

**Before the Hearings Panel  
Appointed by Central Hawkes Bay District Council**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management  
Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of Central Hawkes Bay Proposed  
District Plan

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**TABLED STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA  
CENTRAL HAWKES BAY PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN  
HEARING STREAM 7 – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY  
DEAN RAYMOND - PLANNING**

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. My name is Dean Raymond. I have introduced myself at previous Proposed District Plan hearings, particularly Hearing Stream 4, which I attended in person.
2. Although this evidence is not prepared for an Environment Court hearing I have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses in the Environment Court Practice Note 2014 and have complied with it in when preparing this evidence. I have considered all the material facts that I am aware of that might alter or detract from the opinions I express. This evidence is within my area of expertise.
3. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) made submissions and further submissions on the Central Hawkes Bay Proposed District Plan (PDP), including submission points on some of the chapters addressed in Hearing Stream 7 – specifically the network utilities and energy chapters.

## NETWORK UTILITIES

4. Regarding the Network Utilities (NU) chapter, the 42A author has recommended several changes to the chapter. The changes of most relevance to HNZPT are relatively minor and include:

- The additional paragraph in the introductory section cross-referencing other sections of the Plan; and
- Minor change to the wording of NU-P2

I am satisfied that these changes are appropriate and adequately address the submission points made by HNZPT.

5. I have read the 42A author's comments and analysis of the submissions made by HNZPT and I agree with the recommendations on these submission points.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

6. HNZPT included submission points on several aspects of the renewable energy (RE) chapter, including requested amendments to RE-P2, RE-R1 and RE-R4, seeking to include additional provisions to protect scheduled heritage places from the adverse effects of energy activities.

7. I have read *Key Issue 4* of the 42A report and the recommendations on the HNZPT submission points. I note that the HNZPT submission point on RE-P2 is recommended to be accepted.

8. Regarding RE-R1, the 42A author makes the point that the HH and SASM chapters require consent for certain activities, including HH-R6 for alterations to scheduled buildings, and SASM-R6 for 'any other activity' that might destroy, damage or modify a site. The author's observation is that a small-scale renewable generation activity would require consent under these rules. As an example, this could be a solar panel array on a scheduled building as an 'alteration' under HH-R6, or an installation creating a 'modification' to a site included in SCHED3.

9. The author recommends against including a rule requiring consent for any small-scale renewable energy activity on the site of a scheduled place, understanding that in many cases the site is much larger than the actual scheduled item, or even the obvious curtilage of such

places. In paragraph 7.3.14 the author recommends an additional matter of discretion for consents under RE-R1, being consideration of the effects of the activity on heritage and cultural values.

10. I concur with this recommended approach, as it provides an opportunity to consider effects on heritage and cultural values where the rule triggers the need for a consent to be lodged.
  
11. Regarding RE-R4, the 42A author has recommended that an additional condition be included – that renewable energy activities must not be located within 20 metres of any place included in SCHED2 or SCHED3. There is no discussion in the report as to how the 20m dimension was arrived at, and it may be an arbitrary distance. However, in the absence of a defined setting or extent of scheduled places, it is appropriate to include this addition to the rule to help manage the potential effects of energy generation activities on heritage and cultural values.
  
12. I consider that the recommended amendments to the renewable energy chapter outlined in the S42A report would satisfy the relief sought by HNZPT, and would provide for appropriate recognition and protection of heritage and cultural values.
  
13. While I am not intending to attend hearing stream 7, I can make myself available to appear via zoom if the commissioners would like me to address any points of clarification or explanation.



Dean Raymond

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