

BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act
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AND

IN THE MATTER Proposed Plan Change 9 to the
Operative Hamilton City District Plan

MEMORANDUM OF WAIKATO HERITAGE GROUP

IN RESPONSE TO DIRECTION #21 - BUILT HERITAGE

DATED 12 MARCH 2024

MEMORANDUM

1. This memo relates to direction 21 issued by the Hearing Panel (Panel). Direction 21 required Hamilton City Council (HCC) to provide the Panel with a report ('categorisation report') which categorises each of HCC's proposed Built Heritage (BH) items in accordance with the interim guidance endorsed significance scale.
2. Waikato Heritage Group was requested to provide a similar categorisation report to that required from HCC in respect of any BH items it proposed be included in Schedule 8A. Waikato Heritage Group has filed this report.
3. By 15 March 2024 any submitter who wishes to take a position on a particular BH item referred to in the categorisation report must advise the Panel.
4. Direction 21 recognised that some parties may, because they have an interest in multiple BH items, find the 2-week response time set out in above [15 March 2024], insufficient and extension to that deadline may be sought and HCC's final reporting deadline similarly extended.
5. Waikato Heritage Group hereby seeks an extension to the 15 March 2024 deadline to take a position on the Council categorisation report. Reasons for this include:
 - a) WHG wishes to consider the proposed new HCC 'mediums' and align the WSP draft assessments with the HCC items, which require review and some investigation.
 - b) WHG and WHS may have additional knowledge that may influence the proposed heritage values of the HCC medium list.
 - c) WSP, council's BH consultants did not organise their draft assessments according to address or the new H number, making it challenging to reconcile. The forms can be in any of the four parts (volumes).
6. In the Interim Guidance the panel state:

"...at this juncture we find it unlikely that BH items of Medium significance will be included in Schedule 8A".

7. The panel will be aware Waikato Heritage Group's categorisation report includes 42 BH items within the "medium" significance category. The categorisation report also identifies 15 BH items (Table 6) that will not be pursued/not assessed.
8. HCC have advised, via legal memorandum [1 March 2024] that based on the interim guidance BH items recategorized as medium or low significance will not be pursued further by HCC under PC 9.
9. In view of this, further direction is sought - does the panel wish to hear evidence on each of the "medium" significance items proposed by Waikato Heritage Group?

DIRECTIONS SOUGHT

10. An extension to response time of 15 March 2024 for two weeks as per Direction 21 and that HCC's final reporting deadline be similarly extended.
11. Confirmation on how the panel wishes to consider the "medium" significance items included in the Waikato Heritage Group categorisation report.

On behalf of Waikato Heritage Group

12 March 2024