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Dear [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR PLANNING HERITAGE INFORMATION**

I refer to your official information request dated 17/01/2022 for historic heritage Information.

The information you requested (Questions 1-4) is enclosed below.

*1. How many historic heritage sites in your district are not currently listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga?*

There are 220 heritage items listed in the Nelson Regional Management Plan (NRMP) that are not currently listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. Please find below a link to Appendix 1. This Appendix identifies all the heritage items (buildings, places and objects) listed in the plan. Please note that this list also shows which properties are listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/assets/Environment/Downloads/RMP-PDFs/2021-july/OPERATIVE-NRMP-VOLUME-3-Appendix-01-Heritage-Buildings-A2369049.pdf>

*2. How many historical heritage sites identified above (not listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) are private residences (houses)?*

Appendix 1 contains a row that identifies the name of the listed heritage items. We have looked at this list and identified items that are described as houses, cottages and those that partially encompass an accommodation unit. This includes buildings where the accommodation unit is above a ground floor space that is used for commercial purposes.

Within these parameters, there are approximately 153 (of the above described 220) items that may be used for residential purposes.

*3. Do heritage sites that have been identified by the local community require the agreement of the landowner in order to be protected?*

Regulatory protection under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), is provided through the NRMP. The NRMP determines how items listed in the plan should be managed and whether a consent is required for any modifications to the building and/or site where the listed building is located.

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If a site is not listed in the NRMP, it could be nominated to be added onto the NRMP's heritage schedule. A nomination can be put forth by any member of the public. While there is a system to assess nominations and add items to the schedule, this process would usually involve some sort of consultation with the landowner. The RMA does not require the agreement of the owner.

*4. Are there any specific rules for owners of private residences, identified as historic heritage sites, in regards to controlled or permitted activities?*

Provisions detailing how heritage buildings are dealt with are found within the individual zone rule tables of the NRMP. The NRMP classifies heritage items into three categories which are A, B and C. Most of the rules relating to heritage items are related to either the alteration or demolition of an identified heritage item. The NRMP also encompasses rules that regulate the erection of new buildings within the site of a listed heritage item. A brief summary of these rules is provided below.

#### Alterations

Minor/insignificant alterations and repairs of a heritage item are permitted if they are carried out using materials/details that are similar to the existing structure.

Work on the interior of a heritage building is permitted unless it is specifically protected in Appendix 1 of the NRMP.

Other building work on heritage buildings usually requires a resource and building consent approval.

#### New Buildings within the site of a Heritage Item.

New Buildings on the site of a identified heritage item tends to be a controlled activity. Control is restricted to the relationship between the new building with the existing heritage item.

#### Demolition

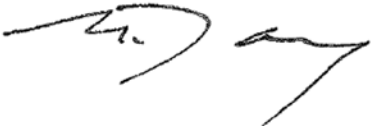
Demolition or removal of Group A and B items are a discretionary/non-complying activity.

The demolition or removal of a Group C item is permitted if Council is provided with prior notice.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Maxine Day (Email: [maxine.day@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:maxine.day@ncc.govt.nz)).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Day', written in a cursive style.

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