

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition No. 97-21 of 2022

House of Assembly

*No. 4 of 2022
NS Law.*


The petitioners ask the House to:

1. Immediately halt plans to relocate the Burnie CBD Courthouse to Mooreville Road; and
2. Commit to redeveloping the Court on the current site or find a new location for the Burnie Courthouse within the Burnie CBD

GOVERNMENT POSITION:

- Our Government notes the petition in respect of the Burnie Court Complex.
- We have listened closely to the Burnie community and there is firm agreement from all stakeholders that the current facilities are no longer fit for purpose and must be replaced, and also that the Burnie Central Business District (CBD) is in need of revitalisation.
- It is therefore, desirable that the Burnie CBD remains an activated and vibrant driver for the community and the local economy.
- Our Government is committed to working closely with the Burnie community to ensure that local court facilities meet the needs of a modern justice system.
- That is why our Government instructed Treasury to conduct a targeted EOI which closed on 18 May 2022 and resulted in a strong response with a number of applications being submitted. For probity reasons it is not appropriate to comment on the number or nature of the bids until after being assessed by Treasury.
- Following an evaluation of all the EOI submissions by Treasury, our Government will be presented with a report that details the current availability of potentially suitable alternate CBD site(s), which will enable us to make a decision on the next steps for the project. It is anticipated that this will occur in June/July 2022.
- The Government thanks the Burnie community, who have made their feedback known and worked through this process with us in good faith.

- We are committed to maximising the benefits of this project for the entire region as it will help provide more local jobs, increased economic activity, and improved access to justice across the entire North West of Tasmania.



Hon Elise Archer MP
Attorney-General
Minister for Justice

Date: 9 June 2022