



Proposed Plan Change H(a) Historic Heritage

Manawatū District Council is proposing changes to the Manawatū District Plan to review historic heritage within the wider Manawatū District. This review excludes heritage buildings located in the Feilding Town Centre and marae buildings.

This fact sheet gives an overview of the changes proposed to the Manawatū District Plan to provide information to help you decide if you would like to make a submission or not. More detailed information is available on our website: mdc.govt.nz/Have-Your-Say

What is historic heritage?

Historic Heritage is essentially those key rural and township buildings, houses, objects and memorials, churches and community buildings that reflect aspects of our history. They often are in private ownership.

Why are we protecting historic heritage?

Historic heritage has a special status under New Zealand's planning law (section 6, Resource Management Act 1991). As part of the Manawatū District Plan Review we are required to identify and protect historic heritage within the District.

Immediate Legal Effect

As per section 86B of the Resource Management Act, rules associated with historic heritage have immediate legal effect from the date of public notification, being 17 November 2022. This means that the new provisions override what is currently in the District Plan for heritage items outside of the Feilding Town Centre. However changes may occur to the proposed provisions as part of the submission and hearing process.

What changes are being proposed?

Amendments to the District Plan fall under the following two areas:

A review of the list of heritage items that are currently included in the District Plan (Appendix 1E):

- Each heritage item has been individually assessed against criteria of physical values, historic values and cultural values (as outlined in existing District Plan policy). Copies of each individual report are part of the Section 32 Report and can be viewed on the website. As a result of the individual assessments, some items are recommended not to be included on the schedule.
- New heritage items are included to the heritage schedule using the same criteria mentioned above based on heritage assessments which describe their heritage significance. As part of the review, consideration of items that are listed on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero and known war memorials has been undertaken.

Changes to the District Plan rules and policy, including provisions which:

- Include a new heritage schedule that describes why each heritage item is important.
- Enable owners to make minor changes to more modern parts of existing heritage buildings where they are not constructed in the same style, finishes or materials as the original building, including lean-tos.
- Enable attachments to be added such as solar panels, heat pumps, and infrastructure connections where they are not visible from a road or public space.
- Include new rules introduced for the heritage items in Schedule 4b including relocation and external alterations and additions.

These changes aim to provide more certainty and flexibility to heritage owners than what has been provided under the existing District Plan provisions.

What do Category A or Category B rankings mean?

Each building in the new schedule identifies the heritage item as having Category A (national significance) or Category B (regional or local significance) status. The following table outlines the rules that apply to activities for each category:

Activity	Category A	Category B
Maintenance and minor repair	Permitted subject to standard (no change). Where standard is not met, a restricted discretionary consent is required (new rule to replace discretionary rule)	Permitted subject to standard (no change). Where standard is not met, a restricted discretionary consent is required (new rule to replace discretionary rule)
Partial or complete demolition necessary to make site safe after fire, flooding, earthquake	Permitted (no change)	Permitted (no change)
Additions / alterations to interior of items	Permitted (no change)	Permitted (no change)
Seismic Strengthening	Permitted subject to standard (no change). Where standard is not met, a discretionary consent is required (no change)	Permitted subject to standard (no change). Where standard is not met, a restricted discretionary consent is required (new rule to replace discretionary rule).
Minor external alterations (security alarms, lighting, attachments such as solar panels, heat pumps, infrastructure)	Permitted subject to standard. Where standard is not met, a restricted discretionary consent is required (new rule)	Permitted subject to standard. Where standard is not met, a restricted discretionary consent is required (new rule)
Signage	Permitted subject to standard. Where standard is not met, a discretionary consent is required (new cross reference but no change to rule)	Permitted subject to standard. Where standard is not met, a discretionary consent is required (new cross reference but no change to rule).
External alterations to non-contributing parts of heritage building	Permitted subject to standard. Where standard is not met, a restricted discretionary consent is required (new rule)	Permitted subject to standard. Where standard is not met, a restricted discretionary consent is required (new rule)
External additions and alterations	Non-complying (no change)	Restricted discretionary (new rule – change from discretionary)
Relocation	Relocate item within same site – Discretionary (no change). Relocate item to another site – Non-complying (no change)	Relocate item within same site – Restricted discretionary (new rule). Relocate item to another site – Discretionary (no change)
Partial or complete demolition	Non-complying (no change)	Discretionary (no change)
Activities not provided for	Non-complying (no change)	Discretionary (change from non-complying)

How do I make a submission or find more information?

We welcome your comments on Plan Change H(b). More information including a submission form can be found on Council's website: mdc.govt.nz/Have-Your-Say

Submissions close at **4pm, Thursday 15 December 2022** and must be received by Manawatū District Council on or before this date.

