



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

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**STATEMENT OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA ON APPLICATION FOR
PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE – SR 514663**

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) made a submission on resource consent SR514663 on 1 December 2022.
2. The HNZPT submission on the application was neutral overall. Some concerns were expressed on certain aspects of the application, including the scale and location of the Museum Street Building, and the details of the connecting bridge with Parliament House. HNZPT concluded that the proposal will result in *a reasonable outcome that will still feature the irreversible loss of open space on the west side of Parliament*. The HNZPT submission also included suggested conditions which would serve to mitigate adverse effects on heritage values to an acceptable level.
3. We have now had the opportunity to review the Section 42A report, including Michael Kelly's advice, and the proposed draft conditions.
4. HNZPT agrees with the conclusions of Mr Brajkovich and Mr Kelly with regards to effects on heritage values. We agree with Mr Kelly's statement (paragraph 67 of 42A report) that *while there are adverse effects on Parliament House as a result of the proposal, the proposal is acceptable from a heritage perspective*.
5. We have also read the statements of evidence submitted by the applicant, and in particular the heritage statement by Adam Wild. While Mr Wild and Mr Kelly have some differences of opinion regarding the heritage effects of the proposed development, they have reached compatible conclusions, in that the proposal is 'acceptable' (Kelly) and 'appropriate and supportable' (Wild).
6. Mr Brajkovich has noted that an archaeological authority has been granted in relation to this project. For completeness we can inform the panel that authority number 2022-699 was granted on 21 July 2022 and expires 21 July 2027.

7. For completeness we would add to the list of recognised heritage features described by Mr Brajkovich in paragraph 21. As well as the individually listed buildings and features referred to, the whole parliament campus is included in the Government Centre Historic Area, number 7035 on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rāangi Kōrero. This is also referred to by Mr Wild in his evidence.
8. We have also had the opportunity to review the proposed draft conditions, particularly the heritage conditions (61 to 67) listed in Annexure 13 of the 42A report. The proposed conditions, including the development of a detailed photographic record, the engagement of a qualified conservation architect, and the preparation and implementation of a Temporary Protection Plan, will serve to satisfactorily mitigate the adverse effects on heritage values. We agree with Mr Brajkovich (his paragraph 67) in this regard.
9. Specifically, condition 61 aligns with the photographic component of the HNZPT guide for recording buildings, and as such satisfies this aspect of the HNZPT submission. Similarly, it is our view that the standards for the preparation of Temporary Protection Plans outlined in condition 63 reflect best practice and will help to minimise damage to heritage fabric.
10. We note that the applicant's planning expert Mr Coop has recommended a change to proposed condition 65, deleting the clause requiring *a reduction in the size of the columns to support the bridge as far as practicable*. This recommendation is based on the statement of the applicant's architect, Michael Davis (paragraph 12.4 of his evidence) that there are structural and other reasons for the size of the columns in the proposed design. HNZPT has no reason to question this rationale, also noting that the balance of condition 65 requires a detailed design of the connecting bridge which minimises the impact on parliament house. HNZPT is comfortable with the proposed amendment to condition 65.
11. Representatives of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga will be attending the hearing and will be available to answer any questions the commissioner may have.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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