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Tēnā koe Andrew

We understand that Heritage NZ has been informed that Ryman Healthcare applied for a building consent to demolish approximately half of the Wellington Teachers Training College (Former), Karori (WTTC) on 21 August, and that you are aware that demolition of the interior is commencing this month.

We note that the functions of Heritage NZ include to:

- (a) protect historic places
- (b) advocate the protection of historic places, and
- (c) act as a heritage protection authority for the purposes of protecting historic places

We write to ask:

1. what Heritage NZ has done to protect this Category I historic place since Ryman Healthcare applied for a building consent to demolish much of WTTC?
2. what Heritage NZ has done to protect this Category I historic place since being aware that demolition of the interiors of this site is scheduled for September?
3. that Heritage NZ lodge a notice of requirement for a heritage order for WTTC. Lodging a notice of requirement for a heritage order is appropriate because:
 - (a) WTTC is a significant heritage site
 - (b) the threat of demolition is real, and
 - (c) a heritage order will create time for Heritage NZ and Ryman to develop a proposal for the site which sensitively adapts it for re-use.

We consider this matter to be one of extreme urgency.

Nāku ihi noa nā


Christine McCarthy
President, Architectural Centre

cc. Jamie Jacobs, Director, Central Region, Heritage NZ
cc. Ian Bowman, Chair, ICOMOS NZ
cc. Philip Hartley, Chair, Docomomo
cc. Tim Melville, President, New Zealand Institute of Architects
cc. Richard Bentley, Save the Karori Campus Group