

**BEFORE THE HEARINGS PANEL**

**In the Matter of:** The Resource Management Act 1991

**And** Proposed Plan Change H(a):  
Historic heritage

Manawatū District Council

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**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE – Right of Reply**

**Rochelle Waugh**

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8 June 2023

As requested by the Hearings Panel, the following information is outlined below:

- Introduction and Summary of Evidence, R Waugh
- Amendment to the Historic Heritage Chapter: Advice Note, Rule 11 (HH-R11)

### **1. Introduction and Summary of Evidence, R Waugh**

On the 2 June, I circulated an update of the matters that were identified as being in dispute in my evidence. The update included the discussions that were held with Heritage New Zealand and the planning agent for SM and JM O'Brien Family Trust. Both have stated that they are neutral to the recommended wording for Policy 11 for relocation (these position statements were circulated as part of my Right of Reply on 2 June).

Heritage New Zealand has also stated that they agree that the inclusion of the Mangaweka Bridge is outside the scope of this plan change.

I consider that the issues relating to the Mangaweka Bridge and wording of the Relocation Policy are now no longer considered to be in dispute.

There have been no other changes to the recommendations in my s42A report.

Just a few points about the plan change:

The plan change has been drafted to provide a planning framework which recognises the different types of heritage items that exist in the wider Manawatu District (as compared to the Feilding Town Centre buildings), that is, private houses, churches, and memorials.

This includes new rules which enable heritage building owners to make changes to non-contributing parts of heritage buildings without a resource consent, as well as recognising the importance of new technologies like solar panels and heat pumps. These issues were raised by heritage building owners in the early development of the plan change.

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

### **2. Amendment to the Historic Heritage Chapter, Rule 11 Advice Note**

An issue was raised by the Hearing Panel regarding the workability of the non-contributing part of buildings in Plan Change H(a), in particular, how a landowner would know if a part of a heritage building is a non-contributing part or whether it contained heritage values.

The heritage reports that have been prepared by Mr Bowman contain details about the heritage values that are significant for each building, and clarity on the heritage values that

are to be protected for each item. To ensure heritage building owners are aware of the heritage values and parts of buildings that are significant, the following guidance note is recommended to be added after Rule 11 to direct heritage owners to the reports (green highlight):

**HH-R1** External alterations to, or the removal of non-contributing parts of a heritage building listed in Schedule 4b.

Guidance note:

Plan users are advised to refer to the relevant heritage reports referenced in Schedule 4b that are available from Council on request. These reports provide greater details on heritage values than what is provided in Schedule 4b.

This guidance note complements proposed Guidance Note 2 located at the start of Schedule 4b and is within the scope of the plan change as it helps with workability of the provisions.