



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

Tairangahia a tua whakarere;
Tatakihia nga reanga o amuri ake nei
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File ref: 33002-077

29 May 2023

To: The Hearing Panel appointed by Manawatū District Council for Plan Change H(a)

Via: Ash.garstang@mdc.govt.nz

POSITION STATEMENT OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA REGARDING PLAN CHANGE H(a)

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) made a submission and further submission on Plan Change H(a). HNZPT was also involved with pre-hearing discussions with Manawatū District Council staff.
2. We have now had the opportunity to review the 42A report for the hearing and consider our position on a number of aspects of the plan change.
3. Regarding the scheduling of the Mangaweka Bridge, we have come to the conclusion that including this structure in schedule 4b as part of Plan Change H(a) is out of scope of the plan change.
4. As such, HNZPT will not be pursuing the bridge being included in the District Plan as part of this plan change.
5. We also note the recommendation that the bridge be scheduled in a future plan change, potentially as a joint plan change with Rangitīkei District Council. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga would obviously be interested in being a party to any future plan change.
6. It may also be of interest to the hearing that the inclusion of the Mangaweka Bridge in the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangi Kōrero is being actively pursued. It is anticipated that the bridge will be included in The List before the end of this year.
7. Regarding the proposed amendments to HH-P11, HNZPT agrees with the comments in the 42A report that relocation is preferred to demolition as a heritage outcome. We also agree with the author that the amendments to HH-P11 add clarity to the policy and will be likely to achieve a better outcome, particularly regarding the choice between demolition and relocation.

8. I have also viewed the email from Rochelle Waugh dated 29 May 2023 in which she suggests alternative wording for HH-P11. Heritage New Zealand is neutral with regards to the alternative wording of HH-P11 recommended in the 42A report, and the version suggested by Rochelle in the email of 29th May.
9. As the main issues in contention with regard to HNZPT's submission appear to be agreed or resolved, HNZPT will not be appearing at the hearing, and will not be presenting expert evidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Raymond', written in a cursive style.

Dean Raymond
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