A third factor to be compared was the purposes of the building of the Westpac Stadium and the Flavian Amphitheatre. Construction of Rome’s Colosseum begun under Emperor Vespasian, circa 70 AD. It was built on the site of the ruined Domus Aurea (1), palace of Nero, which had been taken by Nero from the people (2) following the Great Fire of Rome nearly a decade prior. It is believed that the Flavian Amphitheatre was built in the tradition of celebrating Roman victories, following the victory against the Jewish rebels (2). Also, it was seen as a populist gesture of giving the land (2) Nero took back to the people by Emperor Vespasian. By comparison, the Westpac Stadium was built in 1999 on reclaimed railway land (2) to replace the woefully inadequate Athletic Park, which was set in a state of disrepair, and to augment the Basin Reserve as a larger capacity venue for one-day cricket internationals (2), as the Reserve was losing matches to larger grounds elsewhere in the country. The Coliseum of Rome was built for glory, but the Westpac Stadium of Wellington was built of disrepair and inadequacy elsewhere (3).