



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

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Dear Christine and Daryl,

HERITAGE ORDER TO PROTECT WELLINGTON TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE (FORMER)

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2018 remarking on the outstanding heritage values of the Wellington Teachers Training College (Former) campus expressing your apprehension for its future under the current owner, Ryman Health Care.

As you know, the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Board supported the assessment and approved the proposal to enter the Wellington Teachers' Training College (Former) on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero as a Category 1 historic place. We continue to work with the Wellington City Council on scheduling this listing on the District Plan.

I want to assure you that we are taking steps to ensure that we have very good open communication lines with Ryman Health Care over their proposals and emerging plans for the site in Karori. At this stage Ryman Health Care have advised that they have no confirmed plans and that they are developing proposals for further discussions with the community and other interested parties. We will continue to engage in a conversation with Ryman Health Care and the Wellington City Council to maximise the heritage outcomes of this site.

We acknowledge your concern about the potential effects of Ryman Healthcare's development plans on the campus's heritage values. We have been in regular contact with officials from Ryman Health Care since the change in ownership earlier this year and at this time we think continuing with this mode is an effective way forward.

We have robustly investigated heritage orders as a method of protection and, given our ongoing consultation with Ryman Healthcare, have not submitted a notice of requirement for a heritage order for the Wellington Teachers' Training College (Former) to Wellington City Council.

We are appreciative of the Architectural Centre's interest in this outstanding historic place and your efforts advocating for modernism throughout New Zealand. You will be aware that we have offered to meet you both to further discuss the approach that we are taking and the progress that we believe we are making. It is my understanding that Andrew Coleman the Chief Executive of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga will lead this meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

Wyatt Creech
Chair
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Board