



MP for Mt Albert

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Tēnā kōrua Christine kōrua ko Daryl

Thank you for your letter of 14 April 2018 about the former Wellington Teachers' Training College at Karori and the use of Heritage Orders under the Resource Management Act 1991. I've taken a keen interest in the Training College and understand the important place it holds in our heritage. It is a significant piece of our architectural history and has a very real connection with the history of New Zealand's education system.

Officials at the Ministry for Culture and Heritage are keeping me informed of developments at the College. I understand Ryman Healthcare is still in discussions with Heritage New Zealand and Wellington City Council about the site's future and I am hopeful of a satisfactory result for all interested parties. I'll continue to take an interest as those discussions continue.

I really appreciate your commitment to advocating for Wellington's built environment as well as your interest in enhancing New Zealand's heritage protection system. This is a passionate sector and contributions like yours on how we protect our heritage are hugely valuable. I've shared your concerns about the use of Heritage Orders with the Ministry and they will be raising the issue with the Ministry for the Environment.

Your thoughts on this issue will be useful for work underway at the Ministry for Culture and Heritage on enhancing protection for New Zealand's built heritage. If you would like to discuss these issues any further, I encourage you to contact Stefan Corbett, Manager Heritage Policy. You can contact him at Stefan.Corbett@mch.govt.nz or 027 256 7778.

Nāku noa, nā

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Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage