



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

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Tēnā koe Julie,

HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA – LETTER TO BE TABLED FOR PLAN CHANGE 38, STRATEGIC DIRECTION

To: Hearings Panel for Plan Change 38, Strategic Direction, Taupō District Council Proposed District Plan.

Name of submitter: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historic heritage.

This is a letter to be tabled for the hearing on the s42A report for Plan Change 38, Strategic Direction, Taupō District Council Proposed District Plan.

2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) lodged a submission on Plan Change 38 (PC 38) to the proposed Taupō District Council District Plan (the Plan). Through its submission, HNZPT supported the following provisions being retained as notified: Direction 1-Tangata Whenua-2.1.2-Objective (OS96.2), Direction 1-Tangata Whenua-2.1.3 Policy (OS96.3), Direction 3 Urban Form and Development, 2.3.3, Policy 7(OS96.5), and that the following provisions are retained and amended or clarified: Strategic Direction 5-Significant and Local Infrastructure-2.5.3-Policy(OS96.7), Strategic Direction 3-Urban Form and Development-2.3.3-Policy 12(OS96.6), Direction 3 Urban Form and Development-2.3.2-New Objective(OS96.4), S32 document and requirements relating to historic heritage (OS96.1)

HNZPT has reviewed and considered the Overarching s42A report prepared by Hilary Samuel, and the Plan Change 38 S42A Report by Rowan Sapsford for this hearing. HNZPT is generally supportive of the recommendations made by the authors and comments further on these provisions below.

Overall concern relating to the consideration of Historic Heritage. (Submission point OS96.1)

3. HNZPT raised concerns regarding the consideration of heritage and the lack of protective objectives, policies and rules, to which the reporting planner has advised that PC 38 does not contain methods, and a policy is part of the plan changes that will enable the consideration of historic heritage. The planner also advises at para 45/page 11 that *"It is also anticipated that additional and more detailed direction on historic heritage will be provided in the provisions that make up the wider district plan review"*.
4. While the s42A author has recommended some changes in relation to historic heritage, which will be of benefit to the consideration of historic heritage no change to the wording of this policy, and as such HNZPT remains supportive of the policy. With regard the general consideration of qualifying matters this is accepted in part as not all of HNZPT submission points have been accepted as per the below discussion. HNZPT accepts this approach.

Strategic Direction 1-Tangata Whenua Objectives and Policies (Submission points OS96.2 & OS 96.3)

5. HNZPT submitted in support of the suite of objectives and policies related to Tangata Whenua and sought that they were retained. While the objectives have been retained virtually as notified, the policies have been amended. The more significant of these policy amendments have been sought by tangata whenua.
6. The S42A author has recommended accepting those submission points, and HNZPT agrees with these wording changes as they enhance the effectiveness of the polices.

Strategic Direction 3-Urban form and development (Submission point OS96.5)

7. HNZPT submitted in support of this policy related to papakainga housing on Māori land and sought that it was retained. This has been supported by the reporting planner.

Strategic Direction 3-Urban Form and Development (Submission point OS96.4)

8. HNZPT submitted seeking the inclusion of a new policy related to Tangata Whenua and historic heritage to create improved recognition of these matters within this suite of objectives, and to also create alignment with the related policy suite that also provided for the consideration of historic heritage.
9. The S42A authors have accommodated this submission point by making amendments to proposed Objective 8 to reflect the need for the protection of "cultural and historic" values.
10. HNZPT is supportive of this approach and seeks retention of the recommended changes at the time of decision making.

Strategic Direction 3-Urban Form and Development (Submission point OS96.6)

11. HNZPT sought that this policy, related to subdivision and development, was retained and amended as it was considered that the reference to *"historic sites"* in Policy 12 was not clear as it was not a defined term.
12. The S42A author have recommended accepting the submission point and is recommending that the reference is made to *"historic values"*, rather than *"historic sites"*. I consider that this change will make the policy clearer to those administering the Plan and support the proposed recommendation and their retention at the time of decision making.

Strategic Direction 5-Significant and local infrastructure (Submission point OS96.7)

13. HNZPT submitted requesting amendments to this Policy to also make reference the protection of cultural and historic heritage values.
14. The s42A authors recommend rejecting this submission, stating that the purpose of this objective and policy suite is to advise on matters related to infrastructure and that other sections speak to the retention of these values at the time of development, for example the rules relating to scheduled historic heritage. HNZPT accepts this reasoning.

Conclusion

15. HNZPT supports the amendments to the above provisions as recommended in the s42A report for Proposed Plan Change 38. Given HNZPT is in general support of the planner's recommendations, HNZPT does not consider it necessary to be heard at the hearing.
16. Should the Hearings Panel require clarification or wish to discuss the above matters further, please contact HNZPT via the address for service below.

Kā mihi



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