

BEFORE THE PANEL CONVENER

Application: FTAA-2512-1158

IN THE MATTER of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Precinct Properties New Zealand Limited under section 42 of the FTAA for the Downtown Carpark Site Development

**MEMORANDUM OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA
IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER**

5 March 2026

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**HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA**

Introduction

- 1 This memorandum is filed on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) in response to the Minute of the Panel Convener dated 24 February 2026 (Minute).
- 2 The Minute seeks input from participants to assist the Convener in making decisions regarding:
 - (a) The appointment of panel members; and
 - (b) The timing of the panel decision.
- 3 The Minute specifically directed a written response to the matters set out and any other matter they would like to raise for discussion at the conference.
- 4 This memorandum responds to this direction and focuses on the archaeological authority (section 42(4)(i)) being sought.

Complexity

- 5 HNZPT has reviewed the Archaeological Assessment (Assessment) and the Draft Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) provided in support of the authority application, both dated October 2025.
- 6 Based on the Assessment and the AMP, HNZPT considers this application is of low complexity.

Issues

- 7 At this stage HNZPT does not anticipate any issues with the application. In the event of any issue arising, HNZPT is confident that this could be addressed through direct engagement with the project archaeologist and the applicant.

- 8 There were no proposed conditions included with the application for review. HNZPT will prepare recommended conditions as part of its section 51 Report. HNZPT will provide these to the applicant and discuss directly, prior to submitting to the Panel.

Panel Membership

- 9 In respect of heritage matters, HNZPT does not anticipate that specialist input is required or that there are any factors that warrant the appointment of more than four Panel members.

Procedural Requirements

- 10 HNZPT confirms its willingness to work directly with the applicant with regard to additional information required (if any) or discussion regarding appropriate conditions.
- 11 HNZPT does not have any comment in relation to the estimated timetable in Schedule 1.
- 12 HNZPT has begun preparing its s51 Report and anticipates this will be ready to submit later this month.

Other Matters

- 13 HNZPT does not have any other matters that it wishes to raise regarding the archaeological authority application.
- 14 HNZPT will be attending the conference on 9 March 2026 and can answer any questions that may arise from this memorandum.



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