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Waitomo District Council,
15 Queen Street,
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ATTN: Alex Bell

Tēnā koe Alex,

**FORM 5: SUBMISSION OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA
TO THE WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN.**

**TO: WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL
FROM: HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA (HNZPT)**

1. This is a submission on the Waitomo District Council Proposed District Plan (the plan).
2. HNZPT could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
3. The specific provisions of the proposal that HNZPT's submission relates to are:

The historic heritage (cultural, archaeological, built and structures and places) related aspects of the plan.

4. HNZPT's submission is:

HNZPT supports in part the Plan in so far as it concerns historic heritage but does seek amendments and additions to certain provisions. HNZPT's submission points are outlined in the appendices to this submission. The suggested amendments are intended to improve, clarify, qualify, and strengthen the provisions as they relate to the management and protection of historic heritage.

5. The reasons for HNZPT's positions are as follows:

HNZPT is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. HNZPT is New Zealand's lead historic heritage agency.

The Resource Management Act requires that the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga, and the protection of historic heritage should be *recognised and provided for* as a Matters of National Importance- Section 6(e) & (f). As subdivision, use and development have the potential to significantly detract from these matters, it is important that the plan limits the potential for adverse effects to occur.



HNZPT has appreciated the opportunity to meet with Council staff regarding historic heritage matters and provide feedback to the draft versions of the plan and is pleased with the many instances where the proposed plan has been modified in line with some of HNZPT's earlier advice.

HNZPT remains concerned regarding the identified extents within the plan of a HNZPT Wahi Tapu and several of the extents related to heritage buildings and structures. There is also concern related to the rule framework for new buildings within the setting and surrounds of heritage buildings and structures. Heritage New Zealand looks forward to continuing to work with Waitomo District Council on these important matters.

6. Heritage New Zealand seeks the following decision from the local authority:

Refer to the table attached as Appendix A.

7. Heritage New Zealand wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

Nāku noa, nā

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Appendix A: Submission point table of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to the WDC PDP.