



Archaeological Authority 2026362

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga has granted an archaeological authority subject to conditions. Read your conditions carefully. Complying with the conditions of your archaeological authority is a legal requirement.

DETERMINATION DATE	30 January 2026
EXPIRY DATE	30 January 2036
AUTHORITY HOLDER	Southern Link Property Limited
ARCHAEOLOGICALSITES	144/1500, and potential sites, as yet unrecorded
LOCATION	270-292 Dukes North Road, North Taieri Dukes Road North Road Reserve, North Taieri Taieri Branch Railway Line, North Taieri

This authority may not be exercised during the appeal period of 15 working days, or until any appeal that has been lodged is resolved.

This decision does not ascribe mana whenua status.

DETERMINATION

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga grants an authority pursuant to section 48 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 in respect of the archaeological site(s) described above, within the area specified as Part Section 10 Block V East Taieri SD, Part Section 9 Block V East Taieri SD, and DP5579, Road Reserve, Rail Reserve to Southern Link Property Limited for the proposal to undertake earthworks for the construction of an inland port at 270-292 Dukes North Road, North Taieri; Dukes Road North Road Reserve, North Taieri; Taieri Branch Railway Line, North Taieri, subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS OF AUTHORITY

1. Prior to the start of any on-site archaeological work, the authority holder must ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is advised of the date when work will begin.
2. The authority holder must ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is advised of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, within two working days of completion.

3. This authority may not be exercised until landowner consent is received by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for all land affected by this authority.
4. The authority holder must ensure that all contractors working on the project are briefed on site by the s45 approved person (who may appoint a person to carry out the briefing on their behalf) prior to any works commencing. The briefing must include the possibility of encountering archaeological evidence, how to identify possible archaeological sites, the archaeological work required by the conditions of this authority, and contractors' responsibilities with regard to discovering archaeological evidence (including stopping works and parties to notify).
5. The authority must be exercised in accordance with the management plan attached to the authority application. Any changes to the plan require the prior written agreement of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.
6. The pre-1900 buildings must be investigated, recorded and analysed prior to demolition to document and recover information about construction, alteration and use through time. This is to be undertaken to a minimum standard of Level III recording for all structures aside from the barn which should be recorded to a Level II standard as defined in Guidelines for the Investigation and Recording of Buildings and Standing Structures (AGS1 2018).
7. Any archaeological evidence encountered during the exercise of this authority must be investigated, recorded and analysed in accordance with current archaeological practice.
8. In addition to any tikanga agreed, the following shall apply for Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou:
 - a) Enable access in order to undertake tikanga consistent with any requirements of site safety.
 - b) Notify if any kōiwi (human remains) are encountered. All work should cease within 5 metres of the discovery. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and New Zealand Police must also be advised immediately in accordance with Guidelines for Kōiwi Tangata/Human Remains (AGS8 2010) and no further work in the area may take place until future actions have been agreed by all parties.
 - c) Notify if any possible taonga are identified to enable appropriate tikanga to be undertaken, so long as all statutory requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Protected Objects Act 1975 are met.
 - d) Provide a copy of any reports completed as a result of the archaeological work associated with this authority and give an opportunity to discuss them with the s45 approved person if required.
9. Within 20 working days of the completion of the on-site archaeological work associated with this authority, NZAA Site Records must be updated in ArchSite based on current archaeological practice.
10. Within 20 working days of the completion of phase one of the on-site archaeological work associated with this authority, the authority holder shall ensure that an interim report completed to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023) is submitted to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library.
11. Within 12 months of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, the authority holder shall ensure that a final report, completed to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023), is submitted to Heritage New Zealand

Pouhere Taonga for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library.

Digital copies of the final report must also be sent to: the NZAA Central Filekeeper, Aukaha, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, Dunedin City Council, and KiwiRail.

Signed for and on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga,



Claire Craig

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In considering this application, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga notes that Southern Link Property Limited wish to undertake earthworks to clear the farmstead and project area at 270–292 Dukes Road North, North Taieri, in order to construct an inland port. This activity will affect recorded archaeological site, site I44/1500 Holmhead Farm, and its associated 19th-century features. Although the site has been modified, it still retains archaeological values. It represents a largely intact farmstead complex which can inform us about construction techniques, farming practices, and subsistence patterns in rural Otago. Additionally, the proximity of Whakaeuku (Silver Stream) to the south-west of the project area indicates the potential for Māori archaeological remains to be present within the project area.

The area is of significance to Aukaha, and we appreciate the consultation you have undertaken.

If you have any queries, please contact us through the AAP in the first instance. Otherwise, you can contact:

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