



Submission of Civic Trust Auckland

to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga - Upgrading List No. 6055 Ōtuataua Stonefields, Auckland to Category 1

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

Our objects include the following:

- To promote the recognition and protection of the heritage value of sites, buildings, places or areas.
- To acknowledge the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.

CTA supports upgrading List No. 6055 Ōtuataua Stonefields, Auckland from Category 2 to Category 1.

1. We support the recognition of **Ihumātao / Te Ihu o Mataoho as places of special or outstanding historical and cultural significance**, under s 65(4)(a)(i), and having manifest significance and value under s 66(3)(a)-(k). The areas also qualify as wahi tupuna under s 66(5).
2. We note that upgrading the Ōtuataua Stonefields to Category 1 may also provide additional evidence for gaining world heritage status for the important Auckland volcanic field.
3. We support the inclusion of Lots 1-2 DP 481169 (RT 674557), also known as the Puketaapapa Block or Wallace Block.
4. We support the full increased extent with the addition of Te Motu a Hiara, Waitomokia, Maungataketake, Ooruarangi and Puketaapapa papakainga.
5. There is an interesting photo not included in the listing review report that Heritage NZ may wish to consider for inclusion in the final listing. It is dated 1899 and may be

found in “Historic Auckland & Northland” by Richard Wolfe published 2011 by David Bateman Limited (ISBN 978-1-86953-788-3).

6. The amendments we seek to specific provisions are:

(i) To change the listing name **from Ōtuataua Stonefields to Ihumātao / Te Ihu o Mataoho**. The Otuataua Stonefields should remain as the name for the reserve but as it is now a part of a larger listed place, the appropriate name, and the one for which the area is known, is **Ihumātao or Te Ihu o Mataoho**.

Reasons: The legal title given to the confiscated land block in 1866 SO 237, North Auckland Land District Notification was Ihumātao and the use of this name would accommodate both Maori and post-Maori name recognition of the place.

“Ihumātao” also recognises the full range of geomorphological values, the social history of the place and 200 years of one farming family. “Ihumātao” is also now known by this name by hundreds of thousands of people nationally and internationally.

(ii) Criteria G

The notified version has not attributed adequate significance to the “technical accomplishment, value, or design of the place.”

Change significance level to Outstanding.

Reasons - This place has outstanding significance on account of its sophisticated technical systems of gardening and farming.

(iii) Criteria H – The notified version has not attributed adequate significance to the “symbolic or commemorative value of the place.”

Change significance level to Outstanding.

Reasons –This place has outstanding significance on account of it now being symbolically representative of social justice movements throughout Aotearoa’s history:

- Association with the Kingitanga movement
- Place where 1984 Waitangi Tribunal hearings were held in recognition of its pou rangatira status
- #protectihumātao campaign that has reached hundreds of thousands nationally and internationally as well as more than 54,000 petition signatories.

(iv) Criteria K

We support the submission of Pania Newton, which calls for additional wording in the listing as follows:

“The area identified for the Category 1 listing is part of a wider wāhi tūpuna and cultural heritage landscape which has strong traditional associations with the ancestral tūpuna Hape and Mataoho, and has outstanding significance for tangata whenua, Te Ahiwaru, Te Akitai and the ahi kā of Makaurau Marae. Greater emphasis should be put on the continuous spiritual, cultural and visual landscape values of the wider area included in the ancestral landscape of Te Waiōhua; Te Puketaapapatanga a Hape, Ootatau, Te Motu ā Hiaroa, Ooruarangi, Waitomokia and Maungataketake. All these components of the place are integral to the identity, sense of belonging and cultural well-being of the ahi kā and as such qualify as wāhi tūpuna. Whilst some of these features are significantly altered by colonial activity, this landscape is outstandingly representative of the value to tangata whenua as a wāhi tūpuna and to the country as a cultural heritage landscape.”

Date of submission: 29 November 2019

Signature:



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

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