



Mayor Vanessa van Uden and Councillor Leigh Overton
(Chair of the Strategy Committee)

“A hotel built on the slopes of Cecil Peak?
A casino on Mount Iron?”

Not every idea for development is a good one. That's why we have a District Plan. The District Plan helps us manage economic growth and development in a sensible way so that the unique nature and scenic values of the district are retained and protected and development happens in the places that are most appropriate.

This is your chance to help us improve the existing plan, so get involved and have your say.”

Homeward Bound Stamper Battery

Heritage Buildings and Places Issues and Options

We're currently reviewing the District Plan and looking at what works well and what needs to be changed.

As part of this process we've been monitoring the provisions for the protection of heritage items and how they are working. This has helped us identify some areas that we think can be improved and we'd like your feedback.

You can see the full monitoring report at www.qldc.govt.nz/monitoring.

The Current Situation

Currently heritage structures, buildings, places and groups of buildings are listed in the Inventory of Protected Features in the District Plan (Appendix 3) and identified on the planning maps. Each item is categorised as Category 1, 2 or 3.

Rules in the District Plan require different levels of consent for alteration or removal of each category of heritage structure, building or place.

The purpose of this process is to ensure alteration to heritage items is carried out in a sensitive manner and that removal is carefully considered.



Needham's Cottage

Issues

We've identified the following issues related to heritage buildings and places:

Protection of archaeological sites

Fourteen archaeological sites are listed in the Inventory of Protected Features and are protected through the rules in the District Plan. However there are thousands of archaeological sites in the district which are not protected by the District Plan.

It would not be possible to list all the archaeological sites in the Inventory of Protected Features.



Should the most significant archaeological sites be listed and protected through the District Plan?

Additional places, structures or groups of buildings

Currently 290 places and structures, and 7 precincts (groups of buildings) are listed in the Inventory of Protected Features. They are protected, to varying degrees, through rules in the District Plan. These places were identified as they meet the criteria listed in the District Plan on page 13-3.



Are there any additional places, structures or groups of buildings that should be added to this list?

Buckingham Street, Arrowtown
courtesy of Lakes District Museum



What do you think?

Please send your comments to:
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Comments should be received by 13 July 2012 although feedback on these issues will be welcome at any time during the review process.

For more information or to comment online visit www.qldc.govt.nz/district_plan_review