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NEW BUDGET FOR WAITANGI PARK MAKES MOCKERY OF DESIGN CRITERIA

The Wellington Civic Trust say that the revised budget for the Waitangi Park development has made a mockery of the budget criteria set for the design competition. Trust Chairperson Di Buchan stated “The call for proposals for the design of the Park stipulated that all designs had to fit within a maximum budget of \$10 Million. The designs put forward were assessed for compliance with that limit and most designers had to amend their plans to fit within the budget criteria.”

“The design approved by the Council has recently been granted resource consent subject to a large number of conditions. The Council now estimates the cost to be \$18 million.”

The Civic Trust believes that the escalating costs not only make a mockery of the original competition but may also be used to strengthen the argument for commercial buildings on the Park.

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