



Submission of Civic Trust Auckland

Auckland Council Annual Budget 2016/2017

This submission is in support of our oral submission on 2 March 2016.

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Civic Trust Auckland

Civic Trust Auckland is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region.

The aims of the Trust include:

- Protection of natural landforms
- Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
- Encouragement of good planning for the city and region.

Our submission is relevant to all the local boards.

1. There does not appear to be provision for incentives for the protection of historic heritage within the budget. The recognition and protection of historic heritage provides for a public good (as provided by RMA 6(f)) but also gives rise to costs associated with its retention. There may be the cost of maintaining and protecting heritage fabric, and, furthermore, the retention of heritage in a way that does not compromise its heritage significance may result in the owner foregoing development potential otherwise provided for under the Unitary Plan provisions.
2. The principles of foregone development potential in order to provide for the recognition and protection of collective values is demonstrated in the Annual Plan narrative about rates remission for Māori Freehold Land (refer pp 23-24 of the "Supporting Information" document).
3. CTA seeks budget provision for incentives and policy around transferable development rights.
4. Provision in the Annual Budget needs to be made for the purpose of identifying historic heritage which has not been identified through the Unitary Plan process. Heritage assessments should be expedited in order that heritage items receive protection.
5. CTA believes that the opportunity exists for improvement and refinement to be made to existing budget items. If changes can be made to existing projects that deliver better outcomes on a cost-effective basis and are more aligned with the wishes of the local communities, these should be considered.
6. CTA supports the restoration and protection of the St James Theatre, working in collaboration with the St James Auckland Charitable Trust, which has been stated previously by the Waitemata Local Board as a priority in its Local Board Plan. We support Auckland Council in allocating sufficient funding for the required works.

Date of submission: 24 March 2016

Signature:



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Audrey van der Pijl".

Secretary, Civic Trust Auckland