

Strengthening of Auckland Town Hall Trevor Robertson



The Building

- Unreinforced masonry
- Timber diaphragms
- Wedge shape
- Large volume spaces hence slender walls
- Four storey equivalent
- Tower at North end
- Asymmetric soil retention across the site
- Mass concrete pier foundations



Queen Street Floor Level





Cross-section Through Halls





Building Features



Analysis

- Assessed for life safety at Maximum Credible Earthquake
- Use of ETABS 6.0
- Flexible floor plates
- Subdivided into two models
- Model sub-divided at light well
- Face loading assessed by Preistley method

Response Spectra

Apex Zone ETABS Model

Halls Zone ETABS Model

Great Hall Strengthening

- Circle level steel truss
- Ceiling level plywood diaphragm
- North end concrete shear wall
- South end concrete stitching of two walls
- External truss bracing South wall out-of-plane

Great Hall Circle Level Truss

Great Hall Circle Truss

South Wall Bracing Truss

Concert Chamber Strengthening

- Queen Street level steel sub-floor trusses
- Roof level pitched plywood diaphragm
- External wall concrete ribs
- Concrete floor diaphragm to foyer
- Concrete shear wall North end

Concert Chamber Truss (1 of 2)

Apex Strengthening

- Plywood floor diaphragms
- Plywood roof diaphragm
- Concrete transverse shear walls
- Titan ground anchors
- Tower restraining truss
- Wall pinning

1 / 2 Tower Truss Being Fitted

Questions?

