
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Time: 9:30 am
Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2020
Venue: Ngake (16.09)
Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Wellington

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day (Chair)
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated
Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust

AREA OF FOCUS

The role of the Strategy and Policy Committee is to set the broad vision and direction of the city, determine specific outcomes that need to be met to deliver on that vision, and set in place the strategies and policies, bylaws and regulations, and work programmes to achieve those goals.

In determining and shaping the strategies, policies, regulations, and work programme of the Council, the Committee takes a holistic approach to ensure there is strong alignment between the objectives and work programmes of the seven strategic areas covered in the Long-Term Plan (Governance, Environment, Economic Development, Cultural Wellbeing, Social and Recreation, Urban Development and Transport) with particular focus on the priority areas of Council.

The Strategy and Policy Committee works closely with the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee to achieve its objective.

To read the full delegations of this Committee, please visit wellington.govt.nz/meetings.

Quorum: 8 members

Have your say!

You can make a short presentation to the Councillors at this meeting. Please let us know by noon the working day before the meeting. You can do this either by phoning 04-803-8334, emailing public.participation@wcc.govt.nz or writing to Democracy Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington, giving your name, phone number, and the issue you would like to talk about. All Council and committee meetings are livestreamed on our YouTube page. This includes any public participation at the meeting.

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson will open the meeting with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

At the appropriate time, the following karakia will be read to close the meeting.

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana,	Draw on the supreme sacredness
te wairua	To clear, to free the heart, the body
I te ara takatū	and the spirit of mankind
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

1.2 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2020 will be put to the Strategy and Policy Committee for confirmation.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows.

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Strategy and Policy Committee.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Strategy and Policy Committee.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Strategy and Policy Committee.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee for further discussion.

1.6 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under standing order 31.3, no request for public participation for this meeting will be accepted as this meeting has been scheduled for the purpose of oral hearings only.

2. General Business

FUTURE OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY HEARINGS

Purpose

1. This report asks the Strategy and Policy Committee to acknowledge and hear members of the public who will be speaking to their submissions regarding the consultation on the future of the Central Library.

Recommendation/s

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Hear the oral submitters and thank them for speaking to their submissions.

Background

2. Wellington City Council conducted a special consultative procedure on the Future of the Central Library from 27 July 2020 to 7 September 2020.
3. During the consultation, every submitter was provided with the opportunity to speak to their submission at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on 22 September.
4. After the hearings officers will present a report to Strategy and Policy on 22 October with the summary of the consultation along with the results of other work conducted and will provide a recommendation on the best option for the Future of the Central Library.

Discussion

5. The written submissions of those speaking at this hearing have been attached to this report.

Options

6. The committee only has one option, which is hearing the oral submitters.

Next Actions

7. Following the hearings, the Strategy and Policy Committee will consider information received on the 'Future of the Central Library' consultation and make recommendations to Council in relation to the way forward.

Attachments

The Future of the Central Library – Oral Submissions

Author	Cyrus Frear, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authoriser	Jennifer Parker, Democracy Services Manager Stephen McArthur, Chief Strategy and Governance Officer

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Engagement and Consultation

This report provides for a key stage of the consultation process – the opportunity for the public to speak to their written submission.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

N/A

Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report. Submitters may speak to matters that have financial implications.

Policy and legislative implications

There are no policy implications arising from this report. Submitters may speak to matters that have policy implications.

Risks / legal

N/A

Climate Change impact and considerations

N/A

Communications Plan

N/A

Health and Safety Impact considered

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made to postpone the original hearing dates from March 2020. Under the current alert level (level 1 at time of writing) Council and committee meetings will no longer be conducted via audiovisual link. Nevertheless, Democracy Services will facilitate the attendance via audiovisual link for elected members and members of public as an alternative mode of participation.

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Respondent No: 27

Q1. **Your name*** Colin Keating

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

The library was already proving to be a flexible space not only for books, but also other media, space for the elderly, for the vulnerable, for the lonely, for children, for students for digital learning and much more. Don't over analyse the possibilities. Just bring the Library back and give it sufficient funding and discretion and it will unleash its potential

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option A - Low-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Option C might be the best option in a perfect world. But after Covid 19 we are definitely not in a perfect world in terms of ratepayers capacity to absorb rates increases. And we are in a world where stress on the ordinary people is going to be much higher, perhaps for a decade. People need the space open as quickly as possible. So the issue is not only choosing the lowest cost, but also the quickest reopening. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Timeframe
3. Heritage
4. Making the building safe
5. Future-proofing the library service

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.	Neutral
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets	Neutral

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

Impossible to comment intelligently in the absence of more information about options for the other buildings facing onto the precinct.

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

They are well done in the light of the constraints, but unsatisfactory substitutes for the closed library

Q16. Where do you currently live? Wellington Central

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 70 to 74

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 85

Q1. **Your name*** Huia Welton

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

The central library could and should be a hub for the broader community. a free accessible space - so much more than simply a place to borrow books from!

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

The central library is the heart of the city - please treasure it as much as me and my family.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Making the building resilient
3. Accessibility
4. Opportunities for partnership
5. Future-proofing the library service
6. Climate change
7. Sustainability
8. Timeframe
9. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
10. Heritage
11. Cost to ratepayers

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

Just how incredibly important those things are.

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of
the following have you visited in the past 6
months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Combination of services - ease of access. Great staff.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Berhampore

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 40 to 44

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 146

Q1. **Your name*** Allan Frazer

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

I regard this building as one of a few that are the very core of the city cultural and community spaces. The new build needs to be as flexible as possible to allow for easy redesign of floor space to provide for future change in the role of libraries. I liked the presence of a cafe, playroom and presence of CAB. Maybe there could be a limited number of other community organisations housed as well eg a space for refugees to meet to help in their settling in process. Build on the learnings from the Johnsonville library.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

To me the key element of the existing building is its irregular external wall shape and the palm trees and I would like to see both these elements retained.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Cost to ratepayers
3. Timeframe
4. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
5. Opportunities for partnership

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.	Appealing
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets	Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

Stage more events in open space, have a cafe with indoor and outdoor tables. Electronic signboard showing upcoming events, maybe like that on stock exchange.

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Once every few months

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Karori

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 75 to 79

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 175

Q1. **Your name*** Reid Wicks

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

Books, free internet access. Just to be a third space where people can exist without having to spend money.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

We must build it ourselves, and no handing over the rights to the land to private companies. It should be by Wellington, for Wellington. Businesses don't live in cities—people do.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Making the building resilient
3. Accessibility
4. Future-proofing the library service
5. Climate change
6. Sustainability
7. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
8. Timeframe
9. Heritage
10. Other (please specify)
11. Cost to ratepayers
12. Opportunities for partnership

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** making room to put 'cost' last. build it once, build it right. penny pinching will bite us in the ass

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngakau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngakau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngakau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Once every few months

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

I have not visited an interim library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

I think we should keep them around. Will make the city more accessible, give us more third spaces.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Kelburn

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

19 to 24

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 189

Q1. Your name*

Clara Breitenmoser

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission:

as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

I believe that the Central Library was already a community hub. The city has lost a valued social, communal and architectural space. The Civic Square site was the centre of Wellington but the library's closure has reduced the vitality of that area. Recently returning to Wellington after several years away, I really notice and miss the Central Library. I often visit Te Arapaki but it does not provide the same services and community space. Visiting the Johnsonville and Christchurch libraries show what can be done in partnership - 3D printing opportunities, museum/gallery spaces, council services. I'd love to see Te Ao Maori partnerships, spaces for the arts and services for disadvantaged communities. I believe this can be done within the current building, bringing life back to the Civic centre, supporting all the people and communities who live within Wellington.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one

Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

Sustainability is also a huge concern. The idea of pulling down a beloved and functional space of architecture and heritage value to keep filling the landfill is an awful prospect.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1. Sustainability
2. Making the building resilient
3. Future-proofing the library service
4. Accessibility
5. Making the building safe
6. Heritage
7. Timeframe
8. Climate change

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

These are useful for borrowing books. However, not having after hours return spaces is inconvenient and off-putting.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Newtown

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

25 to 29

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 195

- Q1. Your name*** Mary Edwards
At this time of hardship its poor judgement to spend MILLIONS on this. Demolish. Use local libraries. Build something that brings in money, not adds to ratepayers worries with the economy going down. If not, then option D or E, RELUCTANTLY
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- Q2. Your email or postal address**
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- Q3. You are making this submission:** as an individual
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- Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**
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- Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
Demolish it and put something there that brings in money. Use local libraries. More intimate, more locally focussed.
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- Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** None of the above, I prefer an alternative
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- Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** Demolish and put something there that brings in money. This is not the right economic time to be spending MILLIONS of dollars on a central library. Where is the judgement of counsellors?
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- Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
Its not necessary. There are so many more pressing things to spend millions of dollars on at this time. People in Wgton are hurting financially. This will take a long time, if ever, to recover. Please don't add to the financial stress of Wgtn ratepayers.
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- Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**
1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Other (please specify)
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- Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** I'm angry that WCC stuffed up the original build by signing it off in the first place. Rate payers mental health re financial stress should be an obvious factor. Why is it not listed here? WCC has no understanding of financial climate
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- Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
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- Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**
not answered
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- Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Once every few months
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- Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply** Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

They are very nice and very usable. Hence - we don't need a fancy central library to be a priority in these uncertain financial times.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Lyall Bay

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 55 to 59

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 197

Q1. **Your name*** Thangavel

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

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Central library was the place of go to for many people, such as students, working pro's, parents with young kids (like me) we miss it so much. It is a place to engage kids and I liked the foreign language section in it. It could be used for other cultural events as well.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one**

Option E – New build on another Te Ngākau Civic Precinct site

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not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

It is mandatory to have one, looking at the cost and time line new building at a different site looks better than other options. I am not sure if I will still live in city in 2023 but I am sure it will be good for the city residents.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Timeframe
3. Accessibility
4. Cost to ratepayers
5. Sustainability
6. Heritage
7. Climate change
8. Future-proofing the library service
9. Making the building resilient
10. Te Ngākau Civic Square connections
11. Opportunities for partnership

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?**

not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat unappealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat unappealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

tbh I dont use other spaces much , except the library space. but walking on that turf space is relaxing. We dont have many such big public spaces in the city.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

I think the council has done a fantastic job in setting up those pop up libraries. I like the flash facility at Brandon street - Te Awe library. I think the council has done what it could with limited space available on those centers. Awesome work. The staffs are very helpful as always. One missing facility was after hours book drop which is covered now at Te Awe.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Te Aro

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

30 to 34

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 205

Q1. **Your name*** Karen

Q2. **Your email or postal address**
Option 1 - speedy, focused, remedial and library opening

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

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Remediate the earthquake risks and open our library asap

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option A - Low-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
Civic Square works well alongside the library. No fancy changes seem needed. The future of the library is in it being a library. It has worked well, nothing is perfect, keep it working, please.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Heritage
3. Accessibility
4. Cost to ratepayers
5. Timeframe
6. Other (please specify)

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Timetable - get the job done, please, stop "consulting" - most people who bother to respond just want their library back.

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.	Neutral
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets	Neutral

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It has worked brilliantly for all sorts of events - concerts, food stalls, sport (formal and informal), meeting places. Keep it simple, keep it functional. Take away all those metal barriers asap.

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Monthly

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the following have you visited in the past 6
months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Both are doing well, good staff, etc - but obviously with some limits on available stock

Q16. Where do you currently live? Mount Cook

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 65 to 69

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 257

- Q1. **Your name*** Sam Kahaki
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- Q2. **Your email or postal address**
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- Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual
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- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)** physical address only given
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not answered
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not answered
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- Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Submitter has ranked too many
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- Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
- Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing
- More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing
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not answered
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Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

OK

Q16. Where do you currently live? Wellington Central

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 70 to 74

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 268

- Q1. **Your name*** Clinton Hill
- Q2. **Your email or postal address**
- Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual
- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**
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Should be 100 years
- Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site
- Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered
- Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
The mayor must resign, return truth to ratepayers, get rid of cycleways
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not answered
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Comment beside #13 No Parks

Q16. Where do you currently live? Island Bay

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 35 to 39

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 306

Q1. Your name*

Helene Ritchie

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission:

as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

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1.

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Please see my submission above. It is unhelpful to rank as many go together.

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Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?
not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Aro Valley

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? Prefer not to say

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Q1. Your name* Alex Gray

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

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Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations. The existing library is nearly 30 years old and needs modernisation. I like the layout of the new Johnsonville Library.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. I do not consider Council has enough design information to have any accuracy in the estimate for the preferred option C of \$174M to \$200 Million. Some Councillors may remember the original estimate for strengthening the Town Hall was about \$25 Million and is now well over \$100 Million. My preference is for the heritage features of the existing Athfield designed building to be removed and reinstated in a new Base Isolated Library. I believe this will be considerably cheaper than Option C and also allows greater flexibility in the new design. The main features I consider worth reinstating are the main entrance and the promenade of palm trees on Harris Street. The cladding and windows of the building are insignificant in my view and do not merit saving. If Council is adamant that they want to strengthen the existing Library (Option C) I request that a detailed design and estimate be completed before Council proceeds with construction.

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building? The Central Library is a critical part of the centre of Wellington city and needs to be reopened as soon as practicable.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Making the building safe 2. Future-proofing the library service 3. Heritage 4. Cost to ratepayers 5. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections 6. Making the building resilient 7. Accessibility 8. Timeframe 9. Other (please specify) 10. Sustainability 11. Climate change 12. Opportunities for partnership

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? Building a new library reusing the key Athfield elements from the original building

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following? Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

The precinct should continue to be used as it is now for a variety of events.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

The choice of books is too limited. I look forward to the new Central Library opening.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Brooklyn

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

65 to 69

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 351

Q1. **Your name*** Kate Linzey

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** Architectural Centre

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

What could it be like? Well it could last more than 50 years for a start! This questions is far too complex to expect a valid response and undermines the credibility of the Councils consultation process. The question seeks a plan for 'the next 50 years' by people who are willing to throw away a development that is only 30 years old. How long should a building last? The town hall building has already been standing for 120. According to Emile Temple (lithub.com) of "the 12 most popular libraries in the world" only 3 occupy buildings newer than Wellingtons Central Library. A simple project reinstating the existing facilities as quickly as possible is the only reasonable action at this time. Once the facility is operational again, then a well resourced and expansive consultation and planning process can be initiated and a viable long term vision for the library, Civic square and wider network of the city formed.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one** Option A - Low-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

The current building is an award winning cultural artefact. It's design and completion in the 1980s was not a knee jerk reaction but the result of a considered design process. It was highly innovative and responded to the latest ideas about community library usage. These are ideas that are still relevant today, even if some technology has changed. Any process that seeks to add, modify or replace the existing needs to be at least as good as the current building. Finding out what this should be must be given time. It must also have the existing library as the space within which consultation and development can occur.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Other (please specify)
2. Making the building resilient
3. Making the building safe
4. Climate change
5. Heritage

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** What will provide the best longterm outcome

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

It is very important that the central library open as soon as possible and, in time, return City Council offices to Te Ngakau Civic Square. Any importance the square had as public and democratic place is because these functions were part of the space. These functions return mana to Te Ngakau. If instead the square is made into a hub for performing arts, in the manner of New York's Lincoln Centre, Te Ngakau would become a desiccated centre of privileged culture. If turning into a hub for nightlife it would become another Courtenay Place. Do we really want to take drunken brawls to Wellingtons heart?

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

They are very busy They look a lot like banks, especially their branding Make them much bigger Unify them so a community can access them as a community

Q16. Where do you currently live? not answered

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? not answered

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you not answered



Respondent No: 397

Q1. **Your name*** Martin Kwan

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

The Library is a meeting place as well as a central public facility. It is currently the hub of the city, and the location provides an opportunity to not only provide a great facility, but to create a memorable architectural building akin to some iconic buildings around the world. Whilst our budgets may not reflect those of other countries, it forces us to be creative and daring rather than middle of the road mundane.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Refer section 6. Perhaps get ideas from Richard Meier Architects, or Norman Foster, or Hadid Architects, Please do not replicate Te Papa which was a compromise on ideas that delivered a building that could have been really memorable, But is NOT.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Future-proofing the library service
2. Te Ngākau Civic Square connections
3. Cost to ratepayers
4. Making the building resilient

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

Please use the Library opportunity to build a cohesive and well planned civic square

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Melrose

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 40 to 44

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 439

Q1. Your name* Eddy Davis-Rae

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: Te Ahi o Ngā Rangatahi and Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

Te Ahi envisions a modern, flexible and open space that is welcoming for and reflects the diversity of the people of Te Whanganui a Tara. This looks like including aspects from different cultures in the design (especially Māori), ensuring that there are spaces that make different people feel comfortable such as places where noise and eating is acceptable and quieter spaces for study/reading etc. The library should be well resourced with equipment and technology that bridges gaps between richer people those who can't access these things in their own home. The library space should be flexible so it can adapt to changing times and can host events and functions such as gigs and art exhibitions. Specifically we believe that the library space should cater to youth. This includes having a separate, designated space for young people to hang out. This request is based on evidence from a youth led research project on the wellbeing of young Wellingtonians. We asked 1243 young people in Wellington what they would do to improve the wellbeing of young Wellingtonians and "more spaces to hang out" was a significant theme that came through as well as involving young people in decisions that affect them.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building? Whatever decision is made, Te Ahi would like to see the inclusion of a youth specific space that is designed with and by young people themselves. Te Ahi are happy to be consulted on this matter and have a track record of gathering authentic youth perspectives on issues that impact them.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Accessibility 2. Future-proofing the library service 3. Opportunities for partnership 4. Timeframe 5. Making the building safe

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? Safe meaning not just physically but also inclusive

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

It's important and cool!

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets
He Matapihi Molesworth Library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Modern Accessible Trying to provide options while the library is out of action (we are a group of young people between the ages of 16-27 and this submission is from all of us so the below questions are not very helpful)

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Te Aro

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

Prefer not to say

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Prefer not to say



Respondent No: 453

Q1. **Your name*** Alex weir

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

All of the above run other thing such as open polytechnic sign ups, hiring of numerous meeting rooms etc

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Need to move with modern times and construction technology especially within a seismic zone.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Making the building resilient
3. Making the building safe
4. Opportunities for partnership
5. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
6. Future-proofing the library service
7. Accessibility
8. Sustainability
9. Heritage
10. Climate change
11. Timeframe

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

I think the area itself is great but as mention it needs to be modernised slightly not completely but a good mix of old and new

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Once every few months

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Brandon Sty is Great !

Q16. Where do you currently live? Wadestown

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 55 to 59

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 465

Q1. **Your name*** Leigh Halstead

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

not answered

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one**

Option E – New build on another Te Ngākau Civic Precinct site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.**

not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

There is a high probability of cost escalation and schedule slippage on option C. A new build using low damage design has a high probability of producing a more resilient building that optimises costs and outcome.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Future-proofing the library service
3. Timeframe
4. Sustainability
5. Making the building resilient
6. Making the building safe
7. Heritage
8. Te Ngākau Civic Square connections
9. Opportunities for partnership
10. Accessibility
11. Climate change

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?**

not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

With removal of the existing building Te Ngākau Civic Precinct will have a better opportunity to connect with the city

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?**

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Wadestown

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? Prefer not to say

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 476

Q1. Your name*	Gloriana Quiros-Venegas
Q2. Your email or postal address	
Q3. You are making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)	
Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.	<p>WCC is facing many challenges at once and a new library will represent an opportunity to develop a resilient building, with a larger capacity for books, larger social spaces (for cafes, much needed meeting areas, better study places and more) and it is key to plan it well. The Central Library needs to be a hub for learning, sharing, teaching and gathering and it must be resilient.</p>
Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one	Option D – New build on same site
Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.	not answered
Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?	<p>The Town Hall and many other remediation projects have highlighted the increasing costs of those repairs across the time. The heritage process is definitely of concern time-wise, but the opportunity to build a world class, resilient and sustainable building is unique. The council should be thinking about a building for the next 50 to 100 years and not consider repairing one that is ageing and EQ prone.</p>
Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accessibility2. Future-proofing the library service3. Making the building resilient4. Making the building safe5. Opportunities for partnership6. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections7. Sustainability8. Climate change9. Cost to ratepayers10. Timeframe11. Other (please specify)12. Heritage
Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?	Increase capacity of books at the central library and consider more car parking options in a new design. There is a need to be sustainable but even if people owns less cars per household, the population will grow in the next 20 years.
Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?	
Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.	Appealing
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets	Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

It should be an opportunity to also showcase art pieces as it happens outside Te Papa

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

I like to be able to get books but I miss the space to sit and the wider variety of books, as well as the cafe (which used to be way too small for the size of the central library).

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Kelburn

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

30 to 34

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 618

Q1. **Your name*** George Williamson

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

Around the world and in NZ there are examples of new and innovative 'best practice' library designs. Wellington, the capital of NZ!!! needs to have the best innovative library that an appropriate budget allows. What is most important is the internal design for current and future users, young and old.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Don't waste money on trying to protect the current architecture! Focus on future innovative use! The outside look of a new building can be adequately designed to fit in with surrounding buildings. Don't design for lots of offices - design for the library - as post Covid there will be a much changed workforce and remote working.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Future-proofing the library service
2. Making the building resilient
3. Accessibility
4. Cost to ratepayers
5. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
6. Other (please specify)
7. Making the building safe
8. Climate change
9. Sustainability
10. Heritage
11. Timeframe
12. Opportunities for partnership

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** As an aside, a new building will provide more work for a greater diversity of workers - providing greater benefit all round!

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Neutral

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

no comment at the moment

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Outside Wellington City

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

65 to 69

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 620

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- Q1. **Your name*** Chris Watson
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- Q2. **Your email or postal address**
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- Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual
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- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**
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- Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
- Physical spaces around town, video conferencing studios and facilities, books, magazines, media etc
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- Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** None of the above, I prefer an alternative
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- Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** Replace with a localised model of smaller branches in the CBD
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- Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
- New library buildings (plural) should be carbon neutral in their construction and operation 3-6 branches should be in close walking distance to people in the Cuba Precinct, CBD, Mt Cook, Mt Vic, Aro Valley, Thorndon, Kelburn, Oriental Bay. The fake Nikau were a novelty thirty years ago, but they passed their "use by" date. If they are valuable, then they can be auctioned to fund new libraries. Please demolish the dangerous building asap. We should accept that sea level will inundate the civic square within a building's life time and revert the area to nature. Swamp, flax, raupo etc would attract bird life and it can be connected to the lagoon.
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- Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**
1. Sustainability
 2. Making the building resilient
 3. Other (please specify)
 4. Climate change
 5. Cost to ratepayers
 6. Accessibility
 7. Making the building safe
 8. Opportunities for partnership
 9. Timeframe
 10. Future-proofing the library service
 11. Te Ngākau Civic Square connections
 12. Heritage
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- Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Library facilities should be much closer to people throughout the CBD and Mt Vic, Mt Cook, Aro Valley, Thorndon,
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- Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
- Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Unappealing
- More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Unappealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

WCC overrates civic square. It is dull - partly because it is all designed by the council - like a company town. It is in the wrong part of town to naturally attract people there. A successful square would be on the "golden mile". The area was conceived as a car park roof. It is a poor connection to the waterfront - barriers being Victoria Street corridor, Jervois Quay or the Bridge steps, the ramps and then the lagoon

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Once or twice a year

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Many ergonomic chairs with tables in quiet areas - NOT bar stools and definitely NOT the "torture rack" chairs from the old library.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Aro Valley

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 60 to 64

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 714

- Q1. **Your name*** Adrian Anderson
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- Q2. **Your email or postal address**
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- Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual
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- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**
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- Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
- not answered
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- Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option E – New build on another Te Ngākau Civic Precinct site
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- Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered
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- Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
- not answered
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- Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.** 1.
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- Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Opt A 40% NBS - too low. Opt B at 80% - better & cost < Opt C, D & E but respay > Opts D & E. Opt C cost & respay too hi. Opt D loses old lib. Opt E saves \$40M cost & respay < B & C. Fix waste water with cost & respay savings. Brace old lib shell & reuse
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- Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
- Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Don't know
- More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Don't know
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- Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**
- not answered
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- Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Once every few months
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Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Karori

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 75 to 79

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 743

Q1. Your name* Nathan Hotter

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

Looking at the suggested options it makes little sense to refurbish the current building as per option c if that will cost more than rebuilding the library. In particular the current building is not very attractive and does not really highlight any specific part of Wellington city. The current building has no architectural flare, or exiting features that make it stand out. In particular the palm supports are rather ugly and not pleasing to the eye. Having visited a number of libraries around the world there are many ways in which we could create a new and exciting design. As a place of knowledge, holding all those books it is important that libraries are welcoming to those who may not have that access elsewhere, while also displaying a certain regality. Rebuilding on the site also allows for an expansion in the size of the building which will be necessary to facilitate the estimated growth that Wellington city will see in the near future. Redesigning and integrating the new library with the waterfront will heighten its appeal and add to the experience, making it another attraction in the central city. A ventral rotunda of some description would be lovely as well to unite all the various entrances to the building. Inside the library I would like to see a reading room in particular, as there is something striking about such a design. Matching the older Art Deco building style would be great as well, helping reinforce our city as the heart of the country with parliament and governance all occurring here. Expanding the water features around the library would also be nice, as our city sits on the ocean that is very much a part of our life. Using the features to make the new building flow seamlessly with the waterfront, despite not being on it, while reinforcing some of our natural beauty, such as the sights of the Taputeranga Marine Reserve. To do this the water features can not simply look like swimming pools. Such features are not attractive, they must be seamlessly integrated into the landscape. Furthermore, by building an entirely new building it will allow us to set a sustainable earthquake safe example for development in the city. There are many risks that the structure will have to face in future. To be resilient and effective it must be something people enjoy so that it is not disused at a later date and its upkeep is maintained. It must also be built to withstand shakes, hence, base isolation would be strongly recommended regardless of the option chosen. By redesigning the building there is even the possibility to integrate a green roof and other natural features that help break up the city scape, rather than the current soviet looking structure. Integration of nature into design is what truly helps citizens feel at home. Many of our older buildings fail to achieve this feat.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building? not answered

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Sustainability 2. Future-proofing the library service 3. Making the building resilient 4. Accessibility 5. Other (please specify)

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? Design - Do not like the look or design of the current building

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

The civic square could be a great place, however, in its current format it is not very people friendly. The whole area needs a redesign to feel more welcoming and inviting. The lack of colour, the browns and lack of excitement all make a place that feels very isolated from nature and the rest of the city that needs serious work to become a go to place. The stark walls of the surrounding buildings also make it feel somewhat claustrophobic. Redesigning the library is a step towards making the square more user friendly and inviting with proper water features, natural connection and utility.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Once or twice a year

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply I have not visited an interim library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Kelburn

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 19 to 24

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 748

Q1. **Your name*** Ben Shea

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

More access from Civic square to ground floor. Better study spaces for students, i.e separate bookable rooms.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option B - Mid-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

The existing central library building provided a hub for the Wellington community for everyone from students to pensioners. Whatever course of action we decide to take it must be understood that for every moment we don't have such a hub there are real people losing the opportunities it provides, namely a safe place to socialize, to read and without wishing to sound sardonic, one of the few places we are not expected to spend money. While the redevelopment of central library can and perhaps should take an opportunity to include new spaces, council must avoid depriving a generation of a vital community asset. We cannot have a generation of kids going through school without a library to access, the Covid-19 pandemic has already caused enough chaos in learning without WCC removing free access to knowledge from those who want to learn. Whichever option is chosen, a vital consideration must be that we need a library and we cannot wait for an extended period of time to get it back.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Timeframe
2. Future-proofing the library service
3. Making the building safe
4. Accessibility
5. Climate change

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

Civic square forms a multipurpose space to be freely accessed by all members of the Wellington community and for that reason it is both a rarity and a treasure, it has been the grounds for protest marches and lunchtime football, for sunbathing and outdoor concerts. If this area is to be redeveloped then the versatility of the space must be paramount in its design.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets
Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Mount Cook

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

19 to 24

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 774

Q1. **Your name*** Jill Ford

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

I want the council to rethink the rebuild size as the current proposal all assume that it has to be the same size when in fact the building is much larger than whats actually need for a library for city our size. I have visited the new ChCh library and its wonderful. It is also around 9,000 square metres in size, while the Central Library building is around 17,000 square metres. This is despite ChCh having a much larger popu - 377,200 residents, and the territorial authority has 385,500 people, Wellington popu is 210,400 - more than 30% smaller than Christchurch. It turns out that a lot of the building is in fact office space NOT library. So the next question is WHY is WCC proposing to build office space at rate payers expense, when 1. Its not WCC core business, 2. There is plenty of office space in Wgtn, 3. People want WCC to provide a library not more office space. 4. We have huge expenses with the 3 Waters, other earthquaking issues, so why is the council not considering a smaller building that is JUST library. Yet this suggestion is nowhere on the consultation.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one** None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** It turns out that a lot of the 'proposed' building's are in fact office space NOT library. So the next question is WHY is WCC proposing to build office space at rate payers expense, when 1. Its not WCC core business, 2. There is plenty of office space in Wgtn, 3. People want WCC to provide a library not more office space. 4. We have huge expenses with the 3 Waters, other earthquaking issues, so why is the council not considering a smaller building that is JUST library. Yet this suggestion is nowhere on the consultation.

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

We havent asked the question - what do people want from the library, does it need to be just one large building, do we need to store heaps of reference books in the building maybe we have an archives, with digital research overtaking hard copies of books, maybe much more space is given to digital technology, then as more people work from home - meeting spaces in CBD and suburbs, quiet rooms.etc

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Opportunities for partnership
2. Cost to ratepayers
3. Timeframe
4. Climate change
5. Making the building safe
6. Accessibility
7. Other (please specify)
8. Sustainability

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Size of building - need to seriously consider whether it has to be built the same size as previously or even just one main building

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Less than once a year

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

I have not visited an interim library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

small meeting rooms like there used to be in main library.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Newtown

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

Prefer not to say

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 821

Q1. Your name* Gwynneth Jansen

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

This is a wonderful opportunity to maintain an important post modern building designed by Ian Athfield which is, as Kate Linzey of the Architecture Centre has described it 'essentially a decorated shed' which has 'plenty of scope to adapt to future needs'. The building can be repurposed to include the following services to the community which include learning opportunities, collaborative opportunities, rest and relaxation opportunities and access to community information. This would include: -access to a wide range of print and electronic resources, -Wifi access and space to use personal laptops - Some public access to computers to close the digital divide with staff on hand for assistance -access to librarian expertise and assistance for personal or institutional research, -breakout rooms to prepare and practise presentations -Bookable breakout rooms for group tutoring or hosting special interest groups some of which can be opened up to provide a small performance space. -small exhibitions - larger ones will be better hosted in the Convention and Conference Centre. - Spaces for quiet reading and reflection with comfortable furniture -Extended opening hours In the plan I note that all plans have 'the same amount of space allocated to library service functions 11,500 sq metres. (P13 of the Proposed Future of the Central Library Consultation document.) With the larger number of functions and to ensure that the library has space to grow and develop services which it currently does not, I suggest that the entire building area of 17,000 square metres be given over to the new Central Library. If there is a plan to commercialise the remaining 5,500 sq metres, that needs to be put on the table as part of the consultation.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option B - Mid-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

Option B, with the proviso that it opens closer to the opening date for Option A of November 2023. We need to get the heart of the city beating again. Another concern is the longer we wait the more costs will escalate. Another aspect is that the closing of the building due to earthquake resilience issues has given us the opportunity to upgrade the library services at the same time. These two aspects combined have increased costs beyond shoring up the building. However, I don't believe for a second that any of the new build indicative costs are anywhere near what the actual costs may be.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Heritage 2. Future-proofing the library service 3. Accessibility 4. Timeframe 5. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

I would like the Wellington City Council to share their plans for Te Ngakau Civic Precinct. Currently it is run down and the least inviting it has ever been. I think the Library needs to be there, the WCC offices need to be part of the precinct as does the Information Centre and the Art Gallery.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

They are interim, I do not want them to become permanent replacements for the Central Library.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Thorndon

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? Prefer not to say

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Prefer not to say



Respondent No: 830

Q1. Your name*

Bill Guest

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission:

as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

I support the concept of Central Library, with a network of outlying suburban branch libraries. However, in my opinion, the building is secondary to the LIBRARY itself.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one

None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

The emphasis must be on the functionality of the Library as an institution, and not a grand building/vanity project. I am confident that the professional librarians will understand this remark. When the closed central library was opened, the internet was in its infancy, laptops were not yet made, there were no smartphones, etc etc. I want the library functionality to be freshly defined by our librarians before any decision is made about the building.

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

Given the state of much city infrastructure (drains, water, roads, public transport) the Council cannot afford to spend more than absolutely necessary on a building. Get the library defined well, then consider the options for the building - and select the cheapest that will do the job well.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1. Future-proofing the library service
2. Cost to ratepayers
3. Making the building safe
4. Making the building resilient
5. Accessibility

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat unappealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

Throw the alleged traditions out the window. Focus on the library itself, then find a good site to place it at a cost affordable to ratepayers. I agree that a central location is desirable, but the civic precinct has no special significance to me.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, He Matapihi Molesworth Library
National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets
the following have you visited in the past 6
months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

They were an excellent response to the closure of the central library. But further money should not be spent on them because the aim should be the reinstatement of the central library

Q16. Where do you currently live? Karori

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 70 to 74

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 837

Q1. **Your name*** Stu Orchard

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

In descending order of importance: - A designated study and reading hall, - A large collection of books spanning topics relevant to the modern world, - Small, sound-proofed, and bookable pods in a range of sizes (one to two people for studying, larger spaces for teaching and meetings). - Lecture theatres and seminar spaces (with lots of public lectures, workshops, book readings, debates, films, listenings, and courses some of which could be run by the library). - Spaces to interact with modern technology (such as editing studios, VR studios, video conferencing facilities with useful interactive technology such as a Microsoft Surface Hub) - Performance and exhibition spaces, - Rooftop cafe, - Covered and secure bike parking (perhaps only accessible with a library card. - A planetarium or arborium - Laboratories available for public use for experiments - Workshops for woodwork, crafting, etc. - Lockers and temporary personal storage spaces, possibly long-term rental lockers. Notes: - All spaces to have high quality wifi and USB / 3-Pin power points readily available. - Spaces should be able to be easily converted as the needs of the library change over the next 50 years, small spaces may need to be combined or large spaces separated as uses change. - I'm not well versed in the best options for children's spaces but they would also be important to consider.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Perhaps too little space here to really get into detail, but the feeling in structural engineering circles is that the current options presented to the council are not adequate for the council to make an informed decision on the future of the library. There are two underlying factors to this statement. First, there are a number of techniques for improving the performance of the structure that do not require base-isolation (as is currently suggested in strengthening schemes) such as dampers which have not yet been properly costed. The potential for cost-savings from these options mean they should be considered fairly against alternatives for strengthening. Secondly, strong arguments have been made for a more thoughtful costing of a new structure taking in to account factors such as whether a smaller building could be viable (as has been done with Tūranga), or whether this building should include modern engineering methods of improving resilience against earthquakes, namely dampers or base-isolation.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Making the building resilient
3. Timeframe
4. Cost to ratepayers
5. Accessibility

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. **Appealing**

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets **Neutral**

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

The future of the precinct is a larger discussion for this and future councils. However, in the context of the library, planning now to create a stronger connection between the library and the square will give future developments the best chance of success.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? **Once every few months**

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply **Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre**

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

The spaces are insufficiently large and poorly set-up to provide adequate spaces for people to study in a private area. As could be expected given their size, they do not have an adequate range of books or other material to be of use. However, they have been crucial in the absence of the library for providing basic public services.

Q16. Where do you currently live? **Rongotai**

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? **19 to 24**

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you **Male**



Respondent No: 848

Q1. Your name* Keitha Booth

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

The primary role of the Central Library is to enrich the community through the provision of resources and to grow people's knowledge using face-to-face, group, and digital means. It is far more than a building providing physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships. It must not place offering these ahead of its primary role. Wellingtonians want to access resources and knowledge provided by librarians using traditional, innovative and inspirational approaches. We want to be surrounded by collections in all areas of the library, we do not want primary spaces used for other purposes.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

When finalising a new layout and service delivery model, I am assuming that the changed model of warehousing the collection in Johnsonville is fully assessed. It may be that the stack area of the "old" Central Library will not be needed and also that some specialist services could be distributed across the branches. Cost/benefit assessment needs to be made available by the Council.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Making the building safe 2. Making the building resilient 3. Future-proofing the library service 4. Timeframe 5. Cost to ratepayers

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

A central library delivering excellent library services will attract Wellingtonians to the Precinct.

<p>Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?</p>	<p>Monthly</p>
<p>Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply</p>	<p>Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre He Matapihi Molesworth Library Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets</p>
<p>Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?</p>	<p>They have demonstrated an excellent library service in very difficult times. I would like to see He Matapiki and Te Awe retained.</p>
<p>Q16. Where do you currently live?</p>	<p>Thorndon</p>
<p>Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?</p>	<p>75 to 79</p>
<p>Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you</p>	<p>Female</p>



Respondent No: 871

Q1. Your name* Nick Johnston

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September) c

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

For many libraries are a place to go to for social interaction and fill in time. The closed central library did not cater for this well. The library should be a space that is open in the evening and be near a mix of eating options and transport. The closed central library did not cater for this. The library should be compatible with commercial interests but not compete with these (the DVD section in my view came close to competing). The library should partner with them (for example the Aro Video store). A range of cafes would be good. The Council should consider if it is desirable to support certain retail/commercial activities. For example, could the library building have hotel accommodation above it(leased out) which rental supports the library. Also, should it offer cinema space to a commercial cinema entity. The current options are for one central library - why not consider more than one site with defined interests. For example the Food and Architecture resources could be in a food precinct and Environment resources could be on the Oriental Parade (old rotunda building). My main issue with the options that stay at the original building is that they are traditional approaches which ignore the opportunity to offer a service which has changed and is not likely to fit with what youth need. It seems to think a library is largely about books. I think this is no longer the starting point.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. Replace with a localised model of smaller branches in the CBD

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

The suburban libraries are variable and don't have any identifiable difference - many functions could be shifted to them. Why do we need a central library? We need libraries in the city which meet users needs - these might be stimulation away from home, help learning a general skill (IT, health information, resources kids can engage with).

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Other (please specify)

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? I don't think a central library model to be the best solution. The options ignore commercial partnerships.

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

It is shady space. It has bad transport links. It does not offer a range of reasonably price dining options. The city no longer sees it as a civic precinct. I see it as space no longer offering stimulation/originality. The top of Cuba street has more life than the Civic Precinct!

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

He Matapihi Molesworth Library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

They are trying, they are experimenting with what a user may want.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Wadestown

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

45 to 49

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 892

Q1. **Your name*** Lesleigh Salinger

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

Advice from library professionals as to what literary, visual, electronic, audio and educational services and resources are state-of-the-art and in demand. Flexibility in conduits and physical spaces to allow for adaption and growth.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option A - Low-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

It is absolutely possible to strengthen and refit the Athfield building without wasting huge amounts of ratepayers' money with grandiose schemes and empire building.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Accessibility
2. Making the building resilient
3. Cost to ratepayers
4. Future-proofing the library service
5. Timeframe

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** A focus on a workable usable central public library and the avoidance of grandiosity and a vanity project.

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.	Appealing
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets	Unappealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

The present library building was built with access and a pathway through the library to Civic Square. Just get on with re-opening it for public use.

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Once every few months

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Karori

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 70 to 74

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 965

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Q1. Your name* Ralph

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

The library should look to rebuild itself as a community hub. A library is one of the last places you can exist without the expectation of needing to spend money. Community rooms should be offered out to clubs, musicians, sports clubs, learning centres, artists among others.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

As a highly experienced construction professional, the most realistic cost effective and low risk option is to rebuild.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Other (please specify) 2. Accessibility 3. Opportunities for partnership 4. Heritage 5. Climate change 6. Sustainability 7. Timeframe 8. Cost to ratepayers 9. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections 10. Making the building safe 11. Future-proofing the library service 12. Making the building resilient

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngakau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

Q12. Te Ngakau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngakau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

The centre square has traditionally been the heart of any city and it is important that whatever decision is made allows the square to become the true heart of the city

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Once or twice a year

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Oriental Bay

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

25 to 29

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 982

Q1. Your name* Maureen Tong

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

It should stick to the knitting, the core role of a library which no other organisation has responsibility for.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

The priorities for the Library building have to be: (1) safety cannot be compromised (2) cost must be considered (3) there is a real value in the current central location (4) learnings from Covid levels must be built into the design to ensure it can meet the needs of the Wellington population during a pandemic. (4) heritage is a significantly lesser concern. The current library building, while I have enjoyed it has only been around a few decades, in my view the heritage library building is the original building (now art gallery). I cannot see the justification for up to \$40m or 25% additional cost to ratepayers (as well as a lesser building life) to keep the current building as compared to a new build which would more easily accommodate all that is now known about earthquake safety and sustainability and meeting the changing requirements arising from a pandemic

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Making the building safe 2. Accessibility 3. Cost to ratepayers 4. Other (please specify) 5. Timeframe 6. Climate change 7. Sustainability

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? Meeting needs for pandemic levels.

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

I have not visited an interim library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Kelburn

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

55 to 59

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 983

Q1. **Your name*** Mike Frawley

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
Can we please investigate using the Archives New Zealand as purpose building great location

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** I would like to use Archives building great building great location.
We could use civic square for another purpose

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
Civic square not a good option too expensive, land suspect land, I would like to see it as green space

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**
1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Making the building safe
3. Making the building resilient
4. Future-proofing the library service
5. Accessibility

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Don't know
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Don't know

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**
Poor space for library should be green space

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Monthly

Q14. **There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply** He Matapihi Molesworth Library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Good location

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Newlands

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

50 to 54

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 1028

Q1. Your name* Sandra McCallum

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: ChageMakers Resettlement Forum

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

Kiwis from Refugee Backgrounds, have every right in the world to flourish here in Wellington, Aotearoa, in every context. With a population that will continue to become increasingly diverse over the next 10 - 50 years the reimagining of the Central Library is an opportunity for bold leadership with vision and intention. Our refugee background communities talk about: • The importance of belonging in the Central Library – feeling welcome and included and connected • Resourcing being the key – our community members want the Central Library to be a place where they feel they have every right to be – they can see themselves in it - members of their own communities work there; the languages represented reflect the mother tongues of their communities; the resources that are available reflect the many identities of our different cultures • Working in partnership with communities to increase accessibility and availability • participating and contributing and learning Newtown Library provides a great model for our communities – it is welcoming, is about connection and is an excuse to go and meet people from many different communities What are the key components of a reimagined Wellington Central Library? • It creates opportunities for Equitable Access to Life - Long Learning • a trusted hub • it's a place that nurtures new thinking and new relationships • it's about People, Place and Platforms coming together as a Knowledge Institution • A library inspires learning and grows social capital as well as strengthening the human capital of community However, the first step for the community members of ChangeMakers is feeling welcome, valued and respected. It is vital that the kaupapa of the Central Library is a welcoming place for everyone from the time they walk in the door.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

not answered

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Sustainability 2. Future-proofing the library service 3. Opportunities for partnership 4. Making the building resilient 5. Other (please specify)

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? A welcoming kaupapa for everyone in the city

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Miramar

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

65 to 69

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 1042

Q1. Your name* Anna Pendergrast

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

It's impossible to know what our city will be like in 50 years time, or what libraries will look like -- technological change will likely see us moving away from physical books in some capacity. I think the library space to be a place that people can come to sit, read, congregate, learn, grow. The design needs to be adaptable, as it's likely the needs of the community will change significantly in the next 50 years -- programmes and partnerships and community needs will not be the same now as they are in 10, 20, 50 years. Any design should be accessible and for everyone -- we all benefit when spaces are designed for accessibility.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one

Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

not answered

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1. Making the building resilient
2. Accessibility
3. Other (please specify)
4. Future-proofing the library service
5. Heritage
6. Making the building safe
7. Sustainability

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

Climate change and sustainability (together)

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

not answered

<p>Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?</p>	<p>Weekly</p>
<p>Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply</p>	<p>Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre He Matapihi Molesworth Library Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets</p>
<p>Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?</p>	<p>not answered</p>
<p>Q16. Where do you currently live?</p>	<p>Brooklyn</p>
<p>Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?</p>	<p>35 to 39</p>
<p>Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you</p>	<p>Female</p>



Respondent No: 1045

Q1. Your name*	Daniel Coffey
Q2. Your email or postal address	
Q3. You are making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)	
Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.	<p>Nobody wants to see the Central Library demolished but the costs specified (preferred Option \$200M) simply can't be justified. So: Do we still need a Central Library? People increasingly obtain information on line? My kids have only ever used it as a convenient place to study. Indeed, many of the arguments in support talk of retaining a community hub. There are much cheaper ways to achieve this. People wanting books still have access to community libraries.</p>
Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one	None of the above, I prefer an alternative
Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.	Relocating to the Convention and Exhibition Centre seems sensible - and should cost <10% of the Library repair. Like I said, do we really need a Central Library? Its significant that you don't include this in your list of options. Will future generations thank us for the debt we have incurred on their behalf? What is the opportunity cost of the \$200M WCC is keen to spend?
Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?	not answered
Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.	1.
Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?	Cost - its just way too expensive
Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?	
Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?	<p>As stated, a multi-story apartment block with the Library on the first 2 levels.</p>
Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?	Less than once a year
Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply	I have not visited an interim library
Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?	not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?	Crofton Downs
Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?	Prefer not to say
Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you	Prefer not to say



Respondent No: 1046

Q1. **Your name*** Rosemary Bradford

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

Existing services but some better community meeting rooms Lavatories on ground floor Cafe which opens to sunny outside area Civic square should become a place for meeting, having lunch etc. Current space configuration not ideal.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option E – New build on another Te Ngākau Civic Precinct site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?** not answered

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Making the building safe
3. Making the building resilient
4. Future-proofing the library service
5. Timeframe

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** The Library is the heart of the community so need to get going quickly. She be the heart of civic facilities and a place to meet, in cafe, sit in sun and chat etc

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.	Appealing
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets	Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

Civic precinct should be the heart of the civic community. Offices, Council Chambers, Library etc should all be there and public loos on ground floor

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Oriental Bay

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 70 to 74

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 1111

Q1. Your name*

Andrew

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission:

as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to

the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

A reorientation away from traditional library services (books) and toward broader community services, particularly those that target more vulnerable members of the community. This should include a focus on supporting and sustaining civic life, such as creating spaces for community groups and clubs to utilize.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one

Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

I fail to see what heritage there is that is worthwhile protecting. The building is neither particularly old, and to be honest it is quite ugly. I cannot see how it would be worthwhile spending an extra \$25m to conduct a high level remediation rather than knocking it down and starting again. Judging by the progress of the earthquake strengthening of the town hall, I would have assumed that the council would have learned that remedial projects are considerably more complex, and therefore risky, and therefore prone to cost escalations. I cannot see how the councilors would believe the high-level remediation to be the best option. Any of the remedial options are likely to result in large cost escalations, so knocking it down and starting over would likely be far more cost effective than even a low level remediation, given the earthquake resilience and reset lifespan one would expect from a new build. This is likely to hold true even when taking into account the likely desire of Councillors to use the opportunity to erect a monument to themselves and their "foresight" at considerable cost to the ratepayer and at the neglect of essential services, such as the homeless shelter, three waters, and transport.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1. Accessibility
2. Sustainability
3. Other (please specify)
4. Making the building resilient
5. Future-proofing the library service

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

An emphasis on cost efficiency, not simply the nominal cost. A higher cost is fine, if this delivers a proportionally greater benefit to the city.

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

I think the emphasis on Civic square is overdone. It's not a bad patch by any means, but it can hardly be considered the heart of the city. As long as there are no cafe's within the precinct, particularly one's able to take advantage of sunny outdoor seating, the square will never really be more than a city backwater and a starting point for protests.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Never

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply I have not visited an interim library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

No Comment

Q16. Where do you currently live? Mount Cook

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 25 to 29

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 1118

Q1. **Your name*** Robyn Tiller

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
 Corners/spaces for study quiet reading.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
 Keep it on the present central site v accessible to all.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Future-proofing the library service
2. Cost to ratepayers
3. Making the building safe
4. Making the building resilient
5. Accessibility

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.	Appealing
More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets	Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**
 I'd love to see photo exhibit s showing the history of that part of our city, the previous library our gorgeous Town Hall and the Michael Fowler Center plus the events that have happened there.

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Weekly

Q14. **There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply**

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

I LOVE these interim libraries. Congratulations . I like how they are part of the city and how I can return books easily as there seems to be one nearby. Dare I suggest that some might remain even when the main library is reinstated!! I would like to think that the Council is mindful to keep rates at a reasonable level.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Thorndon

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 65 to 69

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 1167

Q1. Your name*	Owen Hughes
Q2. Your email or postal address	
Q3. You are making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)	
Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.	
<p>The Central library should be accessible to all. It should embody best practice accessibility. This should be consistent with the "Framework to accelerate progress towards accessibility in Aotearoa New Zealand" as signed off by Cabinet on 22 July 2020. [See https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/accelerate-accessibility/index.html] The accessibility concepts and specifications should be co-developed with the Access Alliance [See accessalliance.org.nz].</p>	
Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one	Option D – New build on same site
Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.	not answered
Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?	not answered
Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Making the building safe2. Climate change3. Accessibility4. Cost to ratepayers
Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?	not answered
Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?	
Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?	not answered
Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?	Weekly
Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply	<p>Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre</p> <p>He Matapihi Molesworth Library</p> <p>Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets</p>

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

That they exist at all. The staff are consistently friendly and helpful.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Newlands

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

65 to 69

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 1187

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- Q1. **Your name*** Peter Skrzynski
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- Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual
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- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**
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- Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

People were very happy with the way it was. As a minimum, we should be aiming to restore that. People have had enough of grandiose projects that become a financial millstone for ratepayers, especially consider the impacts that the pandemic will have.
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- Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option A - Low-level remediation
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- Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered
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- Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

The consultation process should have started immediately after the building was closed. Exact costings were not required then, and we certainly don't have them now, so why the big delay? Why do the council officers get to decide what the preferred option is? Shouldn't the ratepayers be deciding that?
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- Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Other (please specify)
3. Cost to ratepayers
4. Timeframe
5. Sustainability
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- Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Restoring the service as it already existed.
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- Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
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- Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

not answered
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- Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Weekly
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- Q14. **There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply**

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Not much. Please restore our central library.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

not answered

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

not answered

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

not answered



Respondent No: 1238

Q1. Your name* Stuart Niven

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

The Wellington Central Library (and City Libraries in general) are perhaps the most important of our contemporary public building. While their prime function is to access (in a variety of ways) a great collection of books (either online or in hard copy) across all library categories - they also represent a quiet, reflective place to read or study and the location for a wide range of more active social and community activities that can comfortably co-exist with a Library's primary function. Consequently, a contemporary public library has to have the ability to spatially adapt over time as Library functions grow and new, related programmes are developed. The existing building is widely recognised as an important architectural contribution both to the city and to the wider composition of the Square and its other surrounding buildings. While the building itself has been designed as - for want of a better word - a large "tent" space capable of spatial rearrangement within its walls its architectural presence in the city, its built iconography and its architect are all acknowledged nationally to the extent that the building has been (and is) closely associated with the city's identity - recognised in the architectural awards given the building.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one
Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.
not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

Any discussion of the building's future has to be considered in its wider setting of the City Square precinct and the building's intended relationship to that precinct. It would be a serious mistake to confine discussion of the building's future to the building in isolation from these crucial surroundings.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.
1. Heritage
2. Making the building safe
3. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
4. Future-proofing the library service
5. Sustainability

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?
not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngakau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat unappealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

I was closely involved in the thinking behind the collective development of the Square and the development of its public life and its surroundings as - initially - part of Athfield Architects - and as the Council's first formally designated urban designer throughout the 1990s. It has always concerned me that a very carefully composed design attached to the development of an active life at the heart of the city has often been misunderstood and treated badly in the sense of public custodianship. The failure to revive the surface pools, the failure to develop a successful strategy for active edges around the Square, the removal of the portal without considering the drama this gave to arrival in the Square; the vacancy of the Capital E space and the occasional ad hoc treatment of the original Square itself have all reduced the presence of the Square over time. Of all the buildings that surround (and make up) the Square, the Central Library building has always made the strongest contribution to the wider Square precinct of which it is a key part. In particular, the public route through the building from Victoria Street into the Square and the giant curved glass bay of its eastern frontage to the Square are the most successful parts of this contribution. This is, in part, why the design of the existing building should be treated with great respect,

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Of the interim branches, Te Awe - the most recent addition - is the only one that has anywhere near the feel of a Central City Library - but it is still a poor substitute for the strengthened, refurbished and recovered Central Library building.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Mount Victoria

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

70 to 74

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Respondent No: 1256

Q1. **Your name*** Mark Cubey

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

not answered

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one** None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** Replace with a localised model of smaller branches in the CBD

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

If a disaggregated localised model of a network of smaller branches is not adopted (and also allowing for the separate establishment of a great many more free and open public spaces for common city, meetings, performance etc), then the option of a lowest cost and fastest build should be adopted.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future-proofing the library service 2. Timeframe 3. Sustainability 4. Climate change 5. Accessibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future-proofing the library service 2. Timeframe 3. Sustainability 4. Climate change 5. Accessibility
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Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

The cafe model responsibly executed by Clarks and Nikau should be retained, but no other commercialisation of this public precinct. If the remediation of the buildings allows the underground carpark to be eliminated and the civic precinct strengthened from below, this should be done,

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Good location spread, and aesthetic (J-ville also great) but we need more of these. Suggest Allen/Blair streets or Kent/Cambridge Terrace for starters; and a better central city option: Arapaki will never be more than a showcase for new books. The reserve/pickup/dropoff facility is a service that should be refined further and actively promoted city-wide. A solution also has to be found for affordable and accessible public meeting rooms and performance spaces in the city. The Te Awe cafe is overpriced and not suited for families.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Mount Victoria

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 60 to 64

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 1265

Q1. Your name* Heather Garside

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

Wellington Central Library is a crucial & essential part of Wellington's culture and life already, with the services it already offers - information & entertainment with professional help to access it - via books, periodicals, documents, websites, digital information, music, reference material, newspapers, etc. - all the physical and digital resources the library offers. It also offers a community space for study, leisure, relaxation, business support, community organisations, etc. in the building that has many spaces, relaxed feeling, flexible use, good acoustics for people to be doing various different things without impacting on each other. The library is a democratic available treasure to all people, from babies to old people and all in between. I'm keen for WCC to realise the value of the library as it is/was without added whizz-bang extras. Anything added in needs to not detract from any of the inherent value of the library as it stands. For example, I am interested in the technology maker space that's been added to Johnsonville Library - it's a great resource also, but it's not more important than the books etc and meeting/study space that a library offers. I would love to see the Central Library strengthened and restored to use quickly and effectively as possible. We don't need to add a lot of new features at the same time, which may slow the process or add undue cost. We need to allow room for new things to happen in the future, but don't need to decide all that stuff right now.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

https://www.bbc.com/news/business-53642581?fbclid=IwAR2fzMqbG9D1uYxTs3HeT1dpeNHYSrT3KESpZAZo2VM8SPN8IYIXAaCZwvA This article points out the amazingly high environmental cost of demolition and rebuilding. We must also put environmental concerns at the centre of our decisions. It is not a wise decision for our children's futures to act in ways that damage the environment more than is necessary. Please read this article! I was working in the old library building from 1985 until the shift to this new building in 1991, and then in this one until 1999. I was always so impressed that this building is well designed and functional for both library staff and library users. It seems the only problem it has is the need to strengthen the links between floors and pillars to make it safe against EQs from new engineering information. The services are mostly visible within the structure of the building, and the required strengthening additions would be in character with the existing style of the building. Exposed beams are reassuring and people can see the strength that's been added. I'm also in favour of adding the base isolators, and I'm a bit surprised that they weren't added at the start of the build. I had assumed that since they are best practice for protecting large public buildings, that base isolators would be required by the consent process!

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Future-proofing the library service 2. Making the building safe 3. Climate change 4. Cost to ratepayers 5. Accessibility 6. Heritage 7. Timeframe

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Unappealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

It's a great space! I like the "grass" that was added during the World Cricket event, and not removed - it makes it more friendly and useful than all concrete tiles.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Monthly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

I like the accessibility (although having only one entrance from Panama St, and not Brandon St for Te Awe is annoying - even though it's for Level 2). I like the after hours return slot in Te Awe. I like that they are all close to bus routes, as I don't take a car to the city, and use buses.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Northland

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 55 to 59

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 1269

Q1. Your name*

Bill Beale

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission:

as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

Proceeding with my preferred option D gives the best possible chance of reconfiguring a flexible space to cater for the next 64 years of use. The existing building was launched either prior or close to the date of the internet in 1991. It was seen to be very modern when some years later it began stocking and issuing video cassettes and DVDs. Much of the space designed for looking for and reading books and magazines is no longer required. Better to invest in staff that can facilitate and help people using technology to collaborate and access information than to store all of the collection in such a valuable 'people location'. It certainly should take the opportunity to be a space where people can engage with the collections and each other with a broad range of learning, research and creative endeavours. I am unclear what that the proposal document states (P13) that "all options presented... are based on a building of the same size as the current Central Library Building with the same amount of space allocated to library service functions/activity" It does not need two floors of Council office space or commercial office space to be included in its cost estimates. The plan should not simply accept that the current floor space is a given.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one

Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

I chose the new build option because it provided the best possible option for a lower price and less risk than Option C. But further work from the council is urgently needed, and should have been included with the consultation document to make the consultation process at this stage worthwhile. Essentially Option D is stated to cost \$40 million dollars or 20% less than Option C. Option D also should be able to provide a superior building, with greater sustainability (modern eco design), and more flexibility to design for future usability, rather than inherit outdated design concepts. It also gives more freedom to design for future climate change risks. There is also significantly less risk of unforeseen budget blowouts that can emerge when remediation of an existing structure is undertaken. (Consider the example of the current Town Hall project which is likely to end up with 10 years loss of use of the building accompanied by a 300% increase in the original budget). The WCC cannot afford to have out of control projects on two sides of the Te Ngākau Precinct. The \$40 million is to be weighed against these stated disadvantages. 1. Need to resolve Heritage Status. 2. Negative impact on sustainability options due to demolition 3. Longest time frame There is no attempt in the document to cost these, or even to comment on the council's current plans to do so. My comments. 1. Heritage status. I love the Nikaus and possibly they could be incorporated in a new build. But the Heritage value of a 30 year old failed building is hard to comprehend, when compared to its contribution to such a high additional cost. Councillor Pannet has said that Heritage New Zealand has no legal authority to stop or to ask for a building to be protected. Neither should Wellington wait passively for Heritage NZ to schedule an assessment 'later in the year'. WCC should take a position based on the best interests of Wellington citizens and defend any interference with vigour. 2. Sustainability options. Again absolutely no attempt to quantify this. It is clearly unfortunate to throw away a 30 year old building, but there will be sustainability benefits in a new build. Not the least of which is an expected 64 year life vs 50 for the remediation. 3. Longest time frame. We have lost 18 months already so the difference between May and November 2025 is not much. And Option D has inherently less risk. The Town Hall example should be a reminder of the 'unforeseen' The document includes building cost estimates with misleading false precision, but the benefit of \$40 million or more of additional cost is completely unclear th this stage. This needs urgent attention. There are also commentators observing that the remediation costs are much higher than they would estimate, so neither they, nor the cost of a new build should be accepted without question at this stage.

<p>Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other (please specify) 2. Making the building safe 3. Cost to ratepayers 4. Sustainability 5. Future-proofing the library service
<p>Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?</p>	<p>Exceptional design that has clearly defined objectives will provide a superb environment to use, inhabit and work in. This need not be expensive, but it requires clear thinking now.</p>
<p>Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?</p>	
<p>Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level.</p>	<p>Appealing</p>
<p>More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets</p>	<p>Appealing</p>
<p>Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?</p>	
<p>The existing library played an important role and the best role going forward should be that it meets its core reasons for being (Answer to Q5), rather than expanding the function to be more of a 'venue to host local events and performances for festivals etc.' We have a yet unbuilt Convention Centre and Te Papa within easy reach.</p>	
<p>Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?</p>	<p>Monthly</p>
<p>Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply</p>	<p>I have not visited an interim library</p>
<p>Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?</p>	
<p>not answered</p>	
<p>Q16. Where do you currently live?</p>	<p>Karori</p>
<p>Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?</p>	<p>70 to 74</p>
<p>Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you</p>	<p>Male</p>



Respondent No: 1274

Q1. Your name*	Ken Davis
Q2. Your email or postal address	
Q3. You are making this submission:	as an individual
Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)	k
Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.	<p>It should continue to be a public building as a portal to information, knowledge, dreams and possibilities, but also a community space, the "City's Living Room" and as an urban activator to support and enhance the Civic Square. The existing building already offers that, and it must be retained and upgraded</p>
Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one	None of the above, I prefer an alternative
Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.	Minimal level repairs followed by a future upgrade
Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?	<p>I support a combination of both Options A and C, with the cost effective seismic "quick fix" upgrade of the building in the short term as proposed in Option A and a later full "base isolation" seismic upgrade and wider interior and exterior modifications of Option C, in the mid/long term in 10 years. The building before it was closed was a highly functioning public Library and community facility and nothing operationally has changed. The Option A "quick fix" allows for a rapid return to business as usual and then allow for planning for a longer term upgrade to the building at a time that the city can afford this higher level of investment in Option C. The building must be retained as it is a very important example of the work one of NZ's most significant architects (Sir Ian Athfield), is a hugely popular (3000 people/day) facility, successfully serving a wide range of people, is robust and highly flexible and as a result could be readily upgraded, suitable for the 21st Century. Further the building and its distinctive Nikau Palms, integral to its design, have developed into an icon for Wellington and has become popularly known as "Wellington's Living Room". It is also important to re-state and remind Wellington City Council, of the significant environmental cost associated with destroying the building, especially given its demolition would be inconsistent with Wellington City Council's own sustainability policy "Te Atakura-First to Zero", its blueprint for "a zero-carbon capital city". In addition any demolition would incur an inevitable environmental cost, given the loss of embodied energy and carbon. Construction produces nearly 40 per cent of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions and it takes decades for a new building to compensate for the negative climate change effects resulting from its construction. This should be of concern to the council and finding a way to save the Central Library Building would be a good start for the council on its urgent journey to a carbon-free future</p>
Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Making the building safe2. Heritage3. Cost to ratepayers4. Timeframe5. Sustainability6. Making the building resilient7. Accessibility8. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections9. Climate change10. Opportunities for partnership11. Future-proofing the library service
Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?	not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

The design of the Library building, its scale and form, and its positioning on the site, was integral to the original success of the of the Civic Square, a space designed for public gathering, celebration, and protest. The Civic Square's initial vitality was in part due to the full occupation of the other adjacent buildings that formed the Square, each with their own entries. However the full potential to activate the edges of those buildings and optimize the Square's vitality and human activity was never fully realized, as over time the Square struggled to be regularly and positively activated. This has been further exacerbated by the closure of the Library, CAB, MOB, Old Town Hall and Capital E While there is some criticism that the Library building lacks permeability, active edges and connection with the Civic Square, the real issue with the lack of active edges to the balance of the Squares buildings However the Library building is a important part of the composition of the Civic Square and its transparent glazed "wavy" east wall offered a high level of visual activation and adequate physical connectedness and activation at its Civic Square entry. And while some further activation from the Library to the Square could help, the most significant benefit would be to maximize the active edges of the other buildings surrounding the Square In addition the Jack Illott Green should be developed fully to help contribute the the activation of the Square and complete the original composition of the Civic Square

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Once or twice a year

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change? street frontage visibility and access

Q16. Where do you currently live? Outside Wellington City

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 60 to 64

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 1348

Q1. **Your name*** Chris Horne

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

not answered

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Background I have visited the Central Library on numerous occasions over the years. Among the reasons for my visits are:

- To deliver copies of Wellington Botanical Society's thrice-yearly newsletter to the Serials Librarian;
- To deliver to Reception envelopes each containing 10 copies of Wellington Botanical Society's programme of evening meetings and field trips, addressed to the Head Librarian, and to the librarians at each of the eleven branch libraries, plus the Citizens' Advice Bureau;
- To attend meetings of Wellington Natural Heritage Trust of which I am a member and minutes secretary. We held our meetings in Clark's Café;
- To look through recent issues of aviation-related magazines.

Submission in support of WCC implementing Option C I recommend that the existing landmark building be:

1. retained in its entirety and opened to Te Ngākau from the ground floor;
2. structurally strengthened to 100% earthquake-resistant standard;
3. fitted with base-isolators of the most advanced design available.

A speaker at the meeting arranged by Wellington Civic Trust on 1 September in the Public Trust Building said that these have been designed in California. The speaker said that these isolators permit much greater movement of a building during an earthquake than the base-isolator system designed in New Zealand. Reasons for my recommendations of retention, strengthening and base-isolation:

- A. Demolition would be grossly disrupting to people who work or live in the vicinity;
- B. Demolition would produce thousands of tonnes of concrete and reinforcing steel. To consign these materials to the Southern Landfill would be, in my opinion, a waste of those resources and hasten the filling of the landfill;
- C. Demolition, followed by transport of the concrete and steel to the landfill would add large volumes of greenhouse gases to the world's atmosphere.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.** 1.

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? not answered

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change? not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live? Northland

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? not answered

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you not answered



Respondent No: 1351

Q1. Your name* Viv Chapple

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission:

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

Remembering that a library isn't a community centre (but forms its own community) but a repository and dispenser of knowledge, build a new one in the same place, keeping/recycling the two best features. These are the palm trees and a spacious entrance foyer. Sell the airspace above and allow apartments to be build on top. Keep the underground parking (for whatever vehicle the future brings) because that aids accessibility. Now is the time to borrow for infrastructure spending as money is cheap.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

The defunct library worked really well for me when coring for aged parents, carparking, lift, cafe and entertainment, all without leaving the building. How wonderful is that? I worry about rising sea levels and flooding though. Perhaps there needs to be two levels of vehicle parking, with the books (yes, books) on the first floor.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Cost to ratepayers 2. Accessibility 3. Making the building safe 4. Making the building resilient 5. Future-proofing the library service

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? Renovations are always more expensive than you budget for!

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Neutral

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

Question 6 is a question out of context. Who is to judge how many windows/doors are appropriate without seeing a plan. Natural light is important, but if sunshine is pouring in you are going to fade the books and make the computer screens illegible. Why ask about doors and windows? You could just as easily ask about sound baffling and security measures. Also in NZ it seems very common to 'over window' and thus allow for improper positioning of the furniture. 7) Because the "heart" is surrounded by buildings it is effectively a plaza. It is a much more pleasant one than the wind blown space outside Te Papa. A big open gathering space, which is green, is good for democracy.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

I have not visited an interim library

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

These libraries compete for on-street parking with everything else. Great for people living in the city who don't need parking but tough on the rest of us. That's why the branch libraries work so well. To test this hypothesis you could see how often people on one side of the city use library facilities on the other. The Central Library though, is a gem for everyone!

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Ngaio

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

55 to 59

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 1353

- Q1. **Your name*** Pauline Swann/Athol Swann
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- Q2. **Your email or postal address**
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- Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual
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- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)** Would like to but may not be available and would refer you to our submission at the WCC meeting 21st July 2020. Copy attached.
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- Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
not answered
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- Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option C – High-level remediation
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- Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered
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- Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
not answered
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- Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.** 1.
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- Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered
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- Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat appealing
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- Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**
not answered
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- Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Once every few months
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- Q14. **There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply** Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
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- Q15. **What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?**
not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?	Wadestown
Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?	80+
Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you	Female



Respondent No: 1360

Q1. Your name* Carmen Goldsmith

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

not answered

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one

not answered

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

not answered

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1.

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Wellington Central

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 60 to 64

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Female



Respondent No: 1379

- Q1. **Your name*** Brian Jones
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- Q2. **Your email or postal address**
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- Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual
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- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**
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- Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
- Cool space
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- Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site
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- Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered
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- Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**
- not answered
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- Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**
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| 1. Climate change |
| 2. Sustainability |
| 3. Timeframe |
| 4. Accessibility |
| 5. Cost to ratepayers |
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- Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Have better wheelchair access for my sister
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- Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**
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| Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. | Appealing |
| More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets | Appealing |
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- Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**
- not answered
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- Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Weekly
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- Q14. **There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply** Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
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Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

For question 8 on how often they visited a library - they commented they went to the library most days to study They like that "it's safe"

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Miramar

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

19 to 24

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Gender diverse/gender non-binary



Respondent No: 1385

Q1. Your name* Rosemary Russell

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

not answered

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. Take the Library building down to ground floor and put on a new roof. Use as a reference book library. More people use the internet, old people still like to check books. Use Art Gallery in Civic Square as new library. It was the library in 1950. Children ground floor, adults upstairs. Extend 2 single storey building on either side for cafe and reading room.

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

I'm a member of U3A that meets at Picture theatre Kent Terrace. We had a speaker about 12-16 months ago. He spoke about the land at Civic Square including the library. It was not a good report. Even the Police Building had trouble in an earthquake and the building turned round at its base, it can be seen from the footpath. The library was built after the 1990 Building Act change causing sub-standard building, also caused leaking homes. It is like the two buildings at Waterloo Quay - BNZ and Government department. BNZ had the wrong roof even though it was repaired. Both buildings have been taken down because floors pancaked they never should have been built there on the site. The black State Insurance building had same trouble but it was corrected before it was finished. The person that cuts my grass was a builder on the site. The art could be put in government or Council buildings. rest to Wanganui (old Wanganui Complete Centre. I worked for the government when it was built.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1.

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat appealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

Good access for disabled

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?	Weekly
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Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?	No
Q16. Where do you currently live?	Kilbirnie
Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?	70 to 74
Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you	Female



Respondent No: 1387

Q1. **Your name*** Sharon Ellis

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

not answered

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one** None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** All options A,B,C were ticked for Q6. "All of these as possible & when possible" Minimal level repairs followed by a future upgrade for Q7.

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Many of the examples in the supporting documentation feature stairs. None have handrail, lifts for those who can not manage stairs are not inclusive. Forget all the proposed changes they are rubbish.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
2. Making the building safe
3. Making the building resilient
4. Heritage
5. Future-proofing the library service

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat unappealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Unappealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

Te Ngākau as it was is wonderful. It has been destroyed by council moving out, closing off access, closing the library. Bring it back and the bridge too.

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Yes, bring back the proper library

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Te Aro

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

Prefer not to say

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Female



Respondent No: 1389

Q1. Your name* John Christopher Corry

Q2. Your email or postal address

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Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

The central library could be part of a community precinct, but could be a stand-alone library. This needs careful thought and planning.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one

Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

If the building is an earthquake risk it must be replaced. There may also be a sea-level flooding issue depending on the progress of climate change.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Sustainability
3. Future-proofing the library service
4. Climate change
5. Accessibility

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Unappealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat unappealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

This is a Te Ngakau question not a library question. No thought seems to have been given to the development of this area

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

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Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Arapaki and Te Awe are basically reading rooms rather than libraries; they do not hold significant collections of important non-fiction works.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Karori

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 75 to 79

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 1391

- Q1. **Your name*** Wellington City Youth Council
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- Q2. **Your email or postal address**
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- Q3. **You are making this submission:** Wellington City Youth Council
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- Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)** Ella Flavell - Youth Council
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- Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**
- not answered
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- Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one** Option D – New build on same site
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- Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered
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Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

We would like to appear in person to support our submission Contact person: Ella Flavell, Chair Wellington City Youth Council Introduction 1. The Wellington City Youth Council (Youth Council) welcomes the opportunity to submit on Wellington City Council's Future of the Central Library consultation. 2. Having considered the five proposed options, Youth Council wishes to support Option D - a new build on the same site. 3. Youth Council believes that Option D is the best proposal for the following reasons: a. A rebuild allows greater opportunities, whereas Option C is limited to the existing infrastructure of the building. b. Ability to create a 21st century, youth-focused space. c. A new building is able to be purpose built, rather than retrofitted d. Long-term resilience of the building as it can be built to meet the current earthquake-proof regulations, instead of attempting to strengthen a building designed for out-dated regulations. e. A new, creative space will improve civic engagement in the area, drawing people back into Civic Square. 4. A new build provides strong civic impact, is economically viable, and creates better opportunities for a youth focused space in the central city. 5. For these reasons, Youth Council believes that Option D provides the most desirable outcome for young Wellingtonians and future generations to come. Civic Impact 6. A new Central Library offers an unparalleled opportunity for our community to invest in a truly architecturally and socially significant building which reflects modern innovation and projects a self-confident aspiration for Wellington's future. 7. A new building gives us a new chance to meaningfully incorporate the narratives of the diverse communities and mana whenua of Te Opoko o te Ika Maui. 8. Unlike the trio of remediation options, Option D offers a high level of seismic safety and would be purpose-built and designed to incorporate best-practice sustainability standards and respond to long term climate change concerns. 9. With Option D, Wellington would respond to the immediate need to reconstruct the central node of our library system and invest in a valuable civic asset for the future. Rather than just repairing the current building, Wellington can build back better and be aspirational in designing a fit-for-purpose building to serve the community. 10. Christchurch City's experience in rebuilding its Central Library - Tiiranga - is insightful and instructive. Situated in Cathedral Square - Otautahi's equivalent of Te Ngakau - the new Central library provided a high quality fit for-purpose building for three reasons: a. The design process was meaningfully participatory and involved serious, sustained engagement with librarians and the community as clients and local iwi designers as key stakeholders. b. A partnership of designers who skilfully and responsively led and executed the design and; c. A public that values libraries and has quickly embraced the new building. 11. Christchurch's new library offers a broad range of amenities, including public meeting spaces, a giant Lego collection and slide, 3D printers, an interactive wall, sewing machines and more. These 'new' additions are consistent with international trends in library design and Tii.ranga embraces these without ever losing sight of its role as a collector and provider of books and archives. 12. Similarly, Option D gives Wellington an opportunity to innovate an exciting future for our community. At a similar, if not cheaper level of investment, Option D would reinvigorate Te Ngakau by fostering a sense of destination that creates an array of different kinds of experiences: quiet seating, meetings with friends, reading books, accessing public services online, playing games, doing homework, senior citizens get-to-togethers and youth centred engagements. 13. Our new Central library would not only inject stimulus into the heart of the city, but also a great civic building, a new work of culturally responsive, place-based architecture that represents the challenges we have been through and what we have lost, but manifests a bold, innovative and community-centred future. Economic Impact 14. Based on the information provided publicly by Council, Youth Council believes that a brand-new Central Library makes the best economic sense. Of the two options Youth Council is focused on (Options C and D), Option D gives Wellingtonians everything we gain from Option C and the ability to build a modern

building with amenities for a 21st Century capital city for between \$20m and \$40m less (Statement of Proposal, pp. 28-29). Option Dis cheaper to build and open, more resilient to future seismic activity, and undoubtedly more sustainable as it will (presumably) be designed from the ground-up as a green building. 15. The timeframes surrounding the proposals for Options C and Dare within six months of each other, indicating that Option Dis cheaper to build and only marginally longer to complete. 16. The Statement of Proposal does not go into significant technical detail regarding the relative seismic resilience of an Option C library versus an Option D library. It is expected that a new build will provide a more comprehensive approach to resilience than a strengthened existing build. New builds like Option Dare designed from the ground-up to meet and exceed not just today's building codes, but tomorrow's. 17. No matter how much you strengthen an existing building, you either keep the failing internal structure, or you lose the heritage by replacing it. The former couldn't, and shouldn't, be justifiable under Council's own standards, and the latter is essentially Option D bar the benefits. Youth Council believes that the city has a duty to current and future Wellingtonians to build the strongest Central Library we can - this means Option D. 18. Sustainability is also better supported by a new build than a retrofitted option. Youth Council believes that Option D achieves the best sustainability outcomes for Wellington. Instead of just tacking-on sustainable enhancements to an the original building, Wellingtonians would get a library that not just teaches but embodies sustainability and its latest architectural implementations. 19. In terms of resource efficiency, the increased efficiency of a library built to the absolute highest modern standards would greatly outweigh the waste caused by demolition, especially if Council takes the opportunity to become a leader in the field of building material recycling. 20. Although Youth Council acknowledges the potential for litigation as a result of Option D being chosen, we believe that the significant cost savings and improved amenity gained from an Option D library outweigh the potential litigation expenses, particularly when the lower building cost is considered. Our Vision for the Central Library 21. The Wellington City Youth Council strongly advocates for the City Council to be bold in its design for the proposed Central Library. This building will be used over decades to come, so ensuring that it is flexible and sustainable is essential. 22. We would like to see an inclusive space that is open for any and all people to use to truly reflect the diversity of people in Te Whanganui-a-Tara. This could look like books in a diverse range of languages, catering to potential accessibility barriers in the building e.g. wheelchairs - and having spaces that reflect different cultures. 23. We also believe that there should be a dedicated floor or area for youth. Having a specific area for young people would not only draw them to the library, but would also encourage them to meet other young people. Having this space would make for an accessible place for young people to study, and also a place where youth could simply come to hang out. It would allow for the creation of a wellbeing hub for young people in the city, as community services and youth workers could be located within the youth space, to support and provide guidance for young people. 24. Youth Council believes that this would replace the old Reading Cinema area where young people often used to gather, for both studying and recreational purposes. We recognize that this dedicated youth space would need to be plentiful in charging stations and with access to free Wi-Fi - perhaps with resources available for students to study and access related resources. 25. Youth Council would also like to see a dedicated 'Quiet Zone' incorporated into the youth area. This zone would be a place in which youth could study individually if they so desire. 26. Having facilities and resources that reflect changing times is important to allowing access to opportunities for all. These facilities and resources could include having AV and recording equipment, 3D printers (like Waitohi and Tii.ranga), computers, power chargers, Wi-Fi, and access to software that may be difficult for people to access usually due to cost factors. 27. Examples of libraries which integrate youth and community spaces include the Tii.ranga library in Christchurch, and the Waitohi library in Johnsonville. The Waitohi makerspace, and Tii.ranga innovation space are examples of the integration of spaces within the library which go beyond just containing books. 28. Overseas examples such as the Finnish Civic Library in Helsinki which also integrates community services and spaces is another example of the type of mixed use spaces within a library building, that expands its functionality beyond the traditional silent spaces for reading and studying and allows it to adapt to a 21st century vision of libraries as community hubs rather than just book repository. 29. It is much more practical to integrate these spaces when a new building is built from scratch which is the primary reason the Youth Council advocates for Option D (the demolition of the current damaged building and rebuilding of the central library). 30. A rebuild from the ground up isn't limited to the same constraints as the previous space, including the layout, amenities, and expectations of the old library. Option D provides the best opportunity for the future. 31. Youth Council recognises that Option Dis not Council's preferred option. However, we believe that Council should be bold and choose Option D. In our view, the opportunity for a new, modern, purpose-built new library is worth taking the risk of litigation and procedural issues regarding the heritage status of the building in order to achieve the goals of this proposal. 32. Whilst maintaining heritage within our central city is an important consideration, this heritage needs to be mitigated when it is preventing the possibility of progress and innovation. Where possible, heritage needs to be considered, however this is an opportunity to look to the future, with the possible benefits of a new space being seen to outweigh the importance of maintaining heritage aspects. 33. Moreover, the current building is damaged, and will cost more to repair than to build anew. It seems impudent to prioritise the heritage aspect of the current library building when both price and greater purpose-built amenity are prioritised by a new build. 34. We acknowledge that a rebuild would likely mean a later opening date for the new library. However, this is a disadvantage that Youth Council is willing to accept where it allows a stronger and more desirable space into the future, particularly given the timeframes for Option C and D are similar (May 2025 vs November 2025). 35. Option D provides the best opportunity to expand this space from simply being a library to also become a multi-purpose community space. Option Dis a chance to re-imagine the way that a library space operates and is used, with the possibility to incorporate aspects of a community centre in the middle of our central city. 36. Whilst high level remediation is restricted to the building as it currently exists, a new building will allow increased accessibility for all members of the Wellington community, with the opportunity for widespread consultation to ensure that the concerns of equity groups are included in the new design. 37. The re-imagining of the Central City Library is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Due to the high level of cost associated with any proposal, Youth Council believes that this opportunity should be taken to redesign the space to the highest level possible to ensure it will continue to be a safe, appealing space for future generations to come. Conclusion 38. Youth Council supports Option D - a new build on the same site - for the Future of the Central Library proposal. 39. We believe that this option is the most viable economically, and allows the opportunity for innovative design and thinking in this new space. 40. Due to earthquake damage in many other central-city public buildings, youth have lost areas where they are safe and welcome to gather within the central city. This proposal grants the opportunity to remedy this, allowing Council to have a direct connection to young people in our city spaces. 41. Option Dis an opportunity to build a space for future generations of young Wellingtonians, drawing them into the central city to a welcoming environment where they are able to learn and thrive. 42. Regardless of which option is selected, we wish to implore that a youth focused

space as described above is included. This engagement is an exciting opportunity for young people to highlight to Council to show what is most important to them. Youth Council looks forward to collaborating with Council to create such a space. 43. By investing in the future of Wellington's central city in a bold way, Wellington has the opportunity to set a precedent for the way that Council's prioritise and engage with Youth in a meaningful way, creating a purpose built space for them in the heart of our city.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.	1.
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Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?	not answered
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Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?	
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Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?	
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not answered

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?	not answered
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Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply	
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Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?	
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not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?	not answered
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Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?	not answered
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Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you	not answered
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Respondent No: 1402

Q1. **Your name*** Catharine Underwood

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

not answered

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one** Option B - Mid-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

Dear Council Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the plans for the Wellington City Public Library. Please accept this as my submission on the proposal to re-open the Wellington City public library. I am sending this in via email as I have no wish to have another password to remember to make a submission on a civic issue. I am making this submission as an individual. 1: The Options summary is bias, suggestive and leading. There should have been no mention of the councils preferred proposal. This proposal has way more info and photos than the other options. All proposals should have been presented in the same way without council bias. 2: I support option B – mid level remediation. This option opens the library sooner than the other more expensive options and more safely than option A. It retains the building and will get people to the area sooner than options c and d and e. In these times, it is important to get people back into the city and opening the library is the best way to do this. It will support other businesses in the area. 3: The council has a history of cost blowout. The estimated cost for this option is \$131.2 to \$151.8m. I expect that the cost blow out will be more than the preferred option C. So to be fair to ratepayers, keep the cost down and open the library. 4: I am not sure what the point of the 'early concept image' is on page 21 of the PDF with the glazed North Façade. Is this concept design back on the table? I like the way it was done with the ramp as it is more wheel chair and mobility friendly. So why is this picture here without an explanation of why. Are we supposed to think it is part of the plan or is it just a pretty picture? Why aren't the sunlight pictures included with this option and only the councils preferred option (One that I think the councillors said they didn't want put forward as an option). 5: There is a lot of talk in the document about the 'no climate change mitigation' in the disadvantages of options A, B. But no mention of what exactly is being done to mitigate climate change in option C, D, E. This needs to be explained better. Is mitigation building on a site further from the sea? Is mitigation not having a basement? Does it mean building higher so people can head to level 15 in a high tide? What exactly is meant by this. 6: There are many buildings in Wellington that have a 40%NBS that have less damage than some modern buildings i.e. statistics, BNZ, Defence, and a few others. I don't see the need to spend a whole lot of money to make the building 80%NBS or higher. 7: There is talk in the document of how option A has limited improvement to accessibility and connection to civic square. Yet, Option B has the possibility of improved accessibility and connections to Civic Square. Why is this difference. It is part of a makeover not strengthening which is the major issue here. There is nothing wrong with the accessibility – there are windows, there are steps and there is a ramp. Bringing in accessibility and connection with Civic Square is just promoting some vanity project wanted by some councillor. Bringing people back to the city and opening the library will bring people back to the square. The best thing to make the square a place to be is not building on Jack Ilott Green and open the council buildings between the Town Hall and the Library. 8: I am interested in 'some risk of closure due to more strengthening requirements from future changes in building regulations'. This needs to be explained to the public in more detail as what is planned and what some risk means. Wasn't the building built to quite recent code? Seems to me that it is a compliance/design issue rather than a future strengthening issue. The council doesn't exactly have a good record in this area i.e. yellow stickered an art deco building because they didn't understand the 'numbers' in the engineers report and didn't go back to the owners/engineers to get an explanation – just yellow stickered it. And the lack of a code of compliance for the 'sustainability house' in regent street, Newtown some years after it was built. More modern buildings than this have had to be demolished after earthquakes – see point 6. 9: Concerned about the loss of some basement space with option C. The council seems hell bent on removing car parks as a solution to their problems. I hardly drive (I cycle everywhere) but do not agree with the councils dislike of the private car as a means of legitimate transport for some people. Does this mean storage space will be lost or does it mean car parks. I think you need to explain what it means and be transparent. 10: Isn't it fantastic that the 'people' fought the closure of suburban libraries. Imagine if the council had got its way a few years ago and closed many of the libraries in an effort to 'save money'. The same libraries that are now providing an excellent back up service for the central library. Go the people. 11: I may wish to speak to this proposal so please put me on the list. 12: Please acknowledge my submission, that it will be included and counted.

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.** 1.

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** not answered

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

not answered

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** not answered

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

not answered

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

not answered

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

not answered



Respondent No: 1412

Q1. Your name* Michael Gibson

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

not answered

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one
Option A - Low-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.
not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

Submitter didn't provide an option instead he stated "I submit that the method for restoring the library should be the one that allows us to use it the soonest." So choose Option A.

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Respondent No: 1417

Q1. Your name* Heritage New Zealand - Dean Raymond

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: Heritage New Zealand

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. 2. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the options for the Central Wellington Library. 3. Our main interest in the options presented is the preservation and protection of historic and cultural heritage. 4. The Central Library is within the District Plan Civic Centre Heritage Area and any changes to the exterior of the building would need to be sympathetic to the Heritage Values of the Civic Centre. 5. The Wellington Central Library Library possesses outstanding architectural significance as a highly esteemed postmodern building, employing classical architectural forms, historical references and varied shapes and materials to arresting effect. It has exceptional historical significance as a major work of Ian Athfield, one of New Zealand's most renowned architects of recent times, and represents the entry of his firm into the field of public architecture. Commonly referred to as Wellington's living room, the Wellington Central Library has outstanding social significance as a much-loved and visited institution. 6. The building has been nominated to be included in the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangī Kōrero as a category 1 building. 7. We support options B or C as both these options will make the building safe and resilient and will preserve the heritage values of the building and allow its continued use as a library and community space. (64 4) 494 8320 Central Regional Office, Level 1, 71 Boulcott Street PO Box 2629, Wellington 6140 heritage.org.nz 8. We would like to make an oral submission to the Council. Please contact us at this office if you would like any further discussion or clarification of this submission.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option B - Mid-level remediation

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Submission showed they supported option B or C. "We support options B or C as both these options will make the building safe and resilient and will preserve the heritage values of the building and allow its continued use as a library and community space."

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Q1. Your name* Bernard O'Shaughnessy

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

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CBD Library must have focus on BOOKS! (and people). Will supply separate submission - memo. this is below: Future of the Central Library - Consultation (Bernard O'Shaughnessy) Councillors: the following comments are made in addition to my submission form. 1) Consideration of options: I support Option D: New build on the same site. There is only option D and C realistically to be considered. To consider Option A to have low level Remediation and achieve just 40% NBS, even thou costing \$76m - \$90m is just a foolish suggestion and its disappointing to see Council Officers even give air time to this. Yes, we the voting and paying ratepayers want options be put to us, but lets make them real options and not writing in options that are just a strategic display of providing an unpalatable option so as to draw us to their desired conclusion. In similar vain Option B to have Mid Level Remediation providing 80% NBS at a cost of \$131m - \$151m and only have a life span of 42 years should also not be on the table. Option E to have another new build in the Te Ngakau Uncivil Precinct is not a starter either. Councillors know that the majority of ratepayers want a CBD Library on the present site, whether that to be a rebuild/upgrade or a new build. This option is really linked to the call by some ratepayers, including me, in venting anger of the absolute folly of Council pushing ahead with its looming white elephant Events and Conference Centre. Our call was in knowing that the E & C Centre was a folly project from the start, will absolutely escalate in the final cost, then will be propped up with new barrow loads of ratepayer money to justify and sustain its existence. The call was as the E & C Centre has to go ahead because of contractual reality, then it could be reconfigured to become an CBD Library. Well, of course it could be done, of course it would cost some millions more, but if that meant getting a library asap then that's what the call was. But yes we ratepayers are practicable people as well so accept that its not viable to suggest the E & C Centre be a CBD Library, but neither is then any acceptance of a new library being anywhere else in the Uncivil Precinct. The City Art Gallery (being the previous City Library) could be an option, most interesting to observe that that building constructed in 1940, still proudly stands 80 years later and is functional, yet the 1991 CBD Library lasts a mere 29 years. So option E is a folly also, but its reasonable to include reference to it for consideration, to pacify the angst as referred to above So there is really only two viable options: C or D I wish Council Officers would have only addressed and highlighted these two options, rather than the poor average reader having to wade through consultation documentation overload written by university spumed urban planners and strategic policy developers feeding at 116 The Terrace effectively writing 101 varsity papers for each other. However I will address the issue of 'the process' in another forum when opportunity prevails. So I'm happy with either option. But Councillors will have heard from me, as I do so again wave the flag, yes rebuild/upgrade (High Level Remediation) or New Build on present site. BUT do it asap within 2 to 4 years. But I do favour option D. Look, the closed CBD library is awe sum, funny, cool, light-filled, quirkie and well loved, but to spent top dollar of \$200m, and then only have a life span of 50 years, compared to the opportunity of a new build on the same site costing less, but lasting for a projected life of 64 years to me is the best option. I am not supporting option D on the basis its cheaper than option C. We the long suffering ratepayers, know full well that even as one of your own high ranking Council Officers has said, "planners in these public project ventures are inclined to over estimate the benefits, yet under estimate the cost." So we all know, and you do as well, that what ever is the "Cost" it will escalate and blow out by at least 30% to 40%, if not more, and the build time will move towards later sunsets. I favour option D because: a) its a time for ratepayers and library users to have the opportunity to hopefully have true input in the design and facilities of the library, as the lucky Christchurch people were given the opportunity b) its the opportunity for us Wellingtonians, and visitors, to restore, polish up, enhance the Capital City's Crown Jewel, and give us hope for a better future, post our earthquakes, and Covid19. c) I don't buy into the suggestion that the Heritage of the closed CBD library is worth hanging one's hat on. If Heritage NZ or the Wellington Architectural Centre want to get excited over dull looking buildings then jolly well get them to pay for them to be restored. Why on earth the council Officers have let Athfield Architects Ltd any where near new design concepts I don't know. Maybe if Athfield had of done better design plans for the closed CBD building we wouldn't have the building now ready to fall down. I note the folly of Athfield Architects 'Early Concept Image' on page 23 of your consultation document: so not even a book in sight! 2) Time Frame The CBD Library closed in March 2019. So already as I write this 17 months has passed me without being able to have a beautiful place of destination in the sad concrete run down booze affected CBD without cycle lanes. I have said from the out set, as soon as the CBD Library closed I wanted to see either a rebuild/upgrade or new build within 3 to 5 years. That is within the period 2022 to 2024. But your option Option C suggests opening May 2025, or Option D opening November 2025. Just like the funding issue, we the paying ratepayers do not believe any time frames that are stated, as it just becomes a false expected deadline date, that is eroded away by lack of compliance to what shouldn't be open ended money making ventures for unsavoury developers. But if there was the political willingness by Councillors then a CBD Library could rise from the ashes within 2 to 4 years (one year already gone on paper shuffling). Look at how the new Children's Hospital is being erected. 3) Funding So whatever option, be it D or C, there is a great cost of between \$160m to \$200m. Big deal? Not really. There will be the typical cost blow out caused by unpredicted circumstances: I thought modern knowledged planners added in contingency costs (like the folly of declaring publicly the \$20m contingency costs

already woven into the budgets of the Uneventful and Conference Centre). Surely every 'sign off project' deal takes in account 'force majeure' be it earthquake, act of God (he's done enough damage already), raising sea levels (please leave your cars at home Eastern and Northern suburbs), or Covid19. So here's two ideas in regards funding. All Councillors will know that there is a huge following by ratepayers to have this issue resolved, the CBD Library is the heart of our city. a) Our new CEO is very good at managing the financial accounts of the city so she will easily absorbed the cost across various budgets and across many years. I recall for example those break down features officers put into annual accounts, to highlight how little the cost of something is, compared to the great service provided. The recent previous CEO was at pains to point out for example the high costs of running our swimming pools, relative to the cost of off road bike trails. b) Idea 1: Consider a targeted rate. I believe that ratepayers are super keen to have a CBD Library more so than any other venture undertaken by Council in decades passed, and for decades to come. Of course the naysayers would argue - "but we already pay high rates" why an extra. Certainly I'm sympathetic to that point having just seen Council stamp a 5.1% rate increase as well as even bigger % rate increases to come, but to have an identified separate dollar amount as being for this library development would have some merit. Like the cost of \$250m blown out to \$300m for the build over 30 years payable by 200,000 ratepayers (and expected to grow by 80,000) must only be something like an extra \$50pa per person. Like even less than a coffee Latte! c) Idea 2: Yes, I certainly don't have any belief that the ratepayers are receptive to a PPP. Like Transmission Gully project shows the folly of that as well as the rank games of the previous NAT Govt. But: Consider a partnership with the State. One way could be to join in a joint venture with the National Library. Remind yourselves that the city has a done deal with HNZ at our Arlington Social Housing rebuild. We have 'partnered' with other organisations to enhance the city's assets. Think Zealandia, or the pending Music Centre (City Council and that university on the hill — name escapes me). The National Library has to reinvent itself, along with National Archives. I sometimes think it would be better for the Govt to store and display the "Treaty of Waitangi" at the CBD Library. What a tourist attraction that would be: its really not in a good foot traffic flow up Molesworth St. So how about the National Library (that is advanced in digitalisation of libraries in terms of best practice) and it's parent Department of Internal Affairs, plus Archives do some sort of funding split to repair or replace our CBD Library. They could have some space on additional floors proposed in the build. Councillors would have heard from me recently, but I restate it, that I think our city, and our region, gets overlooked, and underfunded, because of us housing the Beehive (and the hanging on wasps.). Some other cities have done pretty well out of so called 'projects of national importance' yet wellington hasn't. Think Christchurch Sport/Rugby Centre, Christchurch Cathedral (so those 2 projects get \$500 find counting from Govt). How much money being splashed about for the America's cup. How many projects from Shane's 'Regional Development Growth Fund' are happening in our city (Peanuts). Then our regional gained \$189million from the \$3billion in the Budget Infrastructure fund. Allocation included: Upgrade the Wellington District Court for \$ 14m (where I use to work), Upgrade the Hood Aerodrome in Masterton, and even a whopping \$1.3million on revamp of the Masterton skate park! 4) Also consider Hours of opening of the CBDLibrary Councillors will know that I tabled a petition that the CBI) library open all day Sunday (9am to 5pm) and that received support and attention, but events surpassed the reality. But I do state again, that in the new CBD Library I wish the Council to have all day Sunday opening. You know the statistics tabled, Wellington was one of the few libraries NOT to have all day Sunday opening which is really poor as after all we are the capital and hundreds of people stood outside the doors waiting for the library to open. I conclude in saying that I prefer Option D, but will also support Option C, but my greatest desire is to see it happen now within 2 to 4 years. Also that funding options should be considered. Bernard O'Shaughnessy Library Card Holder & Ratepayer

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Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?	Submitter ticked Options C & D
Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timeframe 2. Cost to ratepayers 3. Making the building safe 4. Making the building resilient 5. Climate change 6. Sustainability 7. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?	Note: submitter rated "Making the building safe" and "Making the building resilient" as 3 equal.; "Climate change" and "Sustainability" as 4 equal. "Partnership opportunities" wrote No, Maybe?
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not answered

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not answered

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Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Visits libraries daily. Hasn't visited He Matapihi as buses dont connect which is Council's fault. A) ok for for interim B) Yes heaps, but get on with the major issue - A CBD Library within 2-4 years.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Miramar

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

65 to 69

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Prefer not to say



Respondent **No:** 1425

Q1. **Your name*** Generation Zero Wellington

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** Generation Zero Wellington

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

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Generation Zero supports Option C - High Level Remediation to restore Wellington Central Library as Wellington City's most important third place. Environment and Carbon Emissions Option C is likely to have the lowest associated carbon emissions as; 1. Strengthening the existing building will mean the embodied emissions of the original building materials are not wasted, and the substantial embodied carbon of the materials required to build a new library can be avoided. 2. This high level of structural remediation improves the library's resilience to future seismic events substantially, which will increase the lifespan of the building and have a positive effect on the overall lifetime emissions of the building. Evidence is emerging in Aotearoa that earthquakes play a big role in the overall life expectancy of buildings which makes a strong impact on total carbon emissions under life cycle assessment as strong buildings last longer and require less maintenance over time. 3. This level of remediation also allows for significant upgrades to the building services, which is an opportunity to significantly improve the energy efficiency of the building and reduce its operational emissions. This will also enable cost savings in operating the building in future. Reducing emissions associated with buildings across the city is an important part of the council's implementation plan for Te Atakura: First to Zero. If the council intends to encourage and incentivise private building owners to carry out significant work to earthquake strengthen and reduce the operational emissions of their buildings, they must also walk the talk by abiding by these same standards on their own buildings. Wellington Central Library will be an important flagship project for the city, regardless of whether it is retrofitted or rebuilt, and the council must lead by example and set a high standard. We would like to see the detailed designs for this project take up the opportunity for urban greening and water sensitive design surrounding the building to improve urban ecology, add to the wellbeing of the users, and reduce the urban heat island effect. Safety and resilience Option C enables the council to achieve a high level of resilience and make the building safe again, while reducing the carbon emissions of the project. Making a high upfront investment means that the library will be functional for years to come without future closures and remediation work, and the council will be setting a good example for other building owners in the city. As well as making the building resilient to future seismic events through strengthening and base isolation, this option will build resilience against climate change by raising the ground floor and reducing the potential impact of flooding and sea level rise. Under the current draft spatial plan, the council has identified Te Ngākau civic precinct as an "anchor of resilience", designated as a recovery hub following large scale hazard events. As such, ensuring its resilience is vital. Role in the community Central Library has always been a really important space for the community in Wellington; a third place where people can comfortably spend time together outside of home or work/school without having to spend any money. It was a place where all sections of society could connect and was important for the strength of Wellington's community. Its closure has been a heavy burden on the city. An advantage of retaining the existing building means the library can be opened sooner and restored as 'Wellington's Living Room'. Option C has the most opportunity to re-configure the library and enhance its relevance and importance to Wellington Residents. We are very supportive of the plans to "activate the edges" of the library by creating more entrances and opening the building to the surrounding area, both physically and visually. This will make it a more welcoming space and integrate it in the precinct, adding vitality to the area. Re-configuring the library is an opportunity to add new community spaces and services, and modernise its offerings, following the examples set by Waitohi in Johnsonville, and Tūranga in Ōtautahi Christchurch. However, we understand that due to the nature of the existing building, this could be difficult as the collection is large which limits available space for new services without losing anything. We would like to therefore see the continuation of split spaces through the city to ease the burden and increase accessibility. This could be through ongoing use of central pop-ups or maintaining Te Pātaka to manage the full size of the collection. There is also a significant opportunity to improve the accessibility of the building, through; 1. updating the design by considering the journey through the building for people of all abilities. 2. Engaging with disabled people to ensure the design will suit their accessibility needs 3. integrating with the proposed mass rapid transit route to make the building easily accessed via public transport. Furthermore, we are pleased to note that the council has further plans to consider how they can work with mana whenua to develop a 'Māori sense of place' in the library, and the Te Ngākau civic precinct more widely, through the application of Te Aranga design principles. This is a site of significance to mana whenua and it is important those stories of place are celebrated. Feedback on the consultation Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Future of the Central Library consultation. We would like to take this opportunity to compliment the council officers on the thoroughness of their consideration and the consultation material provided. We have been impressed by the availability of the Council to engage and answer questions throughout this process. We would note that while it was excellent to see clear considerations being given to the sustainability of the different options, we think that considerations for expected sea level rise in this area and the possibilities for managed retreat could have been more developed and explicit. We understand there has been a lot of work done on this in the background to this consultation and it would have been good to see more details included in the main document. In addition, while we appreciate it is difficult to do with such high level concepts, we think there should have been some scientific analysis of the carbon costs of each option. We agree with the assumptions made by the officers, but this analysis would have been useful to justify the cost of Option C under the Te Atakura. We understand that this work is going on in parallel to many other work streams and we would have liked for this consultation to have been extended to the entire civic precinct as a whole, even if the focus remained on the library. We know the council is in the process of planning and implementing a development plan for this whole area, and it would have been good if the consultation documents for the library embedded the options within that framework, as well as the work going on with Planning for Growth, and Let's Get Wellington Moving. We look forward to seeing this project progress and would like to make an oral submission to the councillors. Ngā mihi nui, Generation Zero Wellington

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Option C – High-level remediation

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not answered

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Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

not answered

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not answered

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

not answered

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

not answered

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

not answered



Respondent No: 1426

Q1. **Your name*** Ray Chung

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

not answered

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one**

None of the above, I prefer an alternative

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.**

Sell the site to a private developer with the proviso that the lower floors are reserved for the new library library and leased to WCC.
Note the submitter selected "Option D and "None of the Above, I prefer and alternative."

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

not answered

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Cost to ratepayers
2. Future-proofing the library service
3. Opportunities for partnership
4. Making the building safe
5. Making the building resilient

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?**

It doesn't make any economical sense to strengthen this existing building as the cost is prohibitive and still offers low utilisation to the site. By selling to a developer the WCC on have better utilisation by building to the maximum height, collect rate

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Appealing

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not answered

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Weekly

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Convenient when I'm in town but I go to Tawa, Johnsonville and Khandallah Libraries more often as I work in Tawa.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Broadmeadows

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 70 to 74

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Male



Respondent No: 1431

Q1. Your name* Robyn Lindis Hughes TAYLOR

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

My attached comments enlarge on these areas. Basically confine the work to strengthening only. Other changes, developments can be done later piecemeal, with as little disruption as possible. (attached notes are below) About the Wellington Central Library My feelings about the future of the Central Library don't fit easily with the shape of your submission. Here are my feelings about the way our responses are guided: Why burden the job with connections with Civic Square and streets, with enhancements, new spaces for social purposes and functions, etc. My first response to the various alternatives is to ask why the cost needs to be, at this stage, inflated by the proposed enhancement of the building. The alternatives seems to exclude the possibility of high, or near-high, level of "remediation", on their own, without any of the enhancements. The important thing is to get the library repaired in its present form as quickly as possible. I don't care about 'multiple' entrances and I don't care about more windows that 'connect' the library with its surroundings. It's a Library and not a circus or shopping mall. All such refinements an be considered and carried out later, piecemeal, and without disturbing the functioning of the library itself in other then (sic) minor, temporary, ways. Speaking with your representative at Tawa in the weekend, she told me that such modifications later would entail closure of the library again; I think that would be totally unnecessary way of making changes, for they could be carried out carefully, one at a time, aiming to disturb the library the least. The only significant change that I would think might improve the building would be to place the cafe on the mezzanine floor somewhere where more light and views could be enjoyed. But I would not want that or any other changes to the building itself to delay the basic strengthening of the building and its re-opening as quickly as possible. I miss the Library hugely. I want to regain access as soon as possible to books, CDs and DVDs and books on classical music: and books or art and architecture. And non-fiction, especially European history and current politics. Levels of 'remediation' I am puzzled by the evident failure of 'Mid-level remediation' to include base isolation, which I would have thought was the most fundamental measure to implement. However, perhaps the building is considered strong enough to withstand the kind of earthquake that made base isolation necessary for Parliament Buildings and the Old Supreme Court on Stout Street. Heritage value I admire Athfield's architecture, and the library is undoubtedly one of his major achievements. Nevertheless, given the very high cost of preserving the library I find myself wondering whether it has much "heritage" value as the MFC or Town Hall, or the Hunter Building at Victoria University, or the old Government Building (now the university Law School) or the many precincts throughout the city that the City Council allowed to be demolished in the 1980s. Both options 3 and hte NEw Building are esitimated to be five years aways. That's too long for me! (I'm in my eighties!) Expediency Neither of the two basic options has overwhelming appeal for me. I'm not sure that we're in an era of unperishable architecture form local New Zealand architects. Nor do I think the city would be prepared to hire a Gehry, a Piano, a Jean Nouvel, a Foster, a Calatrava to design a new library. but there would be the option of again (like Warren and Mahoney's MFC) borrowing from Christchurch which has recently opened a replacement central library which looks striking and definitely 'fit-for-purpose'. It was designed by Danish architects Schmidt Hammer Lassen, and looks lie one of the city's most distinguished new buildings. (Though Christchurch has still failed seriously in neglecting to insist on the restoration of the beautiful Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament). If the city showed any determination to engage a notable international architect, collaborating with a New Zealand architect, I would happily vote for replacement. My priorities So I am resigned to a choice between a new building that may not be particularly distinguished and 5 years away, and a restoration that might be thorough but will be needlessly delayed by fiddling with internal spaces and connections with its environment. In the light of that I am inclined to say: Make the temporary annexes as fully functional as possible. Get all the books and other material, including what is now held in the stacks, out of the building and make them accessible in one of annexes in the central city. In particular, I have an interest in getting access to classical music in the form o scores, DCs and DVDs. For the capital city, to be without a central library for another five year is intolerable and would be seen as a clear sing that Wellington no longer even goes through the motions of boasting that it's the "Cultural Capital". And settle for three or more temporary annexes around the city, preferably with each devoted to certain broad categories of its book collections and other more socially-designed acitivities.

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A medium Level, but with base isolation and no other work.
 Submitter also selected "Relocate the Central Library to the Convention and Exhibition Centre "Because I oppose a Convention Centre, it could have been redesigned as a library.

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

not answered

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1. Making the building safe
2. Future-proofing the library service
3. Timeframe
4. Cost to ratepayers
5. Other (please specify)

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

Priority to reasonable strengthening, including base isolation; then making the books and other material entirely accessible.

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Neutral

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Neutral

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I don't actually think Civic Square has a very important role. its the individual buildings that have value; Town Hall, MFC, City Gallery, Library. Don't divert main attention away from strengthening to getting access to books, CDs, etc restored.

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Weekly

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He Matapihi Molesworth Library
 Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
 Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Te Awe Seems most like a library, but very limited, seems to include very little from existing collections that are presumably still in the old building. Get it all out and accessible asap.

Q16. Where do you currently live?

Tawa

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

80+

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male



Q1. **Your name*** Rev Stephen King on behalf of Inner City Wellington

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** Inner City Wellington

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Inner City Wellington (ICW) appreciates the opportunity to submit our perspective on the future of our Central City Library. Our preference is for High Level Remediation (Option C) because, having weighed each option against the factors we consider most important, we believe that for the money invested it provides the City and our Community with the best value for money in both the short and long term. ICW does not accept the cost estimates having heard expert advice at a recent public meeting on the library that revised costings of Option C could reduce the cost by 25%. ICW contends the process of consultation thus far has been substantially flawed. As ratepayers, we wanted to know much more precisely which option provides the best value for money over the lifetime of the building, which is the way we believe the options should have been presented – i.e. 'apples with apples'! We note that the written consultation document does not contain the information that the 'new build' options do not include base isolation, and this was only registered on the website after ICW raised the issue. Most folk we have spoken to assume that the 'new builds' do include base isolation. THE INNER CITY 'SUBURB' This submission also has a most important message: The Central City Library is our 'INNER CITY SUBURBAN LIBRARY'. While we know it also serves the wider Wellington population and acknowledge that perspective is important, we ask that our views are given the strength they would have if we were simply a suburb and not also the Central Library for the city as a whole. Wellington Central and Te Aro – our area – has the least land but the largest and fastest growing population and very different demographics from other suburbs in Wellington. The Library is our main community amenity and Te Ngākau/Civic Square (including Jack Ilott Green) is our most significant public community space – and a key evacuation site. In addition to wider city needs, the Central Library needs to offer the level of service a community library would have - particularly from the perspectives of our current three dominant demographics: Students, Young Professionals and the Over 60's. The first two groups make up a majority of the inner-city residents, with 69% of constituents aged between 15-35. It is also noteworthy that Inner City Wellington has a higher proportion of residents on low incomes with 35% earning less than \$20,000 annually in comparison to the national average of 27%. We can't know now how our people makeup might change with the doubling in growth predicted from 13,355 to 27,453 in 2043. However, it seems likely that the student population may remain more stable so proportionally less over time. Efforts to house lower income folk may lead to a new sizeable demographic and families may increase. Current statistical projections suggest a significant increase in under 5's (we cannot ascertain on what basis) which, if correct, will require consideration: already we know those numbers are increasing particularly in the Te Aro area. Maybe one of the existing pop-up Libraries could be adapted for this purpose. We note some recognition of the implications of our growth in the Consultation document where it states under What could Wellington's future Central Library service look like? "By 2043 the inner-city population is expected to double and an increasing number of central city residents will be under the age of 34. With this growing CBD population our library may need a greater emphasis on communal spaces, a more curated, heavily used collection, creative and makerspaces, plus a focus on lending non-traditional items and on seamless digital infrastructure and content." ICW submits that more explicit recognition and even more emphasis on Inner City Community need is required, particularly as a meeting place and social hub for our community events. We don't want to be in the position of constantly competing with the wider city users for access to services such as internet and multimedia, meeting space, notice boards etc when others have such access in their own community libraries, but we do not! PARTNERS We see the Central Library as our major community resource for information and support. ICW contends that any Partners should be assessed against their contribution to this 'one-stop shop' for citizen services. Having the Citizen's Advice Bureau back in the Library would be a significant benefit for our community and the city at large. WCC Services as currently sited in Manners Street Temporary Library would also be a sensible and useful service for the City Library to offer. DECENTRALISED SERVICES While we have appreciated the provision of the three 'pop-up' libraries as a temporary measure, they cannot provide the 'one-stop' place for all services. Nor do they welcome, inspire and nurture in the way the Central Library did and can, despite best efforts of staff. NEW ENTRANCES AND WINDOWS The Submission Form asks about how appealing or unappealing you would find (a) having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level and (b) More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. ICW does not accept additional entrances and windows are necessary IF they will add significantly to the cost. We also question whether adding multiple entrances could limit the way space can be used efficiently and effectively. We see the current two options as adequate – one from Victoria street (or Harris Street if that is a better option design and cost wise) and one from Te Ngākau/Civic Square which could be on the ground floor or to a mezzanine as now. RISK Seismic A significant factor in any consideration of the future of the Library is that of risk. We know that the current site is on Landfill which poses seismic issues and that it is within the zone where sea level rise due to climate change will bring it under water in the long term. Therefore, we understand that Council (and certainly ratepayers) will want to think very seriously about investing large amounts of money in Te Ngākau/Civic Square. The information given us provides assurance that life safety in a significant earthquake can be assured. We are convinced that any option without base isolation will NOT provide the level of

resilience/damage avoidance that base isolation gives, and we are not happy that only one option has this. This is a significant factor in our determining which option to support. ICW contends it would be irresponsible of Council to approve such a high use public building without base isolation as it significantly reduces the potential for future remediation and significant cost following the inevitable earthquakes we will have. Climate Change Our position on climate change causing sea level rise is that Council is already investing in significant expenditure in this high-risk area with the Town Hall. We note that the Convention Centre is also within the sea level rise area. We accept that sea level rise will occur. However, it is not an imminent risk and the probable life of a remediated Library is 50 years and a New Build 64. At some stage prior to 2070 presumably there will be a plan to raise buildings or relocate out of the waterfront area entirely if sea level predictions are borne out. ICW believes that, for the existing Library, sea level rise as a risk should not be a consideration. In our view it is outweighed by the need to get the Central Library back as soon as possible so that we can enjoy what the building can offer over its new, always limited, lifespan. This is particularly vital in these stressful times when, to help deal with uncertainty, our community needs every amenity it can have. TE NGĀKAU/CIVIC SQUARE Note: Council has already had expert advice (Mahoney/Miskell report 2020) that shows there is currently a deficit of green space in Te Aro and Wellington Central – and that is before their stated requirements for a further TEN TE ARO PARKS in these two areas to meet WHO guidelines for green space for the projected doubling of the population. Therefore, the space available now in Te Ngākau/Civic Square, including Jack Ilott Green, must NOT be diminished any further and if there is a need for demolition of Council Offices, that space should be conserved for an even better public gathering place/green space/evacuation area than we have currently. However, if there is to be a building on the site of the existing council offices, then it should sit on a low-level green podium which would also help provide a better view shaft to the waterfront and provide a welcoming entrance to the civic square (see right) ICW urgently requests that Council draw a line NOW on allowing any additional new building in Te Ngākau/Civic Square. HERITAGE Another factor is heritage value. We are not wedded to the retention of the building exactly as it is, as we recognise that remediation will bring change ICW strongly advocates for retention of the existing building's shape/form, the curved window outlook to the harbour and the iconic nikau palms. Photo: Athfield Architects THE OPTIONS The Submission Form provides a list of factors which submitters are asked to rank. These are Making the building safe; Making the building resilient; Heritage; Accessibility including transport; Future-proofing the Library service; Opportunities for Partnership; Te Ngākau Civic Square connections; Climate Change; Sustainability; Cost to ratepayers; Timeframe; Other. Our ranking 1. Making the building safe 2. Making the building resilient 3. Timeframe 4. Community amenity/social resilience 5. Value for money invested to ratepayers (not simply cost) 6. Heritage Based on the inaccurate, limited and at times seemingly contradictory or unclear information provided, our view of the various options is as follows: OPTION A: Low level remediation – While providing the earliest opening date, it does not provide sufficient safety or resilience relative to cost/investment value. Up to \$90m would be spent for no gain. OPTION B: Mid-level remediation - At only 80% NBS and moderate resilience (no base isolation), and 'nominal' (not specified) increase in the building's life expectancy, while the cost of \$151.8m quoted for this option is clearly inflated, the minimal improvements in level of safety, resilience and sustainability achieved do not justify the investment. OPTION C: High level remediation – This option meets all of our priority factors: safety, resilience, timeframe, community amenity/social resilience, value for money invested and heritage. We believe this option should be pursued but with clear direction that further development of concepts has to find ways to achieve the remediation with significant reduction in cost. OPTION D: New build on the site Our reasons for rejecting this option include our assessment that this would provide less value for money as an investment for ratepayers, the historic value of the Library building, cost and impact of demolition or of maintaining the existing building for other purposes, longer timeframe for getting a Library back, and the not insignificant issue of returning something familiar and accessible to the community in a time of significant stress. OPTION E: New build on another site in Civic Square - We reject this option because we cannot accept it is a wise investment. In any case, we want the Library building retained in Te Ngākau/Civic Square to provide a major community centre for our growing population but we do not want any further reduction in green space available in this area. Also, the timeframe to achieve an outcome is unacceptable. CONCLUSION We recognise that Council has a difficult decision ahead and that decision is only a step along the way as another consultation will occur when the Library has to compete for funds within the Long-Term-Plan. We hope that our Library will be considered as a significant critical infrastructure requirement for Wellington's most populous suburb as well as for the city as a whole. The manner in which it is presented in the LTP must ensure that it is given fair weighting alongside other investments. It must not become a Vanity Project that can be rejected in the face of bursting sewer pipes. APPENDIX 1: Letter from City Council in response to ICW Questions 11 August 2020 Mr Stephen King Chair Inner City Wellington By email innercitywellington@gmail.com Dear Mr King Re: Response to your request for clarification on the Central Library Consultation Thank you for your list of questions sent to all Councillors, the Mayor and the Chief Executive last week. The Chief Executive has asked me to provide you with responses to your questions which are set out below. We appreciate the time your organisation has taken to prepare these questions and look forward to your continued interest in this important project. I would like to include the questions and our responses on our consultation website to allow others to benefit from your questions. Please advise if this is acceptable as we would want to attribute the questions as coming from your organisation. In addition, I note that Wellington Scoop have also published your letter so I would like to supply them with a copy of the responses we have prepared. Again, please advise if this is acceptable. I have included your questions as they give context for the responses. Our responses are in purple. 'LIKE for LIKE' We note that "In the case of the two new building options there is no concept design. Accordingly, the costs provided are based on industry square metre rates for a reasonable quality building". 1. QUESTION: Does a "reasonable quality building" equate with the specific design requirements for a library building? Put another way, are the remediation options costed to the same 'reasonable quality building' estimates, or are the remediation designs costed to a higher quality? The new build costings were provided for the purposes of context and comparison and are not based on any specific design. The estimates are based on industry square metre (sqm) rates for a building of a reasonable quality that would be suitable for a library. The new building cost estimates are for a building of a comparable size. 2. QUESTION: If Option D or E is accepted, can we be assured that Council will ensure that the upper estimate of \$160 million is retained as the upper limit for a new build? We are seeking assurance that when we are choosing between options, the costs for the new build won't be significantly escalated post-consultation. If Option D or E is chosen Council will use \$160m as the budget for the Long-Term Plan (LTP). However as noted above this estimate is based on sqm rates and not a detailed design. These estimates provide for cost escalation. FOCUSING SPECIFICALLY ON THE FACTORS FOR COMPARISON Resilience The website now states "The new build estimates do not include base isolation as the desired level of building resilience can be achieved in a new build without it. However, if the decision was made to base isolate a new building the additional cost would not be significant" and "The

cost estimates for the new build option do include estimated demolition and removal costs." As noted, neither of the foregoing statements are included in the Consultation booklet. ISSUE: ICW has been advised by an engineer that without base isolation "The required level of life safety can be achieved but not an equivalent level of resilience/damage avoidance i.e. a conventional building is significantly more likely to require costly and lengthy repairs after a moderate or major earthquake" and "The additional cost of Base Isolation is typically estimated to be in the range of 5-10%". We note that this could take the new build up to \$176m. Bearing in mind that a number of industry commentators have suggested that the base-isolation retrofit option has an inflated cost estimate, does this not mean that equivalent new and retrofitted, high resilience options are comparable in price? 3. QUESTION: Why in Option C is WCC pushing for the existing building to be base isolated, if less than this is acceptable for a new build? Council's preferred option is a highly resilient strengthening of the Central Library building. Base isolation, in conjunction with other strengthening components, would achieve the most resilient remediation solution for the existing building. A new building design (Option D or E) could achieve the desired level of building resilience without base isolation. However, if the decision was made to base isolate a new building, the impact on the cost estimate range is unlikely to be significant. 4. QUESTION: Do the new build costs in fact include obtaining the same level of resilience/damage avoidance as has been costed in the remediation options? No design has been developed for a new building however these costs are based on standard industry sqm rates for a reasonable quality building designed to a high level of resilience. Options C, D, and E all seek to achieve a high level of building resilience. 5. QUESTION: What is the justification for the difference in wording between Option C "High level of building resilience with minimal risk of future building closures after a significant earthquake" and Options D and E "Design to high level of seismic resilience with minimal risk of further building closures after a significant earthquake"? Is there in fact no difference in outcomes between Options C, D and E in this regard? Although there are no new build designs (for Options D and E) at this stage, Options C, D, and E all seek to achieve a high level of building resilience. Accessible ISSUE: We note that Option B has potential for improvement, Option C significant improvement, while Options D and E have 'Opportunity to align with best practice standards. 6. QUESTION: What information supports the judgement that only a new build can be aligned with best practice standards? Under the remediation options accessible design elements would be incorporated wherever possible. These opportunities are constrained by an existing building and accordingly cannot be assured of best practice. A new building provides a blank canvas and therefore opportunities to design it in a way that achieves best practice outcomes for accessibility and sustainability. Improved sustainability ISSUE: On page 15 it is stated that the performance of a new build would be superior to the existing building in relation to energy efficiency. This clearly conflicts with the next statement on page 16 which states that "Replacing building services will be included as part of any option. The new services will be equivalent in their performance as to what a new building would include. This means a remediated building will deliver similar energy efficiencies as a new building". 7. QUESTION: What exactly does the foregoing mean? It seems to suggest that the new build is a better option even though the existing building's services will be completely upgraded to a similar standard. Although building services are a significant contributor to a sustainable building, they are not the only elements that contribute to a building's sustainability. A new build would provide greater opportunities to introduce sustainability elements as these can be incorporated into the building's design and materials. Under the remediation options energy efficiency and sustainable practices would be incorporated wherever possible including replacing building services. 8. QUESTION: Given council must have had provision in their Long Term Maintenance Plan budget for replacing the stated services in the existing Library that are now at "end of life", why has this provision not been shown as a plus against the cost of the remediation options? A key purpose of the SOP is to demonstrate the cost estimates for each of the options. The specific funding requirements for the chosen option, and the impact this will have on existing LTP budgets, will be considered and consulted on as part of the upcoming 2022-32 LTP. 9. QUESTION: In terms of sustainability would it not be appropriate to note the considerable environmental plus of not demolishing the existing structure, not only in reduction of landfill but also in the energy consumption in constructing a new building. Under Option D on page 25 of the Statement of Proposal we reflect this as one of the disadvantages – "Negative impact on sustainability objectives due to demolition." ISSUE: Under option E (pages 28/29) the costs associated with the impact of the considerable delays of retaining the existing library and paying for its maintenance until it is sold or leased have not been identified. 10. QUESTION 1: What financial loss or costs could the ratepayers expect to bear under this option, where the existing building is to be sold or leased (possibly at less than market value)? The costs or revenue associated with resolving the future of the existing building are unknown. The objective would be to minimise the impact to the ratepayer. There could be revenue available from the sale or lease of the building that could offset the costs. 11. QUESTION 2: What are the costs to maintain the existing Library building while all these decisions are being made? While the operating costs for the building have significantly reduced since its closure, there are some costs that must be maintained for a building when it is closed. These include rates, insurance, security and some utilities costs. 12. QUESTION 3: Why are these issues not identified as a possible negative impact in relation to this option in the same way that the possible negative impact of demolition is cited in relation to Option D? These issues have been clearly identified in the SOP description of Option E. The future of the building needing to be resolved is listed as a disadvantage. Te Ngākau – Civic Square ISSUE: Option E – New Build on another Te Ngākau Civic Precinct site has a stage to 'identify and confirm a site which may take up to 18 months to resolve, and which would only be explored after public consultation. Therefore, should this option be accepted it would add another 18 months to the already long timeframe.' 13. QUESTION: Why are the possible sites in Civic Square not identified so the public can make a properly informed decision, especially when the one identifiable site is clearly Jack Illot Green? Are there in fact any others? If Option E is chosen, the timeframe includes identification of potential sites and associated public consultation. Yours sincerely Karen Wallace Project Director Central Library Email: karenwallaceneu@gmail.com

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

not answered

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.

1. Making the building safe
2. Making the building resilient
3. Timeframe
4. Other (please specify)
5. Cost to ratepayers
6. Heritage

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?

Community amenity/social resilience

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Somewhat unappealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets Somewhat unappealing

Q12. Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

TE NGĀKAU/CIVIC SQUARE Note: Council has already had expert advice (Mahoney/Miskell report 2020) that shows there is currently a deficit of green space in Te Aro and Wellington Central – and that is before their stated requirements for a further TEN TE ARO PARKS in these two areas to meet WHO guidelines for green space for the projected doubling of the population. Therefore, the space available now in Te Ngākau/Civic Square, including Jack Ilott Green, must NOT be diminished any further and if there is a need for demolition of Council Offices, that space should be conserved for an even better public gathering place/green space/evacuation area than we have currently. However, if there is to be a building on the site of the existing council offices, then it should sit on a low-level green podium which would also help provide a better view shaft to the waterfront and provide a welcoming entrance to the civic square (see right) ICW urgently requests that Council draw a line NOW on allowing any additional new building in Te Ngākau/Civic Square.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

not answered

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

not answered

Q16. Where do you currently live?

not answered

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

not answered

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you

not answered



Respondent No: 1441

Q1. **Your name*** Josephine Brien

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

The library as it is (or as it was) presents many opportunities and that it is why it is so important and why we need it to be restored ASAP.

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option A - Low-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

Who will be responsible if the "new library" suddenly (accordingly to engineers) no longer meets standards? Do Athfield Architects shoulder any of the responsibility if this disaster?

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Making the building safe
2. Timeframe
3. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
4. Cost to ratepayers
5. Heritage

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** Note: question above for the future proofing option "(Why?) is it in dangers?"

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

I HATE the plastic grass!

Q13. **On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?** Weekly

Q14. There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? Please tick all that apply

Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre
He Matapihi Molesworth Library
Te Awe Library Brandon and Panama Streets

Q15. What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

They are so much better than none at all. And show how important library services are to EVERYONE.

Q16. Where do you currently live? Aro Valley

Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to? 55 to 59

Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you Prefer not to say



Respondent No: 1442

Q1. **Your name*** Tim Bollinger

Q2. **Your email or postal address**

Q3. **You are making this submission:** as an individual

Q4. **Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)**

Q5. **Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.**

A palace for books. Books are for people, so a palace for people. We liked it the way it was before. Why improve? (or make it worse as has actually happened)

Q6. **There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option? Please tick one** Option A - Low-level remediation

Q7. **You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option.** not answered

Q8. **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?**

It seems incredible that we take the architects and engineers opinion seriously, when they gave us this "world class" building in the first place. All the best buildings in Wellington have stood for 100 years - I would have expected more from Athfield Architects - how much are they being penalised for this fundamental failure of their design as its a social disaster for the people of Wellington. (I look forward to their substantial financial contribution). BTW: NO Convention centre please!

Q9. **Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.**

1. Other (please specify)
2. Te Ngakau Civic Square connections
3. Heritage
4. Making the building safe

Q10. **If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision?** I dont know what "future proofing the library service" means. Isn't it already guaranteed? If not, why not? Do you know what it was like before? It was good. We want that. That's enough.

Q11. **Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?**

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

Q12. **Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?**

I don't like the plastic grass. Either real grass or a paved courtyard please. This is a very important central public space for Wellington. here's a crazy idea. Replace the City Gallery building with the library again (where it used to be). I love the art gallery - but a pubic library is more important. (But both is better - obviously).



Q1. Your name* Anand Ranchord

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: as an individual

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

Hi, I realise submissions have now closed but would still like to provide the following feedback and seek responses to my questions. Of course if it is possible to still include my feedback in submission process that would be great and happy to provide a oral submission also. Feedback - Great to see the longer term vision of the library outlined and shaping the decision on the building. - I think the vision is directionally correct and appropriate, though I would think understanding the degree to which physical collections need to be incorporated into the central library specifically should be examined in more detail with potential implications for the size of building required to deliver services including new service into the future. - note: with regard to physical collections the potential of the new distribution/warehousing service has potential to increase quality of service (ie accessibility and speed to get a book/item across the library network + better protection of the collections (eg vs climate risk etc) rather than having these need to be held at central library. I would not limit this service to simply low use items. - in regards to preferred options - my absolute preference is option D- new build on the current site. Key reasons for this include: providing the greatest alignment and enablement of the long term vision for the library and plans for the civic square (integration and activation etc); the financial cost being materially less than than option C with materially similar timeframes, I also note the high risk of cost blow outs as per the town hall remediation, the heritage risk appears to be overstated or unknown, noting a new build could also be designed to be similar in architecture to the present building but still enable the new services required. Questions 1. What insurance coverage was in place for the current central library building and why does this not cover the cost of remediation/replacement? 2. To what degree has cost of insurance of the building for any off the options been factored into the cost analysis 3. What space planning / scenarios have been made (eg as noted above - if library space could be reduced eg though greater use of the distribution/warehousing service) then could a smaller building be suitable, and what implications would this have on cost of options eg a new build may be even less than coatings provide for option D/E. 4. What consideration has been to relocating non library services (eg office space etc) to alternate locations - and what impact would this have on size of building required and impact on cost assumptions for options D/E. 5. Has any analysis of "cost of ownership" over life of building been made and taken into consideration (eg accounting for cost of insurance, energy). If work has been done on this can a summary of the funding be provided. 6. What consideration has been made on library services (including programing, education, classes etc) being made available during extended hours to better utilise the library asset, improve accessibility and reflect changing behaviours of users/community and also support night time activation of the civic square and surrounding areas. How might this impact the building design? 7. With regards to partnerships and in particular Capital E - agree there is similarities and potential cross overs in services of a future library and useful to seek alignment/coordinated approach, but also caution that given different commercial drivers - need to ensure not diluting the future library service to prop up the commercial interest of Other provider eg capital E. 8. What are the key measures of success for the library strategy eg- visitors per day, level of knowledge transfer, breadth of community using the library etc and how does this impact what are considered core functions of the future central library (and what implications does this have on building requirements) 9. What learnings from the town hall remediation have been taken into the library project and how has this shaped the proposal and selection of preferred option?

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option D – New build on same site

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building? not answered

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.	1.
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Q16. Where do you currently live?	not answered
Q17. Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?	not answered
Q18. Please choose the gender that best identifies you	not answered



Respondent No: 1451

Q1. Your name* Gal Duncan on behalf of Wellington Branch PHA

Q2. Your email or postal address

Q3. You are making this submission: Wellington Branch of the Public Health Association

Q4. Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?(Oral submissions will be held on Wednesday 22 September)

Q5. Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities. What could the Central Library be like, and what could it provide to support the community? This could include anything from physical spaces, services, programmes or partnerships with other organisations.

A safe haven to read, meet people, sit and reflect, to study, to be introduced to new ideas, to hold meetings, to vote, to be introduced to the vibrant city of Wellington at a central location, to hear other community groups, to participate in activities with all age groups and cultures.

Q6. There are several different options to deliver a functional Central Library building. Which of these is your preferred option?Please tick one Option C – High-level remediation

Q7. You have indicated you do not prefer any of the five options we have put forward for consultation. We would like to hear from you what option you would like explored further. This could include one of the options that were not deemed practicable and were excluded (listed below) or another different option. not answered

Q8. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

A multimedia approach needs to be incorporated. The building needs to have many portals of access and freedom of movement, a welcoming place for wheelchairs, walking sticks, the blind, the deaf, the illiterate, those who speak foreign languages, a sensory environment not just a quiet space, zone of silence for academics.

Q9. Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important. 1. Making the building resilient 2. Making the building safe 3. Sustainability 4. Future-proofing the library service 5. Heritage 6. Climate change

Q10. If you selected 'other' above, what other factor was important in your decision? not answered

Q11. Thinking about how the Central Library building connects with the Te Ngākau Civic Precinct how appealing or unappealing would you find the following?

Having multiple entrances to the building from Civic Square, the Precinct, and/or surrounding streets at ground floor level. Appealing

More windows to help connect the library visually to the square and surrounding streets. Appealing

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The external area outside the library needs to be like Hyde Park corner. A place where people can have their say, congregate, have lunch on a bench. The city Council needs to be more outwardly engaging and accessible as well. Having said this the Council needs to be located separately from the library itself.

Q13. On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)? Monthly

My name Paul Bruce

I am making this submission as an individual and as a Class one Meteorologist

I would like to make an oral submission on Tuesday 22 September

Redeveloping the Central Library building for the next 50 years presents many opportunities:

Any rebuild in the Civic Square should be on a much smaller scale and elevated at least 2 metres above sea level to ensure a life time of at least 50 years, with other complementary physical spaces maintained around town acting as communication centres, drop in centres, meeting rooms and borrowing and returning of items. Bulk storage of books etc should be in another location such as Te Aro and at least 2 metres above sea level. All buildings should be carbon neutral

I do not have a preference of options presented.

Instead, I would like to see smaller branches in the CBD and surrounding areas, elevated at least by 2 metres above sea level.

The present central library should be replaced by a smaller elevated drop in centres, and more open space allowed with better connections for pedestrians and active modes (cyclists etc) to the golden mile and the water front. Provision should be made

for sea level inundation and areas that would revert to nature, wetlands, raupo attracting bird life and connected to lagoon.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the future of the Central Library building?

See answer to previous question. It is important to acknowledge that the IPCC projections for climate impacts are already dated and conservative with global greenhouse emissions continuing to rise at an increasing pace.

Published peer reviewed papers indicate that climate heating continues apace, with melting on the northern ice cap and sea ice 30 years faster than predicted, and various other tipping points reached, which will support much greater sea level than predicted and directly impacting all buildings in the CBD close to the golden mile including the Civic Square space and the present central library.

Thinking about your preferred option for the central library building, what factors were most important in your decision? *Please rank your top 5 in order of importance, with '1' being most important through to '5' for the fifth most important.*

Resiliency, carbon neutral, accessibility, safety, cost to ratepayers, future-proofing services, Te Ngakau Civic Square connections.

Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has traditionally played an important role in Wellington, both as a public space in the central city and as the home of the City Council chambers and the Library. Is there anything you would like to share with us about the role Te Ngākau Civic Precinct has or could have in terms of a public and democratic space in the central city?

It is a valued space - however, it has poor connections to the golden mile and to the sea, and this needs to be addressed by restricting traffic in the surrounding areas, and bringing in nature as above. A major part of the CBD will eventually be inundated by sea and forward planning should be made for seawater intrusion with areas reverting to nature, wetlands, raupo attracting bird life and connections to lagoon.

On average, how often have you accessed library services in Wellington in the past 12 months (in person or online)?

Weekly prior to lockdown

There are interim CBD libraries in Manners St, National Archives and on Brandon St. Which of the following have you visited in the past 6 months? *Please tick all that apply*

National Archives

What do you like about the interim CBD branches? Is there anything you would improve or change?

Ergonomic chairs with tables in quiet areas

Where do you currently live?
Brooklyn

Which of the following ages groups do you belong to?

70 +

Please choose the gender that best identifies you

Male

Review of notes meeting 10/09/2020 held at Te Raukura, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke.

Updated: 160920

Meeting with Te Wharewaka o Pōneke / Wellington Tenth Trust / Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust

Present: Liz Mellish, Ann Reweti, Chris Fox, Keith Hindle

Apologies received: Anaru Smiler, Peter Jackson, Richard Te One, Mark Te One, Hannah Buchanan.

As a reference the Future of Central Library: Consultation Document is available online [link](#)

Discussions represent:

- Wellington Tenth Trust
- Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust
- Te Raukura, Wharewaka o Pōneke

Present for Wellington City Council: Nicky Karu, Karen Wallace, Lucy Lang and Andrea Thomas

Liz Mellish indicated after discussion with Wellington Tenth Trust Chairman Anaru Smiler and Trustees that the preferred option is Option C: High Level Remediation

Key points we wish to highlight:

- The Tenth Trust is vitally invested in the future of the Central Library building and Te Ngākau Civic Square.
- Te Ngākau, the “heart”, should always be viewed as one place.
- Sir Ian Athfield’s relationship with Iwi was strong, and he took advice and inspiration around the history and importance of the area.
- The stories relate to the water, the sea, and the streams. The water is represented by the low ponds in the landscaping of Te Ngākau and reflects that the shoreline was in this location pre-1848 and was a key fishing spot for moki. Michael Fowler Centre is located where a large rock used to be and if you look at the shape of MFC you can see the influence on the design. Te Ngākau is anchored at one end by Michael Fowler and the other by Ian Athfield’s Library.
- Waikoukou Stream and the connection to the sea, were both viewed as extremely important to the Iwi, and influenced the design of both the Library and Te Ngākau (also Waimapihi Stream to the east).
- Governance in Te Ngākau should reflect its role in Wellington’s cultural precinct. The Para Matchitt bridge links Te Ngākau with the waterfront, Te Wharewaka, Te Papa – stretching down towards the Wellington Museum. The connection from the Wharewaka across the bridge to the civic heart is valued
- Māori heritage of Wellington should reside in the Central Library. This can be a challenge as there is a natural conflict for Māori with their story being written or recorded. We do not want to miss out on the history being passed on, so it is the role of the library to try and

gather their stories in an appropriate way. If we don't at least ask we won't have the chance to record and our history may be lost.

- There is also an opportunity to provide a dedicated space for Māori resources as it is important to be able to browse your history.
 - There is a strength that both Ann Reweti and Jacquie Baxter brought to the Library. Ngā Tupuna publications could only have been done at Wellington library, was and is used all the time and reflects that this is a Māori Library.
 - Jacquie Baxter was strongly involved with the library and she could be a strong figure head for future planning. She was a strong presence in her time and had a big part of the naming of the building as Te Matapihi ki te Ao nui.
 - Some Māori design within the changes would be a great opportunity to involve some of young Māori, who will be the future users of the Library. This could be writers, poets, publishers, architects, artists.
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Tēnā koutou,

Please find below a submission from Ngā Aho members from the Pōneke branch. Ngā Aho Māori Designers Network is a national group of Māori designers of all kinds, planners, environmental professionals and social scientists all concerned with built environment and more general design and environmental outcomes.

Ngā Aho would like to assert the importance of sharing power, supporting and maintaining relationships and with mana whenua in the Pōneke region. The long history of land loss through colonisation underpins any conversation about the Central Library and what to do with it. To that end our preferred option is that the Wellington City Council gives mana whenua back the land under which the Central Library sits as a contribution towards rectifying past wrongs that mana whenua have had to endure at the hands of the Crown, of which the Council is an agent. This is also provisional on this being a suitable arrangement for mana whenua. If mana whenua wanted to continue to provide a public service on this land, that resource provision be allocated to support the long-term sustainability of the site. This option would take boldness on the part of Council and Councillors but we would encourage a fundamental look at the site apart from the options provided in the current document. Mana whenua need to be empowered through the giving back of resource to manaaki those of us who are from elsewhere.

Another possibility is a kind of co-governance, co-development and ongoing management arrangement with mana whenua for which there are a number of precedents in the environmental planning and management space. We understand there are a number of instruments Council could use to ensure the promotion of mātauranga Māori in these design projects. The District Plan is one instrument and also its associated Design Guides.

Notwithstanding our desire for Council to consider giving the land back to mana whenua, there was a general feeling that a new building was preferred over renovation of the existing to enable the development of a space that more fully reflected the Treaty relationship. We saw merit in both a new building on the existing site and some merit in a new building on an alternative site, with the latter being seen as an option to use the shell of the existing library to provide an alternative space such as indoor basketball courts.

The group generally rejected the idea of keeping the Central Library though for heritage reasons. There is currently much effort put into retaining colonial heritage with much less of a focus on acknowledging the far longer presence of Māori in this place. The latter needs to be prioritised in future uses of the site, as a clear message about the Council's commitment to addressing racial equity, New Zealand history and the Tiriti of Waitangi, supporting Māori worldviews and knowledge, te reo Māori, and fostering strong, ongoing and effective relationships with Māori.

Our group put forward the following specific thoughts on new possibilities for the site:

- Libraries in their current form are colonial institutions and by design privilege western knowledge
- Consider different ways, apart from written, that knowledge is transmitted and how a library might enable oral knowledge to be disseminated
- Could there be 2 libraries one for written content and one for oral/verbal content. Each would offer different spaces to engage with the wider community
- How can the library protect iwi mātauranga held by kaumatua i.e. libraries need to provide space for kaumatua
- Whilst the option to decentralise the library into a range of mini libraries hasn't been included in the options, we think this is still an option worth considering
- How can the library promote equity? What are the important informal and civic functions of a library to manaaki its people. Need to think about it more than just a place for books but a place where tamariki and rangatahi come after school for shelter when the weather is bad, possibly a place to find kai.

Ngā Aho is well placed to continue to be involved in the ongoing plans for the library and would encourage Council to engage our multidisciplinary group over the longer term.

Finally, we would appreciate the opportunity to give an oral submission as a group.

Ngā mihi,

- Desna Whaanga-Schollum (Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Pahauwera) – Chair – Ngā Aho Māori Designers Network
- Matt Ritani (Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kahungunu)
- Dr Diane Menzies, (Rongowhakaata, Aitanga a Mahaki)
- Dr Rebecca Kiddle (Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi): co-chair Pōneke, Ngā Aho Māori Designers Network
- Amelia Blundell (Ngāpuhi)
- Jade Wikaira (Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Te Whanau-a-Apanui, Ngāpuhi)
- Jahmayne Robin-Middleton (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto)
- William Hatton (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Raukawa, Rangitāne, Muaūpoko)
- Jacqueline Wardle (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kauwhata)

7 September 2020

Wellington City Council

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Future of the Central Library

1. Recommendations

1.1 Property Council New Zealand (“Property Council”) recommends that when deciding on the future of the Central Library the Wellington City Council (the “Council”) should prioritise the following principles:

- Making the building safe and resilient
- Limiting the cost to ratepayers
- Future-proofing the service to include a wider range of facilities
- Providing opportunities for partnership with commercial sector
- Rethinking the wider purpose of Civic Square.

1.2 We believe the best way of achieving these principles is by demolishing the existing building and building a new library (option D or E).

1.3 If the Central Library is granted heritage status, then mid-level remediation (option B) would be the most value for money to ratepayers while achieving many of the principles above.

1.4 We recommend the Council does further work and allows ratepayers to have another opportunity for consultation on the preferred option alongside the Long-Term Plan consultation process before determining the future of the Central Library.

2. Introduction

2.1 Property Council’s purpose is; “Together, shaping cities where communities thrive”. We believe in the creation and retention of well-designed, functional and sustainable built environments which contribute to New Zealand’s overall prosperity. We support legislation that provides a framework to enhance economic growth, development, liveability and growing communities.

2.2 Property Council’s Wellington Branch has 138 businesses as members. The Property Industry contributed \$8.6 billion to the Wellington Economy. This includes a direct impact of \$3.3 billion (11 per cent of total GDP) and flow-on (indirect and induced) impacts of \$5.3 billion. It employs 17,260 directly which equates to eight per cent of total employment in Wellington. That makes it the region’s second largest economic sector.

2.3 While we do not have a firm preference on a single proposed option, we believe that when deciding on the way forward the Council should prioritise the following principles:

- Making the building safe and resilient
- Limiting the cost to ratepayers

- Future-proofing the service to include a wider range of facilities
- Providing opportunities for partnership with commercial sector
- Rethinking the wider purpose of the Civic Square.

3. Potential options for Library

- 3.1 Wellington's Central Library does not need to be rebuilt in the same way as before. The decision on what the Central Library should look like in the future should not be rushed. We recommend the Council determine what services the community requires before predetermining how the Central Library will look. In the meantime, the current network of central libraries are working well and bringing the facilities closer to people.
- 3.2 Last year, Property Council awarded Tūranga, Christchurch City Library, with our Supreme Award. It is one of nine anchor projects that support the regeneration of Canterbury following the earthquakes and is a great example of what can be done to improve the way the community and visitors experience Christchurch's City Centre. We urge the Council to strive to achieve many of the design and practical functions that Christchurch City Library has achieved in developing Tūranga.
- 3.3 The most cost-effective way of achieving a number of the above principles would be to demolish the existing building (option D or E) and build a new library either on the site or somewhere else within the precinct. We do however question whether it would cost between \$156.5m - \$160.7m when Tūranga cost \$92m and the new Johnsonville Library in Waitohi cost \$22.5m. The Council could consider whether it is possible to build a more scaled down version of the current library and therefore reducing the cost. There are many advantages to this option as it would allow for modern building standards, high level resilience, future proof the services and provide opportunities to rethink the wider purpose of the Civic Square.

Heritage Status

- 3.4 If the Library is granted heritage status, then this will constrain the options available to the Council. On this basis, a mid-level remediation (option B) would be the most value for money to ratepayers. However, we do question the cost of this as there are limited details on the remediation, what services a future library would provide, and what the fit out would look like. Further details about what this option would entail are required before the Council could proceed.

4. Limitations of consultation

- 4.1 We have outlined several concerns with the way in which the consultation was framed below.

Future-proofing library services

- 4.2 The Council should have consulted with ratepayers about what services they want the library to provide in the future before looking at the options on how to achieve this. From here the Council could assess what it could legitimately afford and how it would fund it as part of the wider Long-Term Plan process.
- 4.3 When deciding what future services the library could provide, there are many excellent examples and case studies. For instance, Tūranga provides a wide range of facilities and technology for the local community, including a heritage collection, an innovation zone with 3D

and laser printers, music and video studios, a 200-seat arena, children's playzone, a quiet reading room, and a café and outdoor roof terraces. The early childhood centre on the top level of Waitohi is another great example of how the library can become more than a place for books.

Rethinking the Civic Square

- 4.4 The Civic Square is seen as the 'heart of the city', however much of it has been closed due to earthquake strengthening issues for a number of years. The cost to repair all the surrounding buildings is astronomical and the Council needs to make some tough decisions on what it can legitimately afford given its current budget and the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4.5 While the Council has made clear intentions not to sell the Central Library, we believe tough decisions need to be made about the precinct as a whole. From an asset management perspective, we question whether the Council should own all the buildings within the precinct.

Funding options

- 4.6 The consultation document refers to the cost of the Central Library being funded by Council borrowings. It states this will ultimately increase the rates paid by residential ratepayers. However, it does not explain how this will impact commercial ratepayers and whether this will come from general rates or from a targeted rate. Given the economic strain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the already long list of CapEx projects (e.g. Let's Get Wellington Moving, three waters system improvement and other resilience projects) the Council budget is already severely impacted and the cost of the Central Library will on further exacerbate this.
- 4.7 We are disappointed that the Council ruled out considering the option of selling the building to allow a commercial developer to develop the Central Library and lease it back after the restoration or rebuild had been completed. This would reduce the Council's risk and liability protecting it against any cost blowouts and against any future catastrophic events to the building.
- 4.8 We suggest an alternative option that could be discussed in the Long-Term Plan is the sale of the Civic Administration Building which could potentially fund any refurbishments to the Central Library. Given Council staff no longer reside within this building we believe the Council should exit ownership of office space in the same way that central government did decades ago. A good example of this is the Bowen Campus which has been redeveloped to transform Wellington's government precinct.
- 4.9 By allowing commercial-led redevelopment of the Civic Administration Building, this will contribute to the rebuild cost of the library and avoid the 'dead nights' problem in Civic Square. The Council can maintain its presence within this building by leasing back the offices if it wishes to relocate from the Terrace. There is also a real opportunity to rethink the future of the Civic Square to provide space for cafes, retail, office and residential dwellings.

Costs

- 4.10 As previously stated, we question some of the proposed costs for both the remediation and the new build. While the remediation options project costs are very much estimates by quantity surveyors based on engineering concepts there is no certainty around these cost and could lead to further blow outs as has been the case with the Town Hall, St James Theatre and Omāoro Reservoir. For this reason, there is a higher risk of added cost due to the many variables of earthquake strengthening if the Council decided to go with one of the remediation options.

4.11 In the case of the two new building options there is no concept design and therefore the Council could substantially reduce the cost by deciding on a much more scaled down version of the current library. Given there are two floors of office space in the current library this might not be necessary in any new build. In addition, there is less chance of further cost blow outs due to less variables from a new build.

5. Conclusion

5.1 When determining the Council's preferred option, we recommend the Council prioritise a number of key principles: safety and resilience, cost, future-proofing, partnerships and the wider civic square.

5.2 Given the limitations of the consultation, we recommend the Council does further work to allow ratepayers to have another opportunity for consultation on the preferred option alongside the Long-Term Plan consultation process before determining the future of the Central Library. This would allow more time to provide further details on the services, costs and funding options of a future Central Library.

5.3 Property Council wishes to thank the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Central Library consultation document. We would like to speak in support of our submission at an oral hearing.

5.4 Any further queries do not hesitate to contact James Kennelly, Head of Advocacy, email: james@propertynz.co.nz or cell: 021 779 312.

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