

**Kahn House
Hearing Stream 3 (Heritage) - 12pm, 15 May 2023**

Chair: Trevor Robinson

Some additional remarks to accompany main document submitted last year that argued for List removal

***The Kahn family requests that the Panel read both of our main submission documents before our hearing so that the entire allocated time can be devoted to the Kahn family answering the Panel's questions. We see absolutely no purpose in wasting any time whatsoever going over what all parties have read.*

1. For the Panel's general information

- The Kahn family have now taken steps to remove our family home from Heritage New Zealand's List (refer attachment).

Why did our family not attempt removal sooner? Because previous versions of the HNZ website explicitly stated there were no restrictions on owners that resulted from being listed. Later, new versions erased this statement and replaced it with words to the effect 'restrictions may result from listing'. We had no idea of this until we received a letter in June 2022 out of the blue from Wellington City Council (WCC) informing us our home was on the District Plan nomination list.

- The Kahn family has submitted a complaint about WCC to the Human Rights Commission (HRC). A letter has been sent to WCC by the HRC (see attachment).

2. Concerning matter to the Kahns

- A key reason why the Kahn home has been nominated for District Plan listing is that WCC must 'give regard' to Heritage New Zealand's (HNZ) list. HNZ is in strong and vocal support of the WCC listing our home on the Plan. We have concerns that their support will influence the WCC's decision. HNZ has not, as far as we are aware, opposed any other 'heritage' homeowner who is requesting WCC not List their home, including owners of the Sutch house. Why?

3. Opinion

We acknowledge it is the Panel's critical task to find the errors in the listing process and correct them. We believe force always ends in bad outcomes. Cooperative, fully un-coerced, elective interactions are the only way successful outcomes are guaranteed for the long-term.

4. Attachments:

- A. Letter from Human Rights Commission to Wellington City Council
- B. Application for review of an Entry on the Heritage New Zealand List
- C. The following article found at link:

<https://talkwellington.org.nz/2023/do-we-really-need-to-heritage-list-any-more-of-central-wellington/>