



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

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Tēnā koe Christine,

RE: WELLINGTON TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE

I would like to acknowledge your letter of 20 December regarding the Wellington Teachers' Training College (Former). So far as I am aware, Heritage New Zealand has provided responses to the queries received from you through formal correspondence, submissions, and official information requests, and also by email.

Heritage New Zealand considers a range of dimensions and possible outcomes when making decisions on heritage matters. Regarding your request for advice tabled and board meeting minutes, it is not the practice of the Heritage New Zealand Board to release any meeting narratives aside from formal resolutions.

At the time we began our consultation with Ryman Healthcare as owners of the property last April, it was entirely possible that the entire campus might be lost. Since that time, Heritage New Zealand staff met in-person with Ryman Healthcare representatives on many occasions and these meetings have been augmented by telephone conversations.

As with any advice, we have no precise way to know the degree to which our viewpoints have directly influenced their design decisions. However, we understand that a majority of the original Phase I buildings will be retained and adapted for the facility and a logical heritage transition from retained heritage to 'new' buildings on site will be achieved. Heritage New Zealand staff will be meeting with the Ryman Healthcare design team, including their conservation architect, later this month to specifically discuss their heritage conservation outlook and design plans for the adaptation of these buildings.

In light of the answers to your questions provided in prior communication from Heritage New Zealand, we will consider this line of correspondence at an end. I again encourage you to take up my offer of an in-person meeting to discuss our current understanding of the situation.

Ngā mihi

Andrew Coleman
Chief Executive