



From the Director's Desk

Museum Welcomes Government Redevelopment Funding

Kia ora

It hasn't been long since our last redevelopment e-update, but I just had to share some fantastic news.

At an event at the Museum this morning, Minister Hon Dr Megan Woods announced a one-off \$25 million grant for base isolation and other seismic strengthening for our redevelopment.

This money is crucial to the project, but we will need raise the rest of our \$175 million construction budget before we can access it.

The Museum already had \$125 million in hand, and this announcement takes us to \$150 million, leaving us with a \$25 million shortfall to make up before work is due to start in April next year.



Above: Museum Trust Board Chair David Ayers and I were delighted to welcome Hon Dr Megan Woods and Christchurch Mayor Phil Mauger to the Museum this morning.

The Museum will now approach the Lotteries Commission and Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage's Regional Culture and Heritage Fund about further funding.

We are confident that we'll have the entire construction budget secured by April 2023.

The Museum's Trust Board has agreed a budget of \$205 million for the redevelopment – \$30 million for developing new exhibitions as well as the \$175 million for the building itself.

We expect to raise the \$30 million for exhibitions over the next four years as construction is underway.

Thanks again for coming on this journey with us. You can read more about this announcement in our press release issued today.

I'll leave you with a fresh architectural render (below) showing the new Museum's atrium space, complete with suspended blue whale skeleton!

Ngā mihi nui
Anthony Wright
Tumuaki/Director

[Read the press release](#) ➔



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