

SECTION 79 REMOVAL REPORT

Identification

List Number:	5465
Name:	Hutt Bridge Piers
Location:	Near Ewen Bridge, LOWER HUTT. The bridge piers were approximately 150 metres north of the Ewen Bridge, E1759125 N5435975 NZTM. ¹
Legal Description:	Riverbed

Demolition

Demolition Type:	Redevelopment	
Demolition Date:	Start Year: 1994	Finish Year: 1994
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga involvement:	New Zealand Historic Places Trust moved to classify the Hutt Bridge Piers as a "C" building at the urging of the NZHPT Wellington District Committee, who had submitted a nomination. The Committee were advocating for preservation of the bridge piers, which were proposed for demolition due to concerns about water flow and potential for damage to the Ewen Bridge. Former NZHPT Board member and BCC Chair Geoffrey Thornton gave evidence against the de-scheduling and demolition of the bridge piers to a Hutt City Council District Plan review hearing, and gave advice to the Wellington District Committee about their nomination, but there is no clear indication that this was in capacity as a staff member or representative of the NZHPT. A letter from Hutt City Council states that NZHPT was consulted and 'has no objection to their removal from the plan and demolition'.	
Extent of Demolition:	There are no visible remains of the bridge piers above ground or in the riverbed. It is unknown to what extent archaeological deposits such as pier footings may have been preserved in the river gravels. This review tidies up administrative process to remove the Hutt Bridge Piers from the List as the process may not have been completed at the time.	
Nature of Evidence of Demolition:	The piers related to the fifth bridge at the site, built in 1904. The spans and deck of the bridge were demolished in 1950. The piers were left in place and planter boxes were constructed on the top. The Ewen Floodway project of 1992-1996 identified the piers as hazardous. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga was advised by letter on 28 September 1994, from Hutt City Council, that the demolition of the bridge piers had been completed. Current observation of the site confirms that there are no bridge piers visible in the area.	

Signed & Dated:

Blyss Wagstaff

Date: 3 May 2021

¹ See NZAA Archsite record R27/541 for more information.

Attachments: Evidence of Demolition

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28 September 1994

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30 SEP 1994

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MD
Mr D Derby
Wellington Regional Officer
New Zealand Historic Places Trust
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WELLINGTON

Dear Mr Derby

1904 BRIDGE PIERS:HUTT RIVER

Further to your fax dated 29 November 1993 I am writing to inform you that demolition of these structures has been completed. Please remove them from your system. *register.*

Yours sincerely

Bill MacKenzie
DIVISIONAL MANAGER
DEVELOPMENT POLICY

*Access database.
Removed from Master/buildings table.
Comments entered on demolition table.
No FKF.*

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Figure 1: Letter confirming demolition

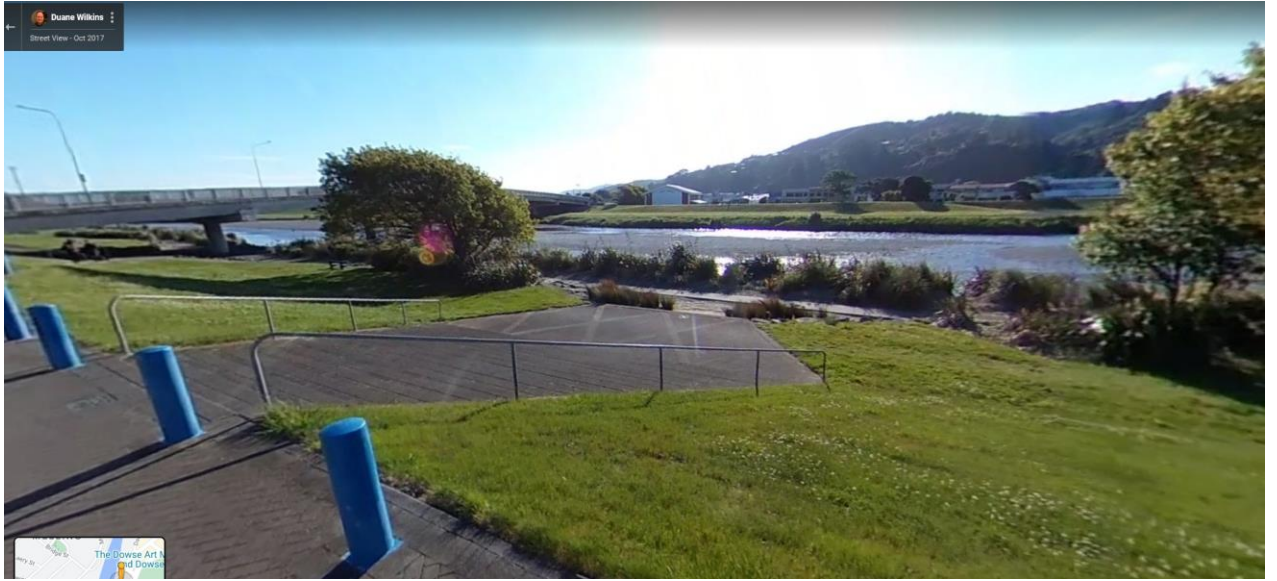


Figure 2: Google Streetview image, 2017