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Historic Places Trust *Pouhere Taonga*

Improving Heritage Survival: Perspectives from the NZHPT

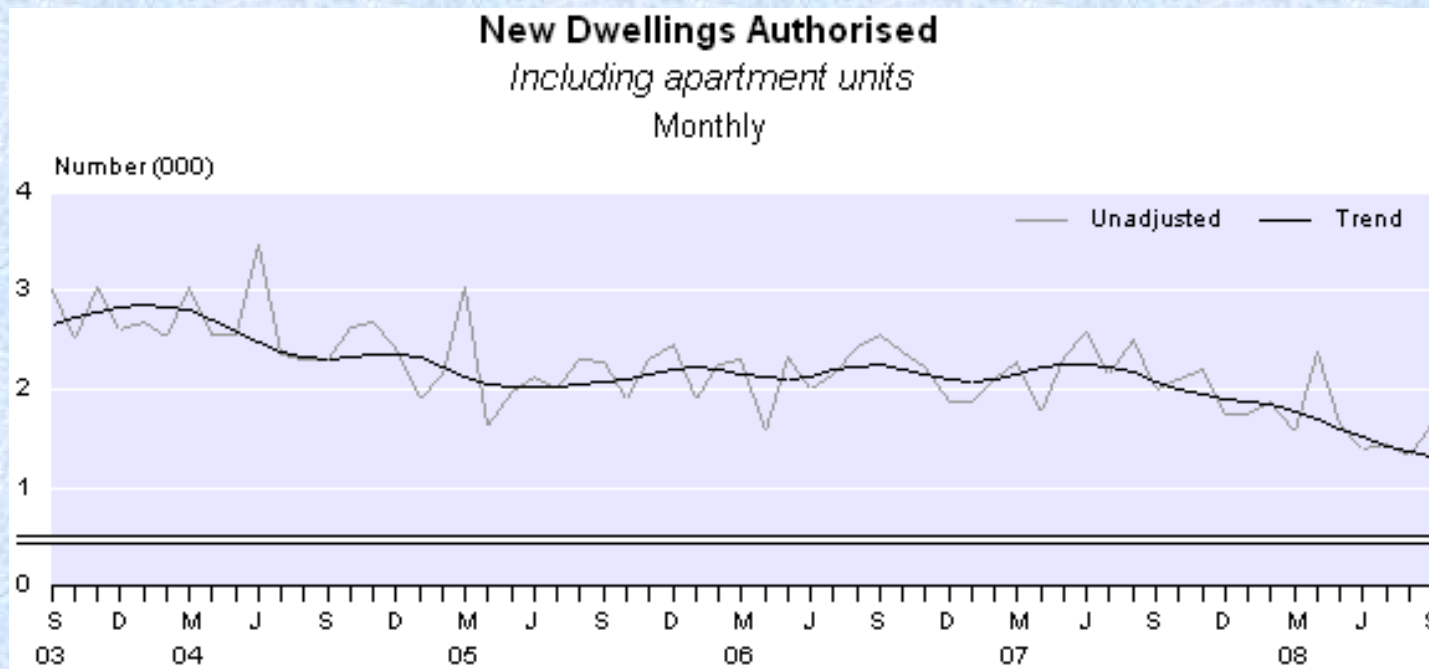
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Context

- Economic downturn (i.e. nation-wide building consent and consent decline).
- Continued changes in rural land-use patterns.
- Changes in retail environment, especially large-format retail.
- Rural townships decline continuing in some regions (i.e. Parts of Central North Island).
- Increase in renewable energy projects and infrastructure.
- Climate change-related events and policy.
- Public Transportation, urban design.

Long term building consent decline since 2004



Source: Statistics NZ, 30 October 2008

Environment regulatory trends

- New national policy statements, national environmental standards
- Second-generation plans and reviews (trend towards simplified integrated plans).
- Continued high % non-notified consent decisions (96% consents in 2007 non-notified).
- Integration focus (i.e. between Building Act and RMA, HPA and RMA, Forests Act and RMA).
- Landowner opposition to environmental regulation common, calls for compensation.
- Landscape, townscape, infrastructure energy issues prominent.
- Numbers of listed historic heritage (places and areas) continue to increase mostly in urban areas.

Threats/risks for historic heritage

- Current uncertainty, reviews of RMA and the Historic Places Act 1993?
- Historic heritage may be treated as a lower priority issue in the face of rates reductions/spending reductions.
- Competition with other national infrastructure priorities (renewable electricity generation, etc).
- Lower development pressure, but potential increase in 'demolition by neglect' arising from deferred/delayed maintenance.
- Deteriorating condition of archaeological sites, an ongoing concern
- Potential decrease in adaptive reuse opportunities.

Opportunities

- 'Breathing space' for policy and advisory work.
- Future review of existing environmental framework (i.e. proposed EPA).
- 2nd generation RMA policy and plans.
- Input into national policy statements/standards.
- NZHPT national guidance welcomed by stakeholders.
- Incentive-based approaches welcomed by stakeholders.

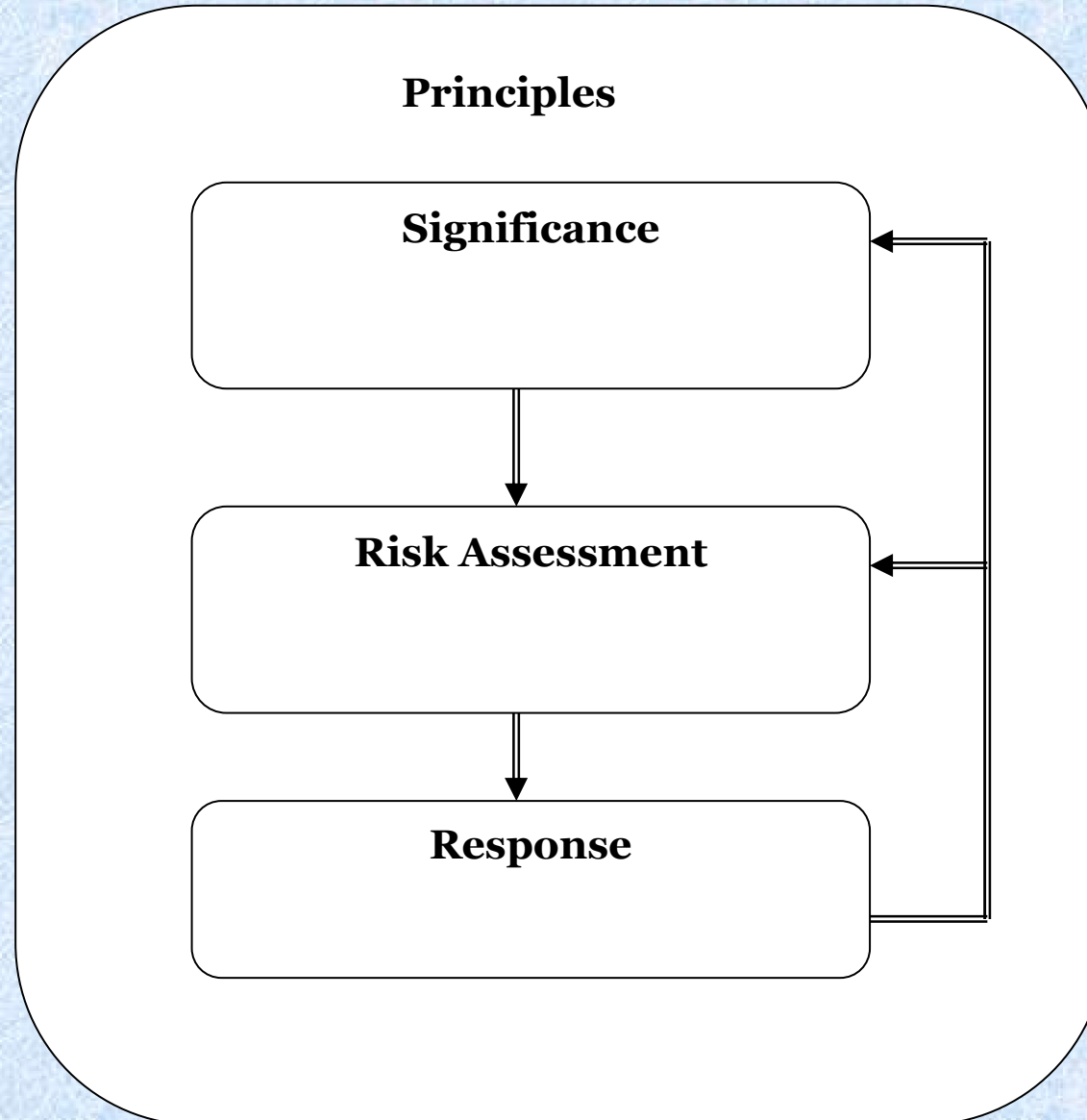
NZHPT Strategy -

Improve heritage survival

Pre-emptive Strategy for Statutory
Advocacy

(current but future?)

Pre-emptive risk management approach to heritage survival rates



Significance

Focus: identification, values, significance.

Work program:

Advice and assistance to local authorities on the identification and listing of historic heritage (i.e. work towards **second-generation plans and LTCCPs**).

Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series: Principles and Issues, Heritage Landscape Values, SER historic heritage.

Identification of historic heritage research paper and guidance (under action).

Heritage landscapes (Loppiano, Italy) research paper

Risk assessment for historic heritage

Focus: environmental, economic and social risks

Work programs:

Local and regional studies to identify significant heritage at risk, as third party funding permits

Auckland City, Heritage @ Risk Project (under action)

Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage

Guidance Series: SER historic heritage, Crown Pastoral Tenure Review, Urban Design, Demolition by Neglect, Wind Farms

Research Paper, **Earthquake-prone heritage buildings** (draft completed).

Historic heritage response

Focus: cost-benefit analysis, alternatives, effectiveness, listing, incentives

Work programs:

Providing advice, submissions, appeals to promote protection of **most significant places** and incentive measures to encourage heritage survival.

Second-generation regional and district plans, focus on inadequate district plans

NZHPT registration recommendations and post-registration strategies

National Heritage Preservation Incentive Fund

Crown-land disposal processes

Historic heritage response (cont')

Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series: Potential review and update in 2009

National Assessment of District Plan heritage provisions

Incentive-based heritage provisions for district plans

Incentives-based heritage provisions Seminar:
Auckland 20-21 April (urban) and 16 Sept (rural) 2009
(tentative dates)

New technical historic buildings information and guidance (forthcoming hopefully in 2009-10)

National Assessment of District Plan heritage provisions (draft)

- National survey of all district plans (including unitary authorities).
- Summary of heritage provisions.
- Assessment based on standards promoted in the *Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series*.

National Assessment of District Plan heritage provisions

- Does not attempt to identify the ‘best’ district plan for heritage.
- Focus on issues:
 - Objectives, policies
 - Incentive-based provisions
 - Demolition by neglect
 - Historic heritage schedules
 - Heritage rules
- Summary of provisions, examples of poor quality and positive examples.

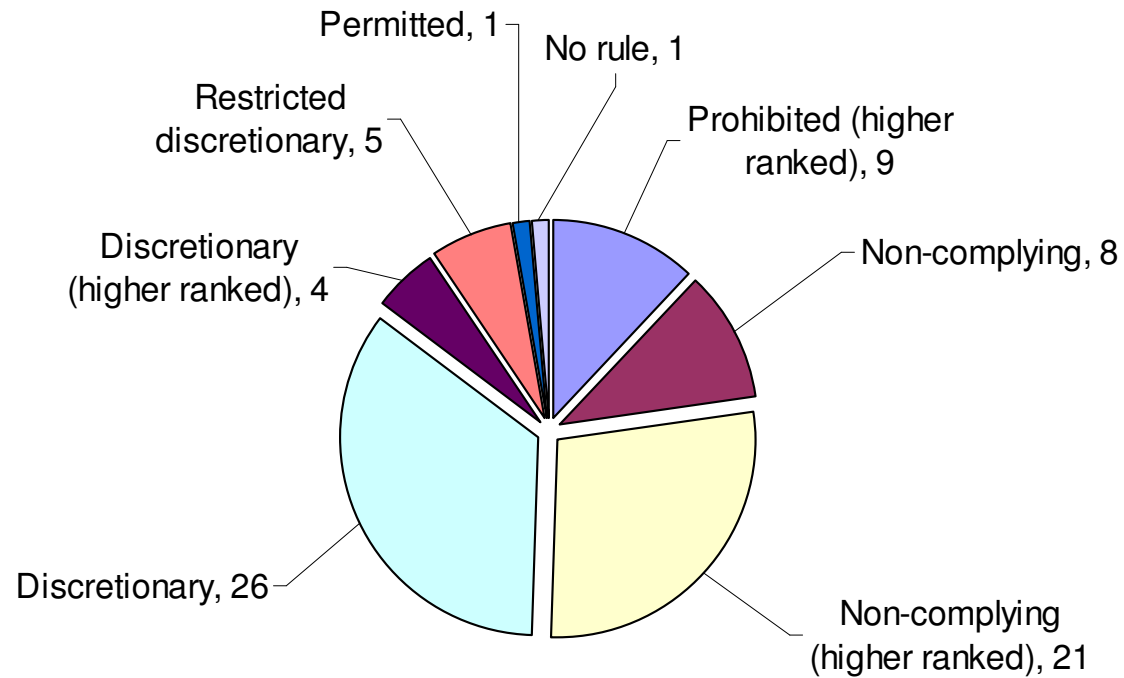
National Assessment of District Plan heritage provisions (example)

NZHPT Standard

Demolition of listed historic buildings is a non-complying or prohibited activity.

National Assessment of District Plan heritage provisions (example)

District Plan heritage rules, demolition of listed heritage items
(No. of plans with rule)



National Assessment of District Plan heritage provisions (example)

Poor quality demolition rules:

- Central Hawke's Bay
- Westland
- Napier (Group 3)
- Manawatu (Group C)
- Porirua (Group C)
- Nelson (Group C)
- Mackenzie (Category Z)
- Waimate (Category C)
- Ashburton (Category B)
- Invercargill (Non-NZHPT registered)

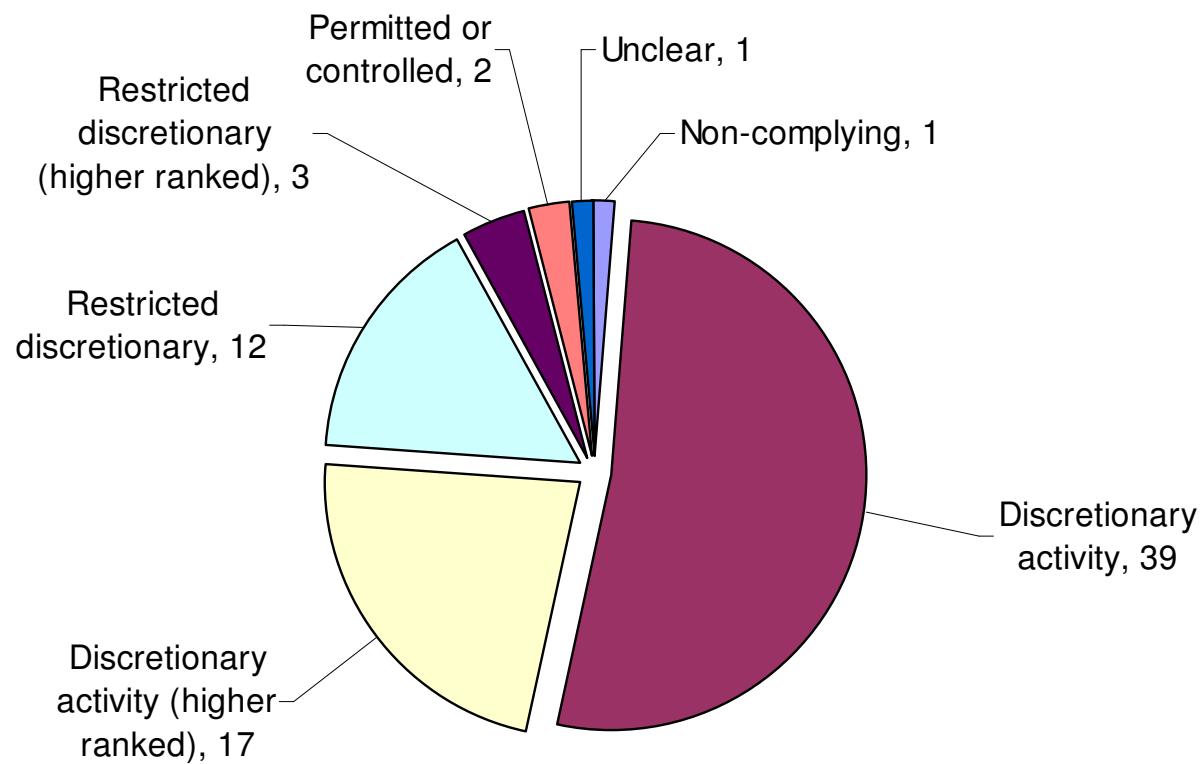
Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance

Series: Potential review and update in 2009-10

Some ideas for scoping of review and update:

- Changes to the RMA (to come).
- Addition of model best practice provisions for incentives.
- Amending the alterations and additions model rule from restricted discretionary to discretionary.
- Add more detailed guidance relating to historic areas.
- Revise principles and issues, heritage landscapes, urban design and assessment of effects discussion papers to add as guidelines.
- Addition of identification of historic heritage guidance.
- Addition of iwi management plans for historic heritage guidance.
- Other issues?

District Plan heritage rules, alterations and additions of listed heritage items (No. of plans with rule)



Opportunities for improved connections

- Today's forum.
- Regional heritage forums (Auckland, Bay of Plenty, others?).
- In the past, DOC Historic Heritage Workshops (no longer going).
- Wanganui Heritage Conference, 4-5 March 09.
- NZILA/NZPI Conferences, seminars (Incentive provisions).

Australian heritage chat

- 366 members
- Australian heritage advisers, heritage planners, plus others
- Started in Victoria State, 2000
- Subscribe: heritagechat-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com
- We could establish a NZ yahoo chat group similar to the Australian heritage chat?