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File ref: KDC PPC 82

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Attn: Hearing Administrator

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Tēnā koe,

**PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 82 – MOONLIGHT HEIGHTS - HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA
(SUBMISSION # 18) – STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand's historic heritage.

In HNZPT's primary evidence (submission # 18) it is stated that HNZPT does not object to the purpose of PC82 to re-zone the identified 39.2 hectares of land at 163 Awakino Road, Dargaville from rural to residential along with a specific precinct. However, HZNPT raised concern with the inadequate assessment of historic heritage of the area proposed to be rezoned. In particular, the lack of relevant archaeological assessment.

HNZPT notes the applicant commissioned an archaeological assessment of the plan change area following the close of the submission period; and that the findings of that assessment have resulted in the identification of an archaeological site, now recorded as P07/108.

Following review of the archaeological assessment 'Archaeological Assessment of the Proposed Private Plan Change Awakino Road, Dargaville, 30 June 2023' prepared by Geometria Limited, HNZPT concurs with, the statement by Geometria Limited that

"the lack of sites in the vicinity of the Plan Change area and Dargaville more generally is due to a lack of archaeological survey, rather than an actual absence of sites; in the absence of development proposal triggering a requirement for survey, only large and obvious visible from public places have tended to be recorded and there area not such sites in the area. As a result there has been no archaeological site recording in the Dargaville area" (section 5.1, pages 11-12).

This statement being the rationale for HNZPT seeking the completion of an archaeological assessment as part of the plan change to ensure effects on a matter of importance under Section 6(f) of the Resource Management Act are taken into account in determining the planning framework for the plan change area; and whether specific provisions are applied with regards to identified sites, or if the application of the Accidental Discovery Protocol is appropriate.

As a result of the archaeological assessment, and following HNZPT's review of the s.42A report (dated 11 July 2023), and the applicant's planning evidence (dated 21 July 2023), HNZPT advises that the recommendations being offered to manage the effects of the proposed rezoning on the area's archaeological values are supported.



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Therefore, HNZPT does not consider it necessary to be heard at the hearing. Should the Hearings Panel require clarification or wish to discuss the above matters further, please contact HNZPT via the address for service below.

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