

**BEFORE THE PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN HEARINGS
PANEL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management
Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Significant historic heritage
provisions

AND

IN THE MATTER of the submissions and further
submissions set out in the
S42A Officer's Report

**STATEMENT OF PRIMARY EVIDENCE OF
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BEHALF OF THE GREATER WELLINGTON
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

TECHNICAL – Significant historic heritage inventories

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| Coastal Marine Area | CMA |
| Proposed Natural Resources Plan | Proposed plan |
| Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region | RPS |
| Resource Management Act | RMA |

1. Introduction

1. Our names are Michael Kelly and Chris Cochran. We helped prepare the technical reports identifying historic heritage values for the proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Greater Wellington Regional Council.
2. Our qualifications and experience are as follows:
3. Chris Cochran: I hold the degree of B Arch from Auckland University (1968). I have run my own practice as an architect since 1988, specialising in the conservation of buildings of cultural heritage value. My work, for a wide range of clients (local authorities, Government agencies and private owners), has included the repair, maintenance and conservation of historic buildings, structures and areas; the writing of conservation plans; the assessment of heritage values, and recording. All work is consistent with accepted conservation practice as set out in the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural. I am a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Architects; of ICOMOS New Zealand (and various other conservation organisations), and I sit on the Board of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Maori Heritage Council. I was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to historic building conservation in 2007.
4. Michael Kelly: I have a BA (Hons) in history from Victoria University, awarded in 1983. I have worked as an historian in the heritage sector since 1983. I worked for Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) and the Department of Conservation in the early part of my career. I have worked on my own account since 1997. I have completed a wide variety of work over my career, including conservation plans, heritage assessments, heritage inventories for territorial authorities, registration proposals

for HNZPT, heritage trails, and a number of historical publications. I teach heritage conservation practice for Museum and Heritage Studies at the School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies at Victoria University. I am the president of the Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand/Aotearoa.

2. Code of conduct

5. We confirm that we have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note and that we agree to comply with it.
6. We confirm that we have considered all the material facts that we are aware of that might alter or detract from the opinions that we express, and that this evidence is within our areas of expertise, except where we state that we are relying on the evidence of another person.
7. We are authorised to give this evidence on the behalf of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

3. Evidence

3.1 Background to the heritage inventories

8. In 2005, the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) began the process of revising its Regional Policy Statement (RPS) 1995. A draft RPS was prepared in 2008 and in the wake of that, the GWRC reviewed its inventory of places eligible for listing on the regional plan under various, relevant plan reviews.
9. This work, which began in 2010, covered historic bridges, freshwater historic heritage and historic heritage in the coastal marine area (below mean high water springs). The projects were undertaken over a two-year period, 2010-2012. A collective of two conservation architects, an historian, an archaeologist and two researchers was commissioned to undertake the work to identify

historic heritage sites of regional significance and under the control of the GWRC. The consultants were issued with a list of places to investigate, this list having been prepared for the GWRC in 2008 by Boffa Miskell and InSitu Heritage. Once the list of potential sites was confirmed for assessment, the freshwater and coastal marine inventory entries were prepared at the same time; the work on the bridges having been completed some two years earlier.

10. The work involved site inspections, research of sites (primary and secondary sources), preparation of draft inventory entries (histories, descriptions and evaluations of significance), editing of drafts, and finalisation (and printing) of two volumes of inventory entries. In general, histories were written first and site visits and descriptions followed. Evaluations of significance were written by the relevant experts and fitted together.
11. The evaluations of significance used the ten criteria developed for Policy 20 of the proposed Regional Policy Statement 2010 (later Policy 21 of the operative RPS 2013). Emphasis was to be placed on physical values (architectural values, technological values, integrity, age, group or townscape values), while social values (sentiment and recognition); surroundings; rarity and representativeness were also to be considered.
12. The list was progressively refined as the project was carried out. In some cases, several individual objects were aggregated into one site report (e.g. the headworks at the Orongorongo water catchment). Some sites were removed after an initial evaluation of heritage values.
13. After the 70 proposed sites had been researched and inspected, and most of them written up in draft form, the authors reviewed each item to confirm whether or not it met the criteria to sufficient

degree that it should be included in the Inventory. Staff of GWRC contributed to this review.

14. The number of sites subsequently included in the Inventory is 52. These are separated into freshwater sites (12) and coastal sites (40), and then arranged in order of type and age.

15. Personnel:

- Miranda Williamson, researcher
- Helen McCracken, researcher (bridges only)
- Michael Kelly, historian
- Chris Cochran, conservation architect
- Russell Murray, conservation architect
- Andy Dodd, archaeologist (marine sites)

16. Three documents were produced:

17. **Technical Report 2: ‘Coastal Historic Heritage of the Wellington Region: Survey for the Coastal Plan Review’, Cochran and Murray, Conservation Architects, and Michael Kelly, Heritage Consultant, 30 June 2012.**

This report was researched and written by Chris Cochran, Russell Murray and Michael Kelly; research was undertaken by Miranda Williamson. It contains 40 harbour and ocean structures, including wharves and wharf structures, seawalls, navigational structures, boatsheds and slips, and coastal defences. They are all within the Coastal Marine Area.

18. **Technical Report 4: ‘Freshwater Historic Heritage of the Wellington Region: Survey for the Freshwater Plan Review’,**

Cochran and Murray, Conservation Architects, and Michael Kelly, Heritage Consultant, 30 June 2012.

18.1 Technical Report 5: Addendum to Archaeological values of freshwater historic heritage of the Wellington Region 2012.

This report was written by Chris Cochran, Russell Murray and Michael Kelly; research was undertaken by Miranda Williamson. It includes 12 freshwater structures, mostly dams and weirs, with several tunnels.

19. Technical Report 6: 'Historic Bridges of the Wellington Region', Chris Cochran, Conservation Architect, 31 August 2010.

19.1 Technical Report 7: Addendum to Archaeological values of historic bridges of the Wellington Region 2012.

This report was written by Chris Cochran; research was undertaken by Helen McCracken and Miranda Williamson. It includes 13 bridges, grouped according to their structural type, that cross water courses. Note that five of these bridges have now gone: four have been demolished (Akatarawa B1/4 and B1/5, Bull Stream and Abbott's Creek), and Reikiorangi has been lost through collapse.