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Tēnā kōrua Christine and Daryl

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 2017 setting out the Architectural Centre's proposals for arts, culture and heritage.

I welcome your comments on how Government can support and inspire best practice in caring for our nation's heritage. The preservation of this country's built heritage is very dear to me and was one of the reasons why I took up the Arts, Culture and Heritage portfolio.

When I was Opposition Spokesperson for Arts, Culture and Heritage, I advocated for a national conversation on how we take more responsibility for the care and protection of these taonga.

I also want to acknowledge the passion of people who care about our heritage and work tirelessly to advocate for and conserve heritage places for us all. I am keen to explore how we recognise the contributions made by these individuals and organisations through heritage awards.

I have asked my officials in the Ministry for Culture and Heritage to provide me with a package of options for how this Government might proceed with securing the future of our country's built heritage, including an awards scheme. A copy of your letter has been sent to the Ministry and will contribute to this work.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JA', written over a light blue circular watermark.

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Minister for Arts, Culture, and Heritage

cc Hon Grant Robertson, Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage