

BEFORE THE INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER the Resource Management Act 1991 (“the Act”)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application for Resource Consent to demolish, alter
and redevelop land and buildings on the Central Business
District in a block bounded by the east side of Dee Street,
the south side of Esk Street, the west side of Kelvin Street
and the north side of Tay Streets.

BETWEEN **HWCP MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

Applicant

AND **INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL**

Local Authority

**HEARING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF
HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA**

18 March 2019

1. HWCP Management Limited (the Applicant) has applied for a resource consent to develop a block within the inner city (the application). The block is bounded by the east side of Dee Street, the south side of Esk Street, the west side of Kelvin Street and the north side of Tay Street. This development includes the demolition of a number of buildings, including three buildings that are listed in the New Zealand Zealand Heritage List/ Rārangī Kōrero (the List).
2. HNZPT submitted in opposition to the application seeking that either the application was declined, or in the event that it was granted, the application was modified to:
 - a) Retain the four facades included in the application and in addition the building form of the 1908 portion of the Southland Times building at 67 Esk Street.
3. The Applicant has now amended its application, circulating new plans and assessments on 12 February 2019 (the amended application). Heritage New Zealand has reviewed the amended application and provides the following statement to be read in conjunction with our original submission.

HNZPT Response to the Amended Application

4. Heritage New Zealand has reviewed the amended application which, among other things, proposes the retention of the Cambridge Arcade building facade in addition to the Southland Times Building and the Coxhead building facade on Esk Street.
5. In addition, the amended application proposes amendments in relation to the Southland Times building that would address the concerns of Heritage New Zealand described in its original submission.
6. In particular, the use of the Southland Times Building facade as an entrance to the development means it is both functional and a significant recognisable element of the development. The building mass proposed behind the three levels of the facade and also on either side of the building help to frame the heritage values of the Southland Times Building facade.

7. The original materials and colour palate are integral to these heritage values. The amended application proposes to paint this facade to remedy issues with existing brickwork and pointing. These issues can more appropriately be addressed by means such as repointing the brickwork.
8. Heritage New Zealand considers that, with regard to facade retention on Esk Street, its relief sought would be satisfied by the additional retention of the Cambridge Arcade facade and entry.
9. Heritage New Zealand considers that the proposed amendments will result in an improved heritage outcome than that originally proposed.

Dated 18 March 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Watson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'S'.

Sheila Watson

Director Southern Region