



REDEVELOPMENT OF THE MAOTA FONO

The Government of Samoa, with the generous support of the Commonwealth of Australia, is redeveloping the Maota Fono at Malae o Tiafau, Mulinu'u.

The existing Maota Fono was a gift by the Government of New Zealand in celebration of Samoa's ten years of independence. Designed by a Canadian architect, the building mirrors cultural elements of the Faa-Samoa and traditional architecture, such as openness and oneness as reflected in its shape, form and sitting arrangements.

Since its opening in May 1972, the Maota Fono has been the home of Samoan leaders after every General Election. It has received numerous foreign dignitaries, and countless pieces of legislation have been passed under its roof. The building has served as a symbol of Samoa's strong leadership and enduring stability.

However, the building has reached the end of its physical life and will now be replaced.



Picture 1 : 3D Concept image of the New Maota Fono

The redeveloped Maota Fono will continue to reflect the Samoan culture and history, yet also provide a modern and functional legislature that current and future generations of Samoans can be proud of.



Picture 2 (left) : Current Maota Fono at Mulinuu after reroofing in 1992
Picture 3 (right) : Construction in progress in 1972

Project status as at June 2015

- Parliament temporarily relocated to the Conference Centre at Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi Complex, Savalalo in February 2015.
- Detailed design work is continuing and scheduled for completion in mid-July 2015.
- Development Consent application has been lodged and is expected to be tabled at the next PUMA Board meeting in July 2015.
- Expression of Interest for Construction has been completed and shortlisted construction firms identified.
- Request for tender for demolition will be issued in June 2015
- Final Prayer Service to be held at the Maota Fono before demolition scheduled in August 2015.
- Construction is scheduled to commence in late 2015 and be completed by early 2017.
- Regular updates on project status will be released at project milestones.

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