

## 7. Erebus National Memorial Update

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/1099380

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### Confidentiality

<b>Section under the Act:</b>	The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
<b>Sub-clause and Reason:</b>	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
<b>Public Interest Consideration:</b>	To allow Councillors to receive the briefing ahead of Erebus family members being informed.
<b>Potential Release Review Date and Conditions:</b>	1 July 2025 Once Erebus family members have been informed.

### 1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

<b>Purpose and Origin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In December last year, Councillors were briefed and agreed that the Mayor write to the Secretary for Culture and Heritage, inviting the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) to consider Ōtautahi Christchurch as a potential site for the Erebus disaster National Memorial.</li><li>On 9 December, the Mayor sent this invitation to MCH, noting the Council's willingness to work collaboratively to identify a site that reflects the dignity and significance of the memorial.</li></ul>
<b>Timing</b>	This information session is expected to last for 15 minutes.
<b>Outcome Sought</b>	To update Councillors on progress and seek a broad indication of continued support for the current direction of the project.
<b>Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MCH will inform Erebus families of three proposed locations for the memorial.</li><li>Once family members have been informed, relevant Community Boards will be briefed.</li><li>Detailed evaluation of each proposed site will follow, alongside targeted community engagement, as required.</li><li>Following this, a report recommending a preferred site will be brought to Council for consideration. The preferred site may then be offered to MCH as a proposed location for the memorial. This is expected to occur by the Council meeting on 3 September.</li></ul>
<b>Key points / Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A working group—led by Professor Jacky Bowring of Lincoln University and including Council staff and representatives from MCH and Ngāi Tūāhuriri (Whitiōra)—identified and visited potential sites within Christchurch.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In addition, collaboration with Christchurch International Airport Ltd (CIAL) explored potential locations within the airport precinct, which were evaluated by the working group.</li><li>• Through this process, three sites have been shortlisted for detailed evaluation.</li></ul>
<b>Useful Links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Erebus Memorial Site Selection Documents: <a href="https://www.mch.govt.nz/publications/national-erebus-memorial-site-selection-documents">https://www.mch.govt.nz/publications/national-erebus-memorial-site-selection-documents</a></li></ul>

### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this coversheet.

### Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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