



New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga

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## Submission of New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga to the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2012-2042 (Draft RLTS).

This is a submission on the proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The specific provisions that the submission of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) relates to are heritage-related matters which have not been incorporated into the proposed strategy.

The NZHPT generally supports the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy as it sets the direction for the region's transport system for the next 30 years.

**The NZHPT does wish to be heard in support of our submission**

### The New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga

NZHPT is an autonomous Crown entity in terms of the Crown Entities Act 2004, governed by its Board established under the Historic Places Act 1993. NZHPT is New Zealand's leading national historic heritage agency. NZHPT is a public membership organisation with, at the time of writing, some 21,800 subscribing members. NZHPT was established in 1954.

NZHPT also includes a Māori Heritage Council. The functions of the Māori Heritage

Council, set out in section 85 of the Historic Places Act 1993, include: the protection of Māori heritage; that NZHPT meets the needs of Māori in a culturally appropriate manner; to develop programmes for the identification and conservation of Māori heritage; and to assist NZHPT to develop and reflect a bicultural view in the exercise of its powers and functions.

NZHPT's role in the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of historical and cultural heritage is extensive and nationwide. This role includes:

- Leadership on historic heritage issues important to New Zealand.
- Assisting Māori communities to identify and protect and preserve wāhi tapu and in the restoration of historic marae-related buildings and structures.
- The management, administration, ownership and control of 48 nationally significant heritage properties. Many of these properties are open to the public as tourist and historic attractions.
- The provision and distribution of advice and information for the protection and conservation of heritage places.
- The registration of historic places, historic areas, wāhi tapu, and wāhi tapu areas.
- The issuing of archaeological authorities under section 14 of the Historic Places Act with regard to activities that may modify damage or destroy archaeological sites.
- Statutory advocacy for the protection of historic and cultural heritage under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Building Act 2004 and related resource management processes. This role includes the issuing of heritage orders and the negotiation and execution of heritage covenants.

## Submission 1: Network Security

### **The NZHPT's submission is:**

1. The NZHPT seeks that provision is made to provide a regular program of maintenance and structural improvements to the high number of historic features associated with network infrastructure, such as ageing bridges, historic culverts and mile markers, in the region.

### **Explanation:**

2. The Canterbury region has over 30 registered historic bridges<sup>1</sup> and additional features on its roading and rail network. A high number of these bridges are over 100 years old.
3. These bridges have played a pivotal role in the development of New Zealand. They have helped shape our geographical capabilities and laid the way for progressive enterprise in and around the region.
4. Although a number of these bridges have been altered or modified through time they still represent the evolution and development of particular routes.

### **Change sought:**

5. That provision is made in the strategy to incorporate an inventory of historic features associated with network to be managed and maintained in accordance with ICOMOS New Zealand Charter 2010 best practice standards.
6. That a G.I.S. system is developed to provide the most up to date mapping, information and location of historic features associated with network infrastructure, so that this knowledge can be incorporated into Territorial Authority planning systems.

## Submission 2: Consultation with NZHPT

### **The NZHPT's submission is:**

7. The NZHPT considers that a minor amendment should be made to the RLTS that would clearly outline the need for agencies planning and/or constructing transport infrastructure to consult with the NZHPT on heritage matters at the earliest possible opportunity.

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<sup>1</sup> NZHPT Register of Historic Places 19 September 2011.

**Explanation:**

8. The NZHPT is concerned to ensure the avoidance of adverse effects on the high number of archaeological sites, heritage buildings, historic areas and sites of significance to Maori, including wahi tapu, in the Canterbury Region.
9. Some of these structures are registered under the Historic Places Act 1993 and/or scheduled in District Plans.

**Change sought:**

10. That amendment is made to the RLTS to reference early consultation with NZHPT on heritage matters.

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