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Kia ora Adam

Thank you for meeting and providing Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga the chance to provide input on the building proposed for the parcel of land bounded by the Michael Fowler Centre, Jervois Quay, and Wakefield Street. On the whole, the proposal is reasonably straightforward in terms of heritage from the standpoint/view of Heritage New Zealand.

The Civic Centre Heritage Area is recognised and protected as heritage in the Wellington District Plan, and Heritage New Zealand has accepted a nomination to consider Te Ngākau Civic Square for entry on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero. The roughly triangular parcel in question does not front onto Civic Square itself, but the land has been part of Wellington's civic centre for over a century. Because the proposed building does not front onto Civic Square, it will have virtually no effects on the buildings individually Listed by Heritage New Zealand: Wellington Town Hall (Category 1), the former Wellington Central Library (now the City Gallery; Category 2); and the Wellington Central Library (Category 1).

I note that the operative District Plan refers to the Michael Fowler carpark area as a future development area within the Civic Centre Heritage Area. There is a comment in the District Plan that this area has been included in the Civic square area *so that future development on can be easily managed to protect the heritage values of Civic Square and its buildings and features*. The District Plan also states that the specified height limits *will provide for the development of the carpark site at a scale that will help to retain the landmark value of the Michael Fowler Centre*.

While the Michael Fowler Centre is not currently individually recognised by Heritage New Zealand, its distinctive architecture and august contribution to the cityscape mean it will undoubtedly be considered in the future. With this in mind and to honour its civic and celebratory presence, our primary advice for any development on the adjacent parcel should neither crowd the Michael Fowler Centre nor overwhelm it with excessive height.

In our view the proposed development appropriately respects the form and location of the Michael Fowler Centre and will be a welcome addition to the urban form in this part of Wellington.

Ngā mihi

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