

Proposed Horowhenua District Plan

Chapter 13 Historic Heritage

Hearing: 9 April and 12 April 2013

Tabled amendment to the proposed provision 19.4.10

During my introductory statements at the Historic Heritage hearing in these Chambers on Tuesday 9th April, I proposed that a further amendment be made to a proposed provision of Chapter 13 in order that clearer linkages be made between the Chapter and other areas of the Plan pertinent to the matter of heritage, and essential therefore, to the assessment of development or subdivision proposals impacting on heritage resources protected in Schedule II of the Plan.

Today I wish to formally table this amendment for your consideration for inclusion in the Proposed Plan. The amendment has been adjusted so that it is clearly within the scope of a submission in achieving the moot purpose of a submission point.

The amendment relates to submission point 101.69 made by the Director-General of Conservation (DoC) in which it was submitted that clearer linkages made between Chapter 13 Historic Heritage and Rule 19.4.10 would assist applicants to have a regard for the relevant matters of assessment.

Rule 19.4.10 identifies the types of activities in respect of heritage that carry a discretionary activity status.

As any assessment of environmental effects is required to correspond in scale and significance to the nature of a proposal, and the degree of any adverse effects, it is oftentimes befitting for the District Plan to provide some guidance and to outline stated assessment criteria in respect of performance standards and rules. This ultimately conveys to an applicant a clear understanding of the issues, the potential impacts of a development, as well as Councils expectations, and hence enables a comprehensive assessment of matters to be undertaken.

The submission point (101.69) DoC requested that Rule 19.4.10 be amended by adding references detailing that a regard be had for matters of assessment set out in Policies 13.4.2 and 13.4.5 [sic].

I determined that the addition of a clearer linkage between the rule and the policies was entirely appropriate and the following amendments were subsequently recommended:

“Any application made under 19.4.10 must demonstrate a regard for guidance detailed under Chapter 13 of this Plan, including the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter 2010 referenced in this Plan by association, in undertaking maintenance, conservation and other works on any heritage building, structure or site identified in Schedule 2 Historic Heritage.”

Recommended Amendment:

Amend Rule 19.4.10 to read

(a) Where a building or structure is listed in Schedule 2 – Historic Heritage, the following are discretionary activities:

- i. Alteration to, or relocation of, a Group 1 or 2 building or structure.
- ii. Demolition of a Group 2 building or structure.
- iii. Subdivision within the heritage setting of a Group 1 or 2 building or structure.
- iv. New building or additions to an unlisted building located within the heritage setting of a Group 1 or 2 building or structure.
- v. Earthworks within the heritage setting of a Group 1 building or structure.

Notes:

- Rule 19.4.10 has immediate legal effect from 14 September 2012.
- *Any application made under 19.4.10 must demonstrate a regard for ~~guidance~~ policies detailed under Chapter 13 of this Plan, ~~including in addition to assessment criteria under 25.7.16,~~ the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter 2010 referenced in this Plan by association, and the Foxton and Shannon Town Centre Design Guide and the Foxton and Shannon Town Centre Heritage Overlay Areas within the Proposed District Planning Maps, in undertaking maintenance, conservation and other works on any heritage building, structure or site identified in Schedule 2 Historic Heritage.”*

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Dated 12th April 2013