

OIR: 2223/354

28 September 2022

Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2022 requesting the following information:

I noticed new WCs at Centennial Park which replace a multi-WC block opened in 1998 - 24 years ago.

- 1. Please give the date the new WC opened.
 - Ladies Rest Room was opened in 1953
 - Men's Conveniences opened in 1967
 - These facilities were demolished in early 1999
 - Exeloos were opened in late 1999.
- 2. Is it an Exeloo, is it? If not, what 'style' is it.

It is an Exeloo.

3. Why was the larger block demolished?

It was demolished to allow for the relocation of the Old Court House Building to Centennial Park which was to become an Information Centre. The larger block did not comply with the accessibility regulations for toilets and was at the end of its life.

4. Please provide a copy of the document that recorded the decision to demolish and replace, and the agreed cost of each stage, then the fully completed cost and date of completion.

The toilets were commissioned in late 1999. Please find attached a copy of documentation from our archives relating to the toilets covering detailed costings. The new (in 1999) toilets were included in Council budgets for that financial year.

5. Did Otaki Community Board request / agree to the replacement of the wcs?

The Community Board was involved – please refer to the screenshot below from the Council meeting at that time, where the Community Board has asked the Council to note the new toilets.

CA 03/99/15 PUBLIC TOILET SURVEY

6.12.0

The Community Affairs Committee considered report CSS99-013 which informed the Committee of the outcome of a survey undertaken on the suitability of public toilets for people with disabilities.

RECOMMENDED (Spiers/Ansell)

That Council notes that by the end of December 1999 the following toilet blocks would meet the New Zealand Building Code standards for use by people with disabilities:

Otaki

township Centennial Park upgrade replacement

Ngā mihi

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Te Kaiwhakahaere roopu, Takiwa me te Waahi