IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

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IN THE MATTER Session on Hamilton City Council
Re-categorisation of Built Heritage Items

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF LAURA LIANE KELLAWAY
ON BEHALF OF WAIKATO HERITAGE GROUP \# 427
DATED 22032024

## INTRODUCTION

1. My name is Laura Liane Kellaway. I hold a Bachelor of Architecture Degree and a Master of Architecture Degree from the University of Auckland. I am a member of ICOMOS New Zealand. I am a registered Architect and a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Architects. I have practised for over thirty years specialising in heritage with experience in the building, heritage consultancy and architecture. I am a Waikato based Historian.
2. I am acting on behalf of the Waikato Heritage Group. I have previously presented evidence to the hearing panel in Hearing Session 1 and 2 in 2023. I attended the Joint Witness Conference Built Heritage Expert Conferencing Session 2 held on 23 November 2023 as an expert, and I provided the WHG Categorisation report dated 1 March 2024. The Waikato Heritage Group submission number is \# 427 and includes a further submission.
3. I carried out site visits to some of the proposed Hamilton City Council (HCC) Heritage Items from the public domain across 2022-2024. I have also visited several of the places prior to 2023 in a both a personal and professional capacity.
4. I note my conflict in relation to a personal submission, and as a former member of the Waikato Heritage Group.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

5. I am familiar with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses (Environment Court Practice Note 2023) and although I note this is a Council hearing, and agree to comply with this code. The evidence presented in this report on the HCC Categorisation report is within my area of expertise, except where I state that I am relying on information provided by another party. I have not knowingly omitted facts or information that might alter or detract from opinions I express.

## SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

6. The scope is of this evidence is to respond to the HCC Categorisation report Appendices B and C as directed by Direction 21.
7. The purpose of this evidence is to set out the position of WHG on particular Built Heritage Items referred to in the HCC Categorisation report :
(i) Of the BH items no longer pursued by HCC, whether WHG continues to support its inclusion in Schedule 8A;
(ii) Of the BH items which HCC continues to pursue, whether WHG continues to oppose or support its inclusion in Schedule 8A
8. The scope includes the HCC Appendix C which are those items seen as 'medium'.
9. In forming a professional view on the above, I have drawn upon the original draft WSP assessments provided by HCC, documentation available in records that are easily accessible, and my own knowledge of the places and history of Hamilton.
10. As noted Waikato Heritage Group (WHG) have previously highlighted a range of discrepancies in the draft WSP assessments, and limitations as result of errors, issues with histories and lack of additional research. It would appear the draft assessments have not been updated since original notification in the interim time of Plan Change 9 and retain inherent errors.
11. I have assumed there have been no additional reports or updates to reports since this time as I have not found any reference to such in any hearing documentation, or evidence of a peer review.
12. It is noted that WHG submissions and further submissions WHG have previously made comment on specific proposed HCC items. This includes the proposed Ruakura Homestead H 158 and Caretaker House ${ }^{1}$ Memorial Park H244. Both items are commented on and supported by WHG in this report.

## REPORT ON HCC CATEGORISATION SCHEDULES

13. As directed by the commissioners in Direction 21, I have addressed, with assistance from the WHG, the proposed HCC historic heritage items categorisation.
14. Following the submission of the re-categorisation reports, I have viewed the HCC Categorisation Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Hamilton City Council in Response to Panel Direction \#21 dated 1 March 2024. .
15. I have appended the HCC Appendix B "High" and Appendix C "Medium". Within the HCC Number column is the WHG position taken.
16. The HCC number column notates "SUPPORT" as in support of the proposed item, "OPPOSE" as likely to oppose. Where there is no comment provided WHG are neutral on the proposed item and I do not intend to provide further comment.
17. It is unclear who was the author of the HCC Memorandum Report categorisation lists, and the basis of the review.
18. HCC's Categorisation Report was based on the updated assessment methodology as set out in the interim guidance, but has not updated the underlying evidence that supports the HCC list. Mr Muldowney has noted that HCC do not intend to review the existing WSP drafts (Memorandum 1 March 2024). In my view a review of the WSP reports would ensure more accurate and robust assessments. Some errors viewed are technical, such as no address or

[^0]incorrect suburb, but others have not included known designers, builders and dates of construction. This has implications for the significance of the built heritage item when assessing against the updated criteria.
19. Professionally, it is challenging to provide a firm position on all the items set out within the HCC categorisation report without updates and corrections to the baseline information.
20. To illustrate this I provide some examples. H 147 the former Farmers Building has a known architect, Aubrey de Lisle. The issue by council of building permits to owner Lewis for the two buildings covered in H182, now Dora's café, place their construction as 1922 and 1923; Lewis was a prolific local builder. H221, the Gosling and Higgins Building, was also significantly the Frankton Town Board and Frankton Borough Chambers.
21. There are also inconsistencies in quantifying the value assessments. For example H 205 Garden Place Sundial has three high and two moderate values yet has been re-categorised as 'medium'.
22. A number of assessments have included area histories which are outside the relevant area, such as the inclusion of the Jolly family's history as relevant to areas south of Rotoroa, and of Captain East's history as relevant to Claudelands rather than Colonel Moule whose militia Crown Grant it was, not East's. H215 at 717 Grey Street places the building in Hamilton East when it is currently and historically part of Claudelands, therefore the given history does not take the Claudelands history into account. Such errors may render an assessment less credible.
23. Although the online planning maps have been updated there has been no review or alignment within the WSP reports to include information on existing HCC District Plan Special Character areas and proposed Historic Heritage Areas (HHAs) within the draft individual reports, which may affect heritage valuing. In my view some of this information was known at the time of reporting and should be included, and would support valuing.
24. As noted in my evidence of 1 March 2024 at the time of filing WHG Categorisation Report, I agree with Mr Muldowney that "a more thorough process will likely be needed for individual items that go forward under Outstanding and High proposals."
25. WHG has some additional information, however I consider that there is substantial work if asked to review each item as an overall process. Historical knowledge and some basic desktop research has been used when examining both Appendix $B$ and $C$, but it is beyond the capacity of WHG to address this in full. It is anticipated this will be completed by HCC prior to individual hearings.

## CONCLUSION

26. The summary result of the review of the HCC Categorisation schedules is that:
a. 2 of the proposed items within HCC Appendix B (Outstanding and High) are supported with additional information, and
b. $\quad 23$ are opposed in HCC Schedule C (medium) because the ranking is in my view too low and in some cases information may not been sufficiently researched to address heritage valuing.
27. In my view it would be prudent for HCC to check and update individual assessments prior to individual hearings to reduce errors and improve historic information that may impact summary heritage values.
28. WHG has indicated that they would appreciate a further discussion with HCC to further resolve some of the proposed built heritage items.

Dated this day of 21 March 2024.


Laura Liane Kellaway

## Appendix 1 - HCC Schedule B and C with WHG notes

APPENDIX B - Built Heritage items HCC will pursue

| Address | Schedule 8A ID\# With WHG comment | Recategorisation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 Nixon Street, Hamilton East | H249 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 179 Nixon Street, Hamilton East | H250 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 287 Peachgrove Road, Fairfield | H260 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Swarbrick Memorial Arch, Hamilton Lake Domain | H261 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 12 Piako Road, Claudelands | H266 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 11-13, 15-17, and 19-21 Pinfold Avenue, Hamilton East | H268, H269, H270, H271, H272 and H273 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Former Black House, 7 Queens Avenue, Frankton | H274 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Former Masonic Hall, 166 River Road, Hamilton East | H279 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 414 River Road, Fairfield | H282 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 534 River Road, Fairfield | H283 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Former Rototuna Church, 144 Rototuna Road, Rototuna | H285 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 120 Sandwich Road, Saint Andrews | H286 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 61 Silverdale Road, Silverdale | H288 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Sikh Temple, 1418-1426 Te Rapa Road, Horotiu | H290 | Outstanding - Plan Ranking A |
| 24 Thames Street, Claudelands | H292 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Hamilton Court, 89 Tristram Street, Hamilton Central | H293 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Former President's House, 504 Tuhikaramea Road, Temple View | H294 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Former C. L. Innes \& Co Building, Meteor Theatre, 1 Victoria Street, Hamilton Central | H302 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Innes Memorial Arch, Ferrybank Park, Corner of Victoria Street and Anzac Parade | H303 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Former Shattocks Butchery, 137 Ward Street, Hamilton Central | H309 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| Hamilton West Cemetery, 59 Willoughby Street, Whitiora | H311 | Outstanding - Plan Ranking A |
| B Block, Waikato University, University of Waikato Campus, Hillcrest | H314 | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 72 Wellington Street, Hamilton East | Hxxx | High - Plan Ranking B |
| 21 Stanley Street, Claudelands | Hxxx | High - Plan Ranking B |

APPENDIX C

## Schedule 8A ID\# With WHG comment



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## Schedule 8A ID\# With WHG comment




[^0]:    1 Proposal has Parr House history.

