



**NAPIER**  
CITY COUNCIL  
Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri



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Tēnā koe Kennie,

I am writing to express my disappointment at the proposed closure of the Napier Prison and associated tours business.

As you will appreciate, the prison tours business has been a feature of Napier's tourism offering for two decades and as such its closure would come as a big blow. The prison is a major part of the region's history and heritage and is the site of many significant events, notably the execution of Kereopa Te Rau, in the New Zealand Wars. It is important that this history is not lost, particularly given the refocus of the New Zealand History Curriculum.

We of course are extremely mindful of your obligations as the property owner and the safety and wellbeing of guests must take priority.

We understand that a thorough safety review is to be carried out throughout the property. We would welcome any information you can provide once the review is complete and if there is a way forward that enables the safe continuation of the business, we would be keen to support that pathway.

Ngā mihi nui

Kirsten Wise  
**Mayor of Napier | Te Kahika o te Kaunihera o Ahuriri**