



Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance

Information Sheet 9

Preparing a Heritage Impact Assessment

All consent applications under the RMA require an assessment of environmental effects in accordance with Schedule 4. With regards to historic heritage, a heritage impact assessment will often be required. The heritage impact assessment will state:

- What heritage place is affected or involved (i.e. listed Group A historic building and registered Category I historic place).
- What work or changes that are proposed.
- The principles that guide the assessment (i.e. district plan objectives, ICOMOS NZ Charter); any special statutory or policy implications.
- How the proposal measures up to the regional and district plan assessment standards (or other best practice standards).

The heritage impact assessment will conclude by providing a summary of the positive or negative effects of the proposal and outline recommendations.

Other types of assessments may be required such as an archaeological assessment and a cultural heritage impact assessment. Information is available on these assessments from: NZHPT, *Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series*, Guide No.4 Resource Consents, 3 August 2007

The Heritage Impact Assessment	
Introduction	The introduction should include a description of the process of preparing the heritage impact assessment and any consultation.
Statement of significance	Describes the heritage place that is affected the proposal and the significance of the place. It should refer to an address (any relevant other geographic reference) and any heritage identifier (i.e. NZAA No.)
Proposed work	Provides an outline of the proposed work and reference to any plans and drawings
General principles	Provides an outline of the main principles that guide the assessment (i.e. district plan objectives, ICOMOS NZ Charter, NZHPT guidance)
Statutory or policy implications	Provides a discussion on any relevant statutory or policy implications such as special legislation, archaeological authority requirements, Maori heritage implications, heritage orders, etc
Detailed assessment	Assessment of the proposed work according to plan standards or other best practice standards (i.e. NZHPT guidance).
Recommendations	
Appendix	The appendix will include plan and photographic documentation

Source: NZHPT, *Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series*, Guide No.4 Resource Consents, 3 August 2007

The NZHPT welcomes any feedback and comments on this information sheet.

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