



**CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR NEW ZEALAND
TE KAIWHAKAWĀ MATUA O TE KŌTI-Ā-ROHE O AOTEAROA
Judge Heemi Taumaunu**

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MEDIA STATEMENT**

Update on Auckland District Court

Auckland District Court has been significantly affected by the extreme weather event in the region and will remain closed until Wednesday 8 February. Chief District Court Judge Heemi Taumaunu said that subject to any unforeseen circumstances that may arise in the interim, it is the intention to reopen the Court on Wednesday.

Ten courtrooms have been impacted to varying degrees, with water ingress and equipment damage and the Court will have reduced capacity when it reopens.

The local solution framework currently in place will be extended in the Auckland, North Shore and Waitakere Courts until Saturday 11 February (inclusive). This enables the work in all three courts to be scheduled in order of priority.

Jury trials will recommence in Auckland District Court on Monday 13 February. Jurors summoned to appear in the Auckland District Court in the week commencing 7 February are not required to attend the court. Jurors summoned to appear on Monday 13 February are required at the time set out in their summons.

There will be no public access to the court until it reopens on Wednesday.

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