

SUMMARY STATEMENT

1. My name is **Dr Ann McEwan**. I am the principal of Heritage Consultancy Services and specialise in built heritage identification and assessment in respect of district plan reviews and plan changes.
2. I have prepared evidence on behalf of the Christchurch City Council (**Council**) to assist the panel in matters relating to the Residential Heritage Areas (**RHAs**) and a specified number of scheduled heritage items. I am a signatory to a Joint Witness Statement dated 21 September 2023.
3. I am the author of the various heritage reports and site record forms that form the basis of the RHAs. Those materials are appended to sub-chapter 9.3 proposed to be added through Plan Change 14.
4. My evidence chiefly concerns the assessment methodology developed and applied for the identification and assessment of RHAs. In my primary evidence I respond to submissions involving eight of the eleven proposed RHAs, consider requests to schedule a further eight RHAs and also comment on a number of individual items recommended, or not, for scheduling.
5. My rebuttal principally addresses matters raised by Mr John Brown, heritage expert for Kāinga Ora. In it I refute the position put forward by Mr Brown, and also by Mr Phillips for Carter Group Ltd, that in order for heritage areas to merit scheduling they need to possess national significance. I also address such matters as the status of heritage areas in which Certificates of Compliance for demolition have been issued.
6. Several submitters have raised concerns about the rating of individual properties within the RHAs on the basis that such ratings, in their opinion, inflate the value of sites within RHAs and, in some cases, the RHA as a whole. In the absence of substantive evidence from heritage experts I have not changed my rating of any items within any RHA.

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Dr Ann McEwan