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Manawatū District Council
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Attention Rochelle Waugh

By email: districtplanreview@mdc.govt.nz

Dear Rochelle,

FURTHER SUBMISSION OF HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE HA FOR MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) responsibilities include managing the region’s natural resources, flood control, monitoring air and water quality, pest control, facilitating economic growth, leading regional land transport planning and coordinating our region’s response to natural disasters. Horizons’ interest in proposed plan change H(a) is as the regional authority for the affected area.

1. This is a further submission on Proposed Plan Change H(a) Historic Heritage by Manawatū District Council.
2. Horizons does not meet the criteria of gaining an advantage in trade competition through this submission and therefore is not limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This further submission relates to the submission made by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. In particular submission point S03/28 below.

Submitter Name and No.	Plan provision	Support/ oppose	Reason	Decision requested
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga S03/28	Additional item to be added in Schedule 4b - Mangaweka Bridge	Oppose (partial)	Mangaweka Bridge, spanning the Rangitikei River at Mangaweka, is included in the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangi Kōrero: (List No. 9746), as a Category 2 historic place. This structure should be included in Schedule 4b	Include the Mangaweka Bridge in Schedule 4b ¹

¹Table sourced from Manawatu District Council’s summary of submissions

Horizons Regional Council **neither support nor oppose** the above request by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

We wish to advise that Horizons has a hydro station located on the old Mangaweka Bridge. This consists of a large tower attached to the downstream side of the bridge and equipment attached to the physical bridge (including radars and cameras). This station provides vital information on river flows and is one of the early warning triggers for evacuation of Tangimoana. It is therefore imperative that this site remain in place and any maintenance or activity at the Mangaweka Bridge be discussed with Horizons Hydrology staff prior to work commencing.

In relation to the Proposed Plan Change, we note proposed rule **HH-R11** enables "*External alterations to non-contributing parts of a heritage building listed in Schedule 4b.*" to be undertaken as a Permitted Activity. We also note the proposed definition of a "non-contributing building" being "*For heritage items listed in Schedule 4b, non-contributing parts of a heritage building are those parts of a building which may have been added to the main heritage building at a later time than original construction of the main building and are not constructed in the same style, finishes or materials as the original building, and includes lean-to's.*"

It is our view that the Hydro Station attached to the Mangaweka Bridge meets the definition of a non-contributing building/part and therefore any maintenance or upgrades to the hydro station would be a permitted activity under proposed Rule HH-R11. However it is not explicit.

In the event Manawatū District Council determines that Mangaweka Bridge be included in Schedule 4b as a Category A site, we **request the following relief**:

That proposed Rule HH-R11 and the definition of a "non-contributing building" be updated to be explicit that maintenance and upgrading of Horizons Regional Council river monitoring infrastructure is considered a non-contributing part of the structure and therefore a permitted activity under the District Plan.

Conclusion

Horizons seeks the relief set out in its submission above, or any further alternative or consequential relief that achieves the outcomes sought.

We do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely,



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