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Hearings Statement of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) to the Wellington City Council (WCC)on the Revised Kumutoto Design Brief.

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While NZHPT is generally supportive of a design brief for North Kumutoto to guide the creation of high quality buildings and spaces in North Kumutoto, NZHPT does not support the brief in its current form. The design brief does not adequately address the heritage values and significance of the area, particularly in relation to the Eastbourne Ferry Terminal (Former) and does not fully reflect the Environment Court decision on District Plan Variation 11.

NZHPT would like to bring Councillors attention to paragraphs 5 – 15 of NZHPT'S submission, outlining the **significant heritage values of the registered Wellington Harbour Board Historic Area**, which encompasses the Kumutoto Wharf area. This registration includes 26 separate historic features including many fine heritage buildings, public spaces, wharfs, railings, gates, fixtures and fittings.

NZHPT has a long history of engagement with WCC about Kumutoto Wharf; NZHPT submitted on the 2002 North Queens Wharf Brief. More recently, NZHPT also submitted on variation 11 and appealed the Council decision to the Environment Court (ENV-2010-WLG-00003). Two years of mediation with WCC resulted in a mediated resolution to NZHPT's appeal concerns, which are reflected in the Water front Watch decision. The details of the resolution are provided as appendix 1 to NZHPT's submission to the Revised Kumutoto Design Brief, at page 17. For your information I have also included the map associated with this outcome, which shows the reduced footprint of site 10, pulled back in relation to the Eastbourne Ferry Terminal (former) and provision for a transition area, to ensure views from well used pedestrian areas.

NZHPT has requested a number of revisions to the draft Kumutoto Wharf design brief that better provide for the heritage values particularly of the Eastbourne Ferry Terminal (Former), but also in relation to the historic wharfs, the gates, fences and enhancement of views between heritage buildings.

Map 1 — North Kumutoto location and context, Kumutoto Precinct Plan of the Kumutoto Design Brief marks out the buildings in the Kumutoto Wharf area including Shed 11, Shed 13, shed 21 and the Steamship Wharf Building. The map does not show the location of the Eastbourne Ferry Terminal (Former). As a starting point the Eastbourne Ferry Terminal (Former) needs to be accurately identified on this map and then referred to and recognised within the text of the Kumutoto Wharf Design Brief.

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