

**IN THE MATTER OF THE RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

**AND IN TH MATTER OF PLAN CHANGE 9 TO  
THE HAMILTON DISTRICT PLAN.**

MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSION

**Further submissions of Dr Bryan Bang for the Cathedral Church of St  
Peter, Victoria Street.**

- 1 You have heard from Archbishop Sir David that the hill on which it was erected has a long history of religious association. Prior to European Settlement the site was as a signal post and later became a centre for Christian worship. Several earlier churches had been erected on the sites and the current building dates from 1916 when it was erected as a parish church, It became a Cathedral in 1926 when Bishop Cherrington was appointed Bishop of Waikato. The name of the Diocese was changed in 2010 when "Taranaki" was added to the name of the Diocese.
- 2 Presently the Cathedral faces substantial costs due to the seismic shortcomings revealed by inspections arising from the events of the last 12 months or so. A Committee has been set up and it working to explore the options for funding and carrying out this work.
- 3 The Cathedral is a listed building by Heritage NZ and is also mentioned in the Hamilton District Plan. The Catedral Community endorses this and would be pleased if it were to be extended.
- 4 There can be little doubt that among the notable or heritage buildings in Hamilton and it attracts visitors regularly both local people and visitors to the City. The Cathedral is among the top heritage attractions.
- 5 Part of the attraction of the Cathedral precinct is that it can be seen from a number of vantage points in the city and accordingly attracts visitor who otherwise may have missed it. It would be advantageous if these vistas were to be protected by provisions in the District Plan.
- 6 It is accepted that here are usually three reasons that buildings are noted for conservation: These are, its own intrinsic value, *Pietas* or the devotion of the congregation, and its own scenic usefulness.
- 7 Of these three The first two reasons are satisfied in the present provisions of the Plan. Namely, it is listed because if its own intrinsic aesthetic value, and its has a loyal and devoted congregation

- 8 The third reason, the Cathedral's contribution to the City as a scenic attraction is in danger of being lost. This is because it is set back from the street and although it is unlikely that its own site would be developed as to the street frontage, other sites which currently provide vistas of the Cathedral could be developed in a way that extinguishes those vistas
- 9 In his submission that you have just heard, Sir David has made a suggestion that would overcome this problem and we are of the opinion that this should be investigated and developed for inclusion in the Plan . There may be, however, other ways of achieving the same result and we would urge the Council to undertake research to provide a sound foundation for this work. It is in our view extremely important