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Dear Madam

**SUBMISSION ON REVIEW OF ASHBURTON RAILWAY STATION AND FOOTBRIDGE IN THE NEW ZEALAND HERITAGE LIST (LIST NO.7665)**

Ashburton District Council (ADC) wishes to thank Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for the opportunity to submit on this matter and **SUPPORTS** the proposal to vary the above referenced listing.

The Council would also like to thank your organisation for its proactive approach and pre-notification discussion with Council staff on the matter.

ADC completed its second generation District Plan Review in August 2014. This review included consideration of all heritage assets in the District.

Following the decision of the Environment Court and the physical removal of the railway station, the listing for the station itself was removed from the Ashburton District Plan. The railway bridge remains within the District Plan and is listed as a Group A item (listing number 13 in the Plan).

Group A items are described in the District Plan as follows:

*These heritage items are considered to be of national or regional significance, and include NZHPT registered Category I historic places. These places are of special or outstanding value or representative value and the loss of these items would be a matter of national or regional significance and of interest to the wider community. The Council wishes to provide for their long-term conservation and protection.*

Additionally, the Railway Bridge is vested as an ADC Asset within its RAMM (Road Assessment and Maintenance Database) and a maintenance schedule is in place for its upkeep. As well as being of heritage significance to the District, it is currently a valued piece of Council infrastructure in its own right.

Yours faithfully



Ian Hyde  
**District Planning Manager**

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL