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Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern  
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Tēnā koe Prime Minister

1. You may be aware that the Architectural Centre has asked the Parliamentary Commission for the Environment (PCE) to investigate whether or not Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga has failed to fulfil its function with respect to protecting the former Wellington Teachers Training College (WTTC), Karori (No. 9797).
2. The demolition of approximately 50% of the WTTC site will commence in the coming week or two (see attached letter from Ryman Healthcare).
3. It is unlikely that the PCE's investigation will be completed prior to the commencement of demolition.
4. Given the above, we ask that you, in your capacity as Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage (as per RMA s 187(a)), lodge a notice of requirement (NoR) for a temporary Heritage Order for the purpose of protecting this Category I historic place in Karori pending the outcome of the PCE investigation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Nāku iti noa nā



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cc. Hon. Grant Robertson. MP, Wellington Central  
cc. Shaun Killerby, Advisor, Parliamentary Commission for the Environment  
cc. Stefan Corbett, Manager, Heritage Policy, Ministry for Culture and Heritage.