

BEFORE THE HEARING COMMISSIONER

**IN THE
MATTER OF**

**The Resource Management Act
1991 (the Act)**

AND

**IN THE
MATTER OF**

**Waikato District Council Proposed
District Plan:
Hearing 16-Raglan.**

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF CAROLYN ANNE MCALLEY FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 My name is Carolyn Anne McAlley. I hold the qualification of a Bachelor of Planning degree (1993) from Auckland University. I have over 20 years planning experience in local and regional government, in consenting, implementation and policy based roles.
- 1.2 I have been employed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) since August 2012, where part of my role includes providing statutory planning advice in relation to proposals under the Resource Management Act, including District Plans, Plan Changes and Resource Consent proposals.
- 1.3 Although this evidence is not prepared for an Environment Court hearing I have read the Environment Court Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses Practice Note 2014 and have complied with it when preparing this evidence. I confirm that the topics and opinions addressed in this statement are within my area of expertise. I have not omitted to consider materials or facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions that I have expressed.

2. SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

- 2.1 HNZPT made a further submission FS 1323.177 to a submission by Whaingaroa Environmental Defence Incorporated Society relating to the recognition of character in the Raglan Town Centre. The further submission has been rejected as have the related aspect in the primary submission.
- 2.2 In preparing this evidence I have read the s42A report from the Council.

3. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- 3.1 The purpose of the RMA is to “*promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources*”. Section 5 of the Act states:
“In this Act, sustainable management means managing the use, development and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well being and for their health and safety.
- 3.2 Section 6(f) of the RMA requires that any proposal “*recognise and provide for... the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision use and development*”.
- 3.3 In terms of Part 2 RMA matters, historic heritage is part of the environment. Therefore adverse effects on historic heritage must be avoided, remedied or mitigated (as required by section 5).
- 3.4 The RMA defines historic heritage as:

(a) means those natural and physical resources that contribute to an understanding and appreciation of New Zealand's history and cultures, deriving from any of the following qualities:

(i) archaeological:

(ii) architectural:

(iii) cultural:

(iv) historic:

(v) scientific:

(vi) technological; and

(b) includes—

(i) historic sites, structures, places, and areas; and

(ii) archaeological sites; and

(iii) sites of significance to Māori, including wāhi tapu; and

(iv) surroundings associated with the natural and physical resources.

4. HNZPT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNERS REPORT

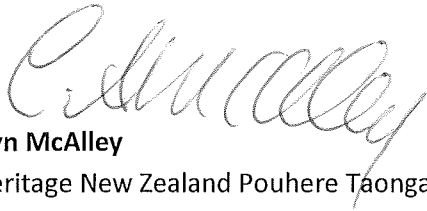
4.1 (a) HNZPT submitted in support of the Whaingaroa Environmental Defense Incorporated Society as they considered that the recognition of the historical character in Raglan was important, particularly as the central part of the town ship forms the setting for the HNZPT listed Category 2 Harbour View hotel, listing # 740. HNZPT considers that the existing historical character setting needed to be better recognized in addition to the component nature of the elements that contribute to the character. This would assist to ensure the character was not compromised at the time of development.

The submitter workshop, discussed in the Raglan Character Study commissioned by the reporting planner, recognised the “older character” under the heading of Grain, Layout and Scale. While the existing design guidelines recognise the components that make up the character a more detailed assessments would be beneficial.

With regard the s42A report and the discussion at s4.3, HNZPT appreciates that the generalised nature of the submissions relating to the character in Raglan were not specific, therefore precluding the making of any recommendations to further them at this time. HNZPT looks forward to working with the parties in the future regarding the formal recognition of Raglans character in the District Plan.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The RMA requires that the protection of historic heritage should be *recognised and provided for* as a Matter of National Importance (Section 6(f)). As subdivision, use and development have the potential to significantly detract from built and other historic heritage, it is important that the Plan limit the potential for adverse effects to occur.
- 5.2 I seek that the amendments as sought by NZPT in this statement be retained at the time of the decision making.
- 5.3 I am able to answer any questions that you have relating to this statement.



Carolyn McAlley

For Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga