Te Tai o Poutini Plan [Proposed] Schedule 1A: Historic Heritage Items and Areas

Response to Submissions, including Potential Additional Items and Areas

Aisla Hart

• Southern Paparoas Mining Historic Area [aka Greymouth Coalfield]

The submitter is unable to request a survey by HNZPT via the TTPP submission process. The submission appears to be requesting recognition ['notation status'] and some limited oversight in respect of 'substantial new developments' in the area, rather than scheduling as a historic area that would then be subject to the full gamut of TTPP HH provisions.

RECOMMENDATION: Parties who have made the same submission could be encouraged to approach HNZPT in regard to the identification of a Historic Area, noting that there are a number of specific TTPP scheduled and/or HNZPT listed items and areas within the area as a whole including those at Brunner, Blackball etc.

Barbara King

- Nelson Creek Township possible DoC historic area?
- Nelson Creek Community Church Hatters Terrace Historic Reserve 1991/1992

The church is located on a Historic Reserve and the settlement possesses a number of older buildings and is known for the swing bridge, which is a modern reconstruction. The Department of Conservation identifies 'Hatters Terrace' as an 'actively managed historic place' and recognises community management of the church, whose date of construction is given as 1869.

RECOMMENDATION: As the Community Church is located on a Historic Reserve and the submitter did not expressly request a Nelson Creek Historic Area, or identify the possible boundaries of such an area, it is considered that scheduling on the TTPP is not warranted at this time.

Greymouth Heritage Trust

- Southern Paparoas Mining Historic Area as above
- Coal River Heritage Park a place of historic interpretation, rather than tangible historic heritage values
- Nelson Creek Domain Gold Mining Historic Area recreation area including 1982 replica swing bridge
- Gows Creek tunnel no further information supplied
- Woods Creek DoC forest track with remnant mining features
- Greymouth Railway Station signal box HH71 item is included in Greymouth Railway Station Historic Area

While the history and community importance of all of the above places is recognised, none are recommended for scheduling, with the exception of the signal box, which is already part of HH71. It is noted that some sites, including the Woods Creek track, will be pre-1900 archaeological sites and therefore protected by the HNZPTA.

Paul Thomas

• Southern Paparoas Mining Historic Area – as above

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

• Seddon house site - HNZPT List Entry # 9864

This is a gazetted Historic Reserve and the HNZPT historic cairn marking the site was installed in 1976. The site is a pre-1900 archaeological site under the HNZPT Act but there is minimal historic fabric in situ.

RECOMMENDATION: Scheduling in Appendix 1A is not considered appropriate in this instance. The reserve could be added to Schedule 1B Archaeological Sites; alternatively I believe that its status as a Historic Reserve and as a Category 1 historic place listed by HNZPT is sufficient to identify and protect its heritage values.

Requesting activity stays for Repositioning of a scheduled heritage item is made
 Discretionary and Relocation a Non-complying activity.

While it is certainly the case that relocation of a heritage building or structure away from its current site is detrimental to heritage values it is not as 'inappropriate' as demolition. For that reason a Restricted Discretionary status for repositioning and a Discretionary status for Relocation, with Demolition classed as a Non-complying activity, provides a suitable protection and management hierarchy in my opinion.

RECOMMENDATION: categorise Repositioning as a Restricted Discretionary activity, Relocation as a Discretionary activity and Demolition as Non-Complying.

Requests re amendments to scheduling of HH3, HH24 and HH88.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Request re wording of HH3 Extent descriptor is accepted.
- 2. Exclusion of a later addition to a scheduled item (HH24) is not best practice and is not referenced in the online HNZPT List entry for this building. That part of the extension that lies within the scheduled setting should be taken into account in any consent required on heritage grounds for this property.
- 3. Exclusion of the villa at the rear of the former bank, which is located on the same land parcel, is not best practice. The house (1906) was the bank manager's house and is therefore related historically and physically to the former bank.

Laura Mills

- Southern Paparoas Mining Historic Area / Greymouth Coalfield as above
- Greymouth Evening Star building, Werita Street 1939-40 building with later addition, having character rather than historic heritage values
- Hannan and Seddon building, Werita Street no information supplied with submission

This site appears to have been associated with various iterations of what became the law firm of Hannan & Seddon since the late 1860s. The building looks like it pre-dates 1900 but without corroborating evidence as to its age, designer and, potentially, authenticity, it is not possible to recommend scheduling at this time.

Heritage trees at Dixon Park – not relevant to Schedule 1A

- Trees in the Coronation Domain Reserve not relevant to Schedule 1A
- Grey District Council fountain[s] no information supplied with submission

There appear to be two fountains on the site of the Grey District Council. One (c.1925?) is likely related to the former Dennehy house that used to stand on the site; the other is the 1959 Centennial Fountain (installed 1961). The centennial fountain was presented by the Jaycees and predates the new council chambers, which opened in 1979.

Without further information it is not possible to substantiate the potential heritage value of either structure. As both fountains are located on council property it is recommended that both are identified within the GDC's asset register and managed as historic features that are of value to members of the community.

- Woods Creek goldmining tunnels, Rutherglen as above
- Taramakau Railway Bridge is recommended for scheduling
- Hall & Coulthard Memorial at Runanga is recommended for scheduling
- Former WWII Battery Observation Post on Cobden Hill is <u>recommended for scheduling</u>
- WWII pill box at Blaketown tiphead reconstructed/restored historic feature; not recommended for scheduling
- Londonderry rock, Kumara a geological feature and therefore out of scope for Schedule 1A
- Mt Griffin serpentine quarry remnants checking with DoC re status of surviving fabric

Gazetted as state forest in 1919, now subject to Conservation Act for recreation purposes; remnant machinery and evidence of quarrying – extant 1913-15, operations then apparently moving to Tuhua until c.1918. A historic site but location within conservation park may provide sufficient recognition and protection

- Dillon's Homestead Hut prospector's hut built by Andrew and Mary (nee Wilkinson) Dillon in c.1935 - is recommended for scheduling
- Kopara Hot Springs bathing pool is recommended for scheduling
- Nelson Creek tunnels and swing bridge see above; latter has been rebuilt by DoC

Glenn Johnston

 Southern Paparoas Mining Historic Area, including Cannel Creek and Seven Mile Creek catchment above Spring Creek – as above

Kate Kennedy

Southern Paparoas Mining Historic Area – as above

Brendon McMahon

• Kumara Historic Area; including the Theatre Royal Hotel, Empire Hotel, former BNZ, and the Seddon house site (see above re latter)

There is insufficient evidence and no clear extent for a historic area based on the April 2019 streetscapes available on Google Maps. The Empire Hotel and Theatre Royal Hotel have both been modified, the former BNZ is a partial reconstruction and the Seddon house site is a Historic Reserve with minimal built heritage fabric.

The Kumara Memorial Hall was built in 1950 to replace an earlier war memorial hall (1923). It has been partly reclad and has had a suspended veranda installed along the façade. The veranda and an additional porch on the north elevation appear to have been erected after 1984. There is insufficient evidence to support a recommendation to schedule, despite the fact that the building is a valued community asset.

• St Patrick's Catholic Church is recommended for scheduling

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