

## Leave to cross-examine on topics for heritage hearing

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Tēnā koe,

In accordance with Minute 30, I advise I seek leave to cross-examine the expert witnesses for the Heritage Hearing on the following topics:

- Methodology for assessing heritage values, particularly at this scale as a heritage landscape
- Conservation Covenant as a protective mechanism to assessment of heritage values and impact of revocation
- Intangible heritage values preserved by conservation covenant – social, community, pastoral, industrial
- Heritage values assessment and significance scale (national, regional etc.), and application to project site
- Compensation for expected loss of heritage values – both loss within covenant area and outside
- Whether compensation for heritage should be separated from other values such as ecology
- How compensation/ mitigation for loss of heritage could be structured – project-based mitigation, Biodiversity and Heritage Enhancement Fund
- Opportunity to covenant land with similar or equivalent heritage values
- DOC concessions – willow management, heritage issues
- DOC concessions – Come In Time Battery track and alternative public access and DOC management access
- Future public access to Rise and Shine Valley/ Thomson Gorge

I apologise for the delay in providing this list of topics.

Kind regards/ Kā mihi,  
Pene

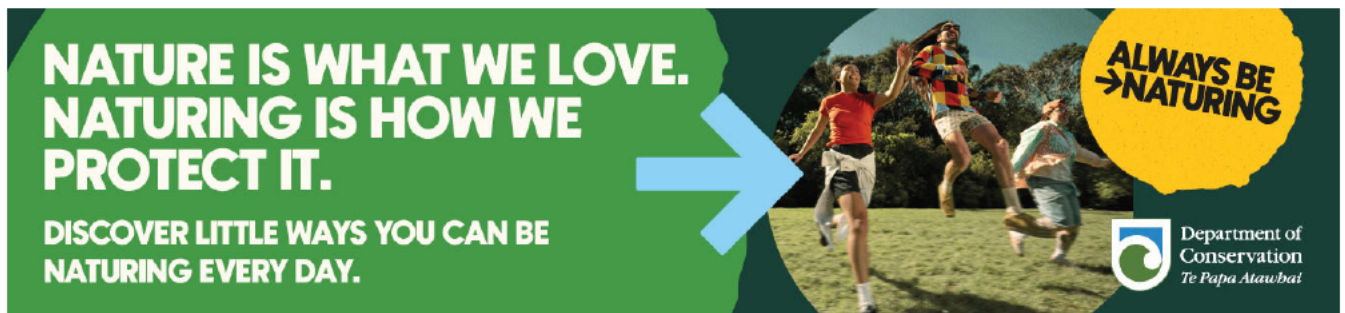
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