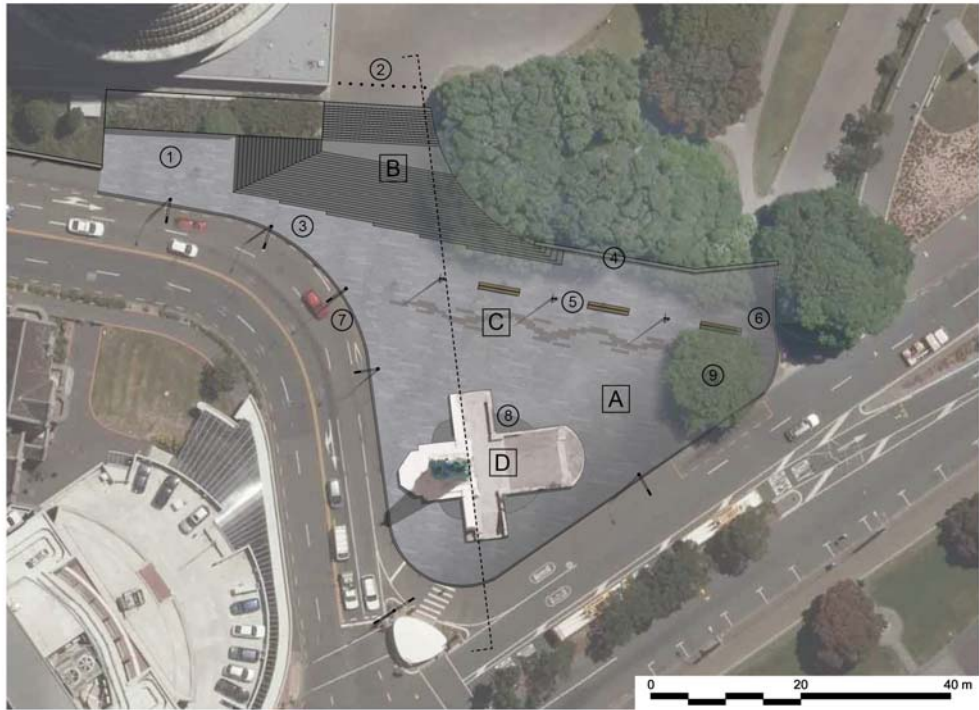
Existing monumental wall with hedge around Parliament Grounds

Cenotaph Square and Parliamentary Steps: indicative view from Lambton Quay

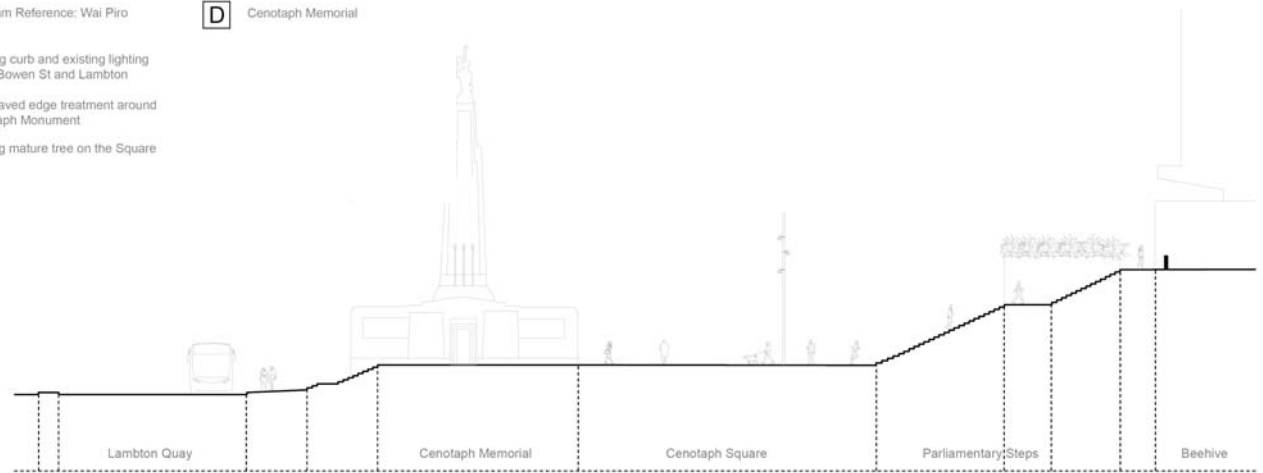




Cenotaph Square and Parliamentary Steps: Concept Design



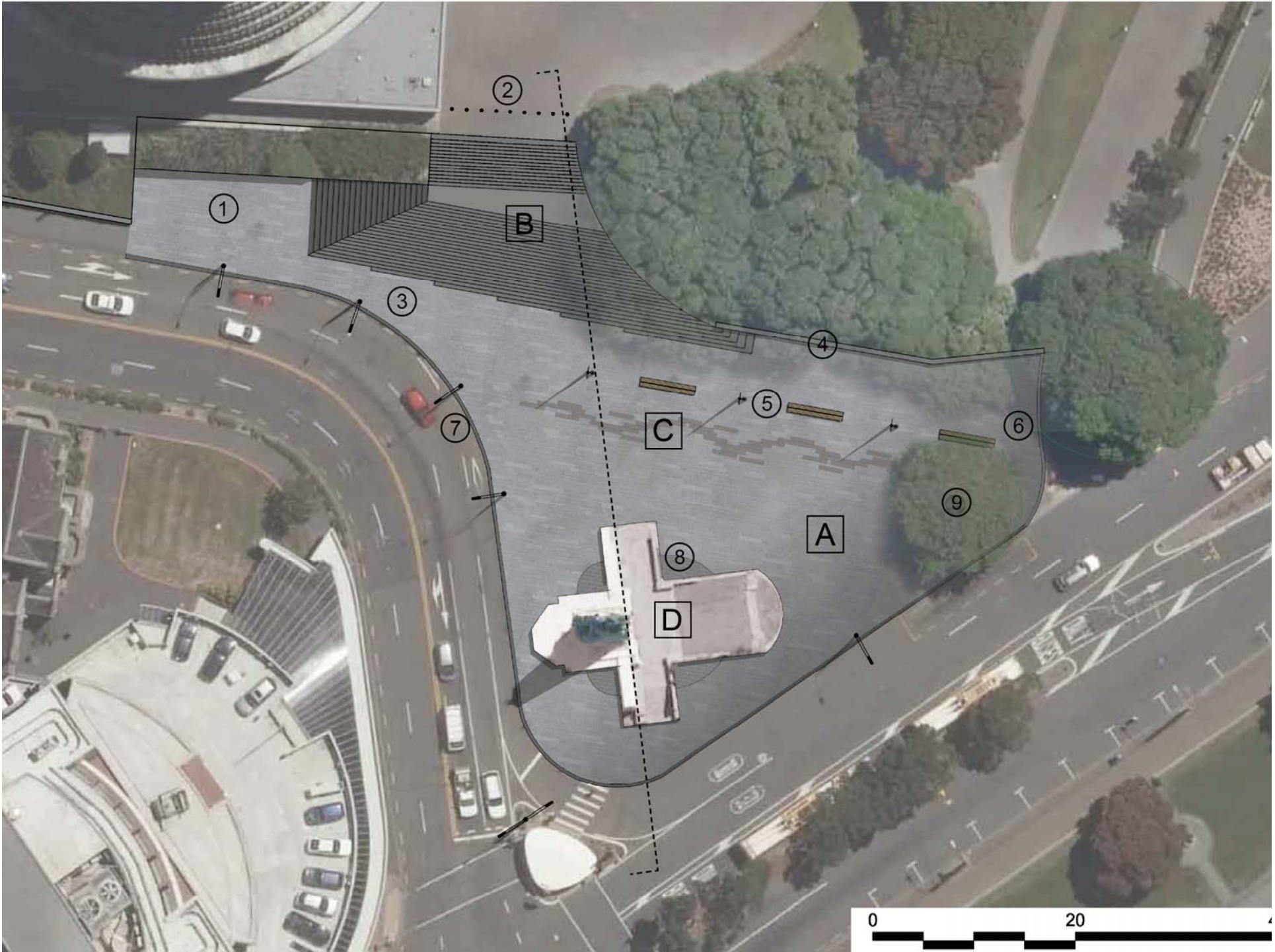
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| A Cenotaph Square | B Parliamentary Steps | C Stream Reference: Wai Piro | D Cenotaph Memorial |
| ① Bowen Street access to Beehive new pavement | ④ Existing perimeter wall Parliament Grounds | ⑦ Existing curb and existing lighting along Bowen St and Lambton | |
| ② Top level Belvedere Parliament Security bollards | ⑤ New lighting and seating on Square | ⑧ New paved edge treatment around Cenotaph Monument | |
| ③ Raising footpath to level of Bowen Street | ⑥ Edge of Square pavement along Parliament Grounds entrance | ⑨ Existing mature tree on the Square | |



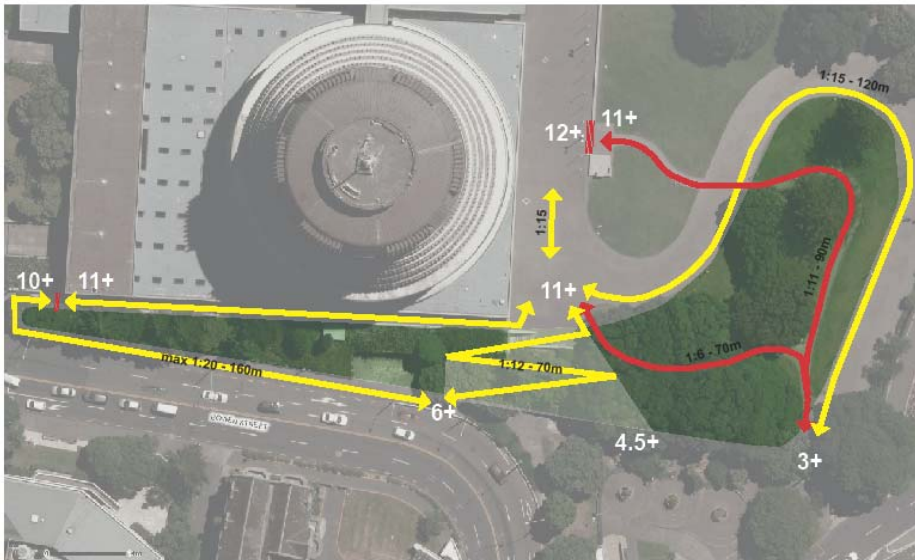
Indicative cross section Concept Design

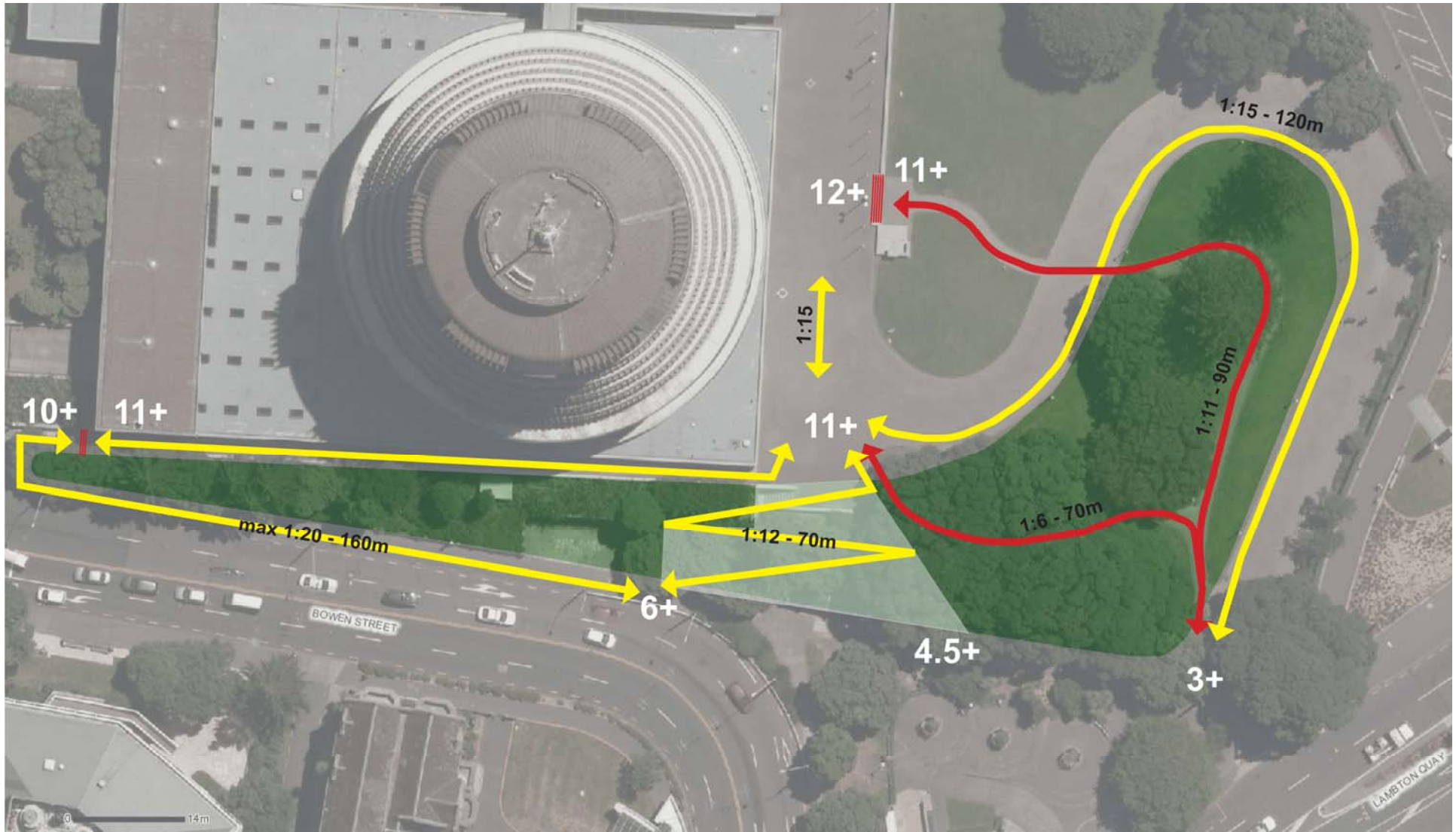
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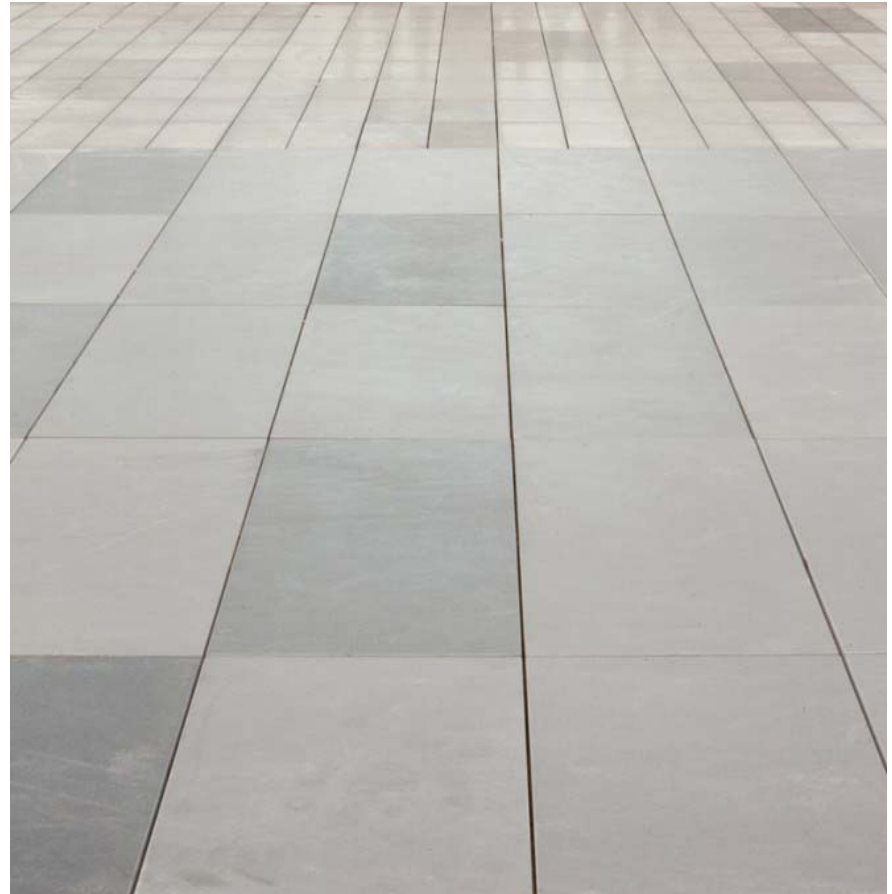


Parliamentary Steps: Scale and Accessibility





Cenotaph Square: Precedent Images - Plaza Space - Events Space - Water feature



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