

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource  
Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of Hearing of Submissions  
and Further Submissions  
on the Proposed Porirua  
District Plan

### **Minute 17 – Further Stream 3 Follow Up Issues**

1. We have discovered that Ms Rachlin lodged a Memorandum regarding Stream 3 issues which did not reach us before Minute 16 was issued. Ms Rachlin's Memorandum for Council relates to a question we posed of her during her presentation on historic heritage matters on 6 December, namely whether, if more time was required to assess the interior of the Gear Homestead and the Titahi Bay Austrian State houses, as agreed in the Historic Heritage Expert Caucus Statement, it would be possible, and Council would wish to undertake that work in order that it might form part of the Council's reply.
2. Ms Rachlin's response is that:
  - Further assessment of the Gear Homestead interior would take 2 to 3 working weeks (noting the imminent Christmas break) and that Council's preference is to undertake that work prior to its reply;
  - It would take 2-3 months to undertake a similar exercise in relation to the Titahi Bay Austrian State Houses and that she maintained her recommendation that this was best addressed through a separate Plan Change process.
3. Ms Rachlin requests that an extension of the reply timetable be provided to mid-February, to take account of the loss of working days in the interim by reason of the Christmas break.
4. Given that the Gear Homestead is owned by Council and the only interested party (Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) supports listing of its interior, we find that no one would be prejudiced by an extension of time to allow Council to report separately on the potential listing of the Gear Homestead interior in the PDP as an historic heritage item. For similar reasons, we think

that it would be most efficient to address the potential listing of the Gear Homestead interior as part of the PDP process.

5. The same reasoning suggests the opposite conclusion in relation to the Titahi Bay Austrian State Houses. We heard evidence that a number of those state houses are in private ownership and those owners are not necessarily aware of their potential listing. They are potentially prejudiced by listing and at the very least they would need to be consulted.
6. Accordingly, we direct that Council has leave to reply separately on the potential listing of the Gear Homestead interior, such reply to be filed with the Hearing Administrator by Friday 11 February.
7. For the avoidance of doubt, we expect that the Council will reply on the balance of historic heritage matters in issues in Stream 3 on 22 December, as previously directed.

**Dated 15 December 2021**



**Trevor Robinson  
Chair  
For the Proposed Porirua District Plan Hearings Panel**