

NORTHLAND CORRIDOR – BRYNDERWYN HILLS SECTION OF THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE BRYNDERWYN HILLS PROJECT – PROPOSED ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUTHORITY CONDITIONS

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Archaeological authorities for the modification or destruction of archaeological site(s) within the areas identified on the map in **Appendix [A]**. These conditions apply to all of the archaeological authorities identified in the schedule in **Appendix [C]**, except as otherwise specified in the relevant conditions.

DEFINITIONS

The table below defines the acronyms and terms used in the archaeological authority conditions. Defined terms are capitalised in these conditions.

Abbreviation/term	Meaning/definition
Authority Area	The area subject to the archaeological authority, as outlined in Appendices A and B.
Authority Holder	NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
Designation	The designation(s) for the Project, included in the Kaipara District Plan / Whangārei District Plan (as relevant).
Hapū	Representatives authorised by Te Uri o Hau, Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust and Te Parawhau ki Tai
HNZPT	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
NZAA	New Zealand Archaeological Association
Project	The construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of the Brynderwyn Hills section of the Alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills project.
Project Archaeologist	Any person approved in accordance with s45 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 to undertake an activity under the Authority.
Project Works	Activities undertaken to construct the Project.
Suitably Qualified Person	A person (or persons) who can provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate their suitability and competence in the relevant field of expertise.
Working Day	Has the meaning in s2 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

General

AA1 The authority shall expire 35 years after the date it is granted.

AA2 The Authority Holder shall notify HNZPT and Iwi Representatives:

- (a) Of its proposed start date at least two Working Days before starting Project Works; and

(b) Within five Working Days after completing Project Works.

Historic Heritage Management Plan

AA3 A **Historic Heritage Management Plan (HHMP)** shall be prepared before the start of Project Works. The purpose of the HHMP is to appropriately manage effects on archaeological sites.

AA4 The HHMP shall be prepared by a Suitably Qualified Person and include:

(a) A map and description of known archaeological sites and areas of high archaeological potential within the Authority Area (including maps identifying the location of these sites, and the value of any known archaeological sites);

(b) An Archaeological Research and Mitigation Strategy (**ARMS**). The purpose of the ARMS is to develop the research strategy and methodology for appropriate sampling of the archaeological landscape in the Designation and for investigating and recording sites that will be disturbed or destroyed due to Project Works. It shall include:

(i) The research objectives or questions that archaeological investigations shall address. These shall be informed by regional and national research themes, taking into account advice and knowledge of Iwi Representatives;

(ii) The methodologies and sampling strategies to be followed to achieve the research objectives in (i), including methodologies / strategies that are:

(A) Proportionate to the likelihood of that location containing an archaeological site; and

(B) Proportionate to the value of the archaeological site and its likely contribution to the research objectives or questions.

(c) Measures to protect archaeological sites that are not subject to the authority (specifically, pā sites: Q08/360, Q08/39, Q08/700 and Q08/546 (as shown on the map in **Appendix [B]**);

(d) Protocols to be followed in the event of any accidental discovery of archaeological sites, remains, artefacts, taonga (Māori artefacts) or kōiwi (human remains) during the Project Works, including:

(i) Details on where and when Project Works need to cease and can restart;

(ii) Procedures for notifying HZNPT and Iwi Representatives of any accidental discoveries; and

(iii) For kōiwi:

(A) Procedures for notifying the New Zealand Police;

(B) Subsequent steps for management of the kōiwi in general accordance with the Guidelines for Kōiwi Tangata/Human Remains (AGS8 2014);

(e) Roles, responsibilities and contact details of personnel that are involved in the Project Works relating to archaeology, including the Project Archaeologist, HNZPT and Iwi Representatives; and

(f) Requirements for an on-site briefing and training for those working within the Authority Area to ensure that the HHMP is complied with.

AA5 At least 20 Working Days before starting Project Works, the HHMP must be submitted to HNZPT for certification that it satisfies the requirements of Conditions [AA3]-[AA4].

AA6 The Authority Holder must implement that HHMP for the duration of the Project Works subject to the HHMP.

AA7 If there is a material change proposed to an HHMP certified in accordance with Condition [AA5], the Authority Holder may update the AMP by submitting the amended HHMP in writing to HNZPT for certification in accordance with [AA5].

AA8 If the HHMP (or amendment) has been submitted to HNZPT for certification, and 20 Working Days has passed and HNZPT has not certified the HHMP (or amendment), or advised that the HHMP (or amendment) is not suitable to certify, the HHMP shall be deemed to have been certified.

Advice note: *A separate HHMP does not need to be prepared for each authority held. The Authority Holder may prepare one HHMP, applying to some or all authorities held for the Project, in order to comply with these conditions.*

Implementation

AA9 Any Project Works that will, or are likely to (in the view of the Project Archaeologist), affect a known or potential archaeological site must be monitored by the Project Archaeologist (or a Suitably Qualified Person the Project Archaeologist have appointed to carry out the work on their behalf).

AA10 Any evidence of archaeological sites encountered during the exercise of this Archaeological Authority must be investigated, recorded and analysed by the Project Archaeologist (or a Suitably Qualified Person the Project Archaeologist have appointed to carry out the work on their behalf) in accordance with accepted archaeological practice and the HHMP, to a level proportionate to their assessed values.

Record-keeping

AA11 Within 20 Working Days of the completion of Project Works, the Authority Holder shall ensure that:

(a) An interim report in general accordance with the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023) is submitted to HNZPT for inclusion in the HNZPT Archaeological Reports Digital Library; and

(b) Site records are updated or submitted to the NZAA Site Recording Scheme.

AA12 Within 24 months of the completion of Project Works, the Authority Holder shall ensure that a final report, completed in general accordance with the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023), is emailed to HNZPT for inclusion in HNZPT's Archaeological Reports Digital Library. A digital copy of the final report must also be provided to Iwi Representatives and the NZAA Central Filekeeper.

Advice note: *The Authority Holder may prepare one report covering all authorities required by Conditions [AA11] and [AA12] following completion of Project Works.*

APPENDIX A – Map showing geographic extent of archaeological authorities

APPENDIX B – Pā sites not subject to authority

APPENDIX C – Schedule of archaeological authorities, including any known / recorded archaeological sites

Archaeological Authority Reference	Known / Recorded Archaeological Sites
1	Q08/652, Q08/663, Q08/701
2	Q08/546, Q08/403
3	Q08/560, Q08/700, Q08/703, Q08/39
4	Q08/56, Q08/57, Q08/360, Q08/702