

# Media Statement

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## Media statement on Freyberg House

Freyberg House, like many buildings in Wellington, sustained significant damage from the earthquake on 14 November 2016.

An extensive investigation by our team of expert engineers has concluded that Defence House does not present any immediate health and safety risk. However, AMP Capital has decided the demolition and complete rebuild of the building is the best way forward as the cost of repairs is not economically viable.

We have formally notified Defence NZ of this outcome and have offered to rebuild the building to its specifications.

The demolition will be completed by 'deconstruction' in a controlled manner to ensure the safety of staff and the general public in the area.

As we are at the start of a complex process of planning for the demolition and future rebuild of the building, it is too soon to confirm any further details.

AMP Capital will consult with Wellington City Council and neighbouring stakeholders as part of the planning process to minimise the inconvenience of the demolition and rebuild.

Any further queries on the future of Defence House should be addressed to AMP Capital.

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