

# Emergency Archaeological Authorities

## Background

The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (the Act) provides in Part 3 for a streamlined process to obtain archaeological authorities for works that affect archaeological sites following the declaration of a state of emergency or notification of a transition period.

To qualify, the proposed works must relate to the event for which the emergency was declared, or the transition period was notified.

Applications can be made up to 12 months after the termination of the state of emergency or transition period.

Decisions will be made by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga within three days, or five days if it relates to sites of interest to Māori. An appeal period of 14 days applies, with limited rights of appeal.

## Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga makes the following recommendations:

- Pre-application discussions with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga are essential to ensure smooth and efficient processing
- For Councils or large organisations, applications should be business unit or function specific to make them manageable with a clear line of accountability

## To enable Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to make an informed decision with appropriate conditions, applications are required to:

- Meet the section 44(a) threshold, i.e., there must be a site or reasonable cause to suspect there is a site, and that the works will or are likely to affect the site
- Be work specific – works need to be described in sufficient detail
- Be location specific – project locations need to be described in sufficient detail
- Provide the same information as for general authority applications (refer to section 46 of the Act). The information provided needs to be commensurate with the values of the archaeological site(s) and effects of the proposed works on the site(s)
- Provide a description of the archaeological sites that will or may be affected; an assessment of archaeological and Māori values (obtained through consultation) of these sites, and how those values will be affected by the proposed works
- Evidence of consultation with tangata whenua, including names of parties, and the tenor of views expressed, or the reasons why this has not occurred
- Consider options to avoid or mitigate, taking into account the circumstances and the purpose of Part 3 of the Act.
- Be submitted with the nomination of person to be approved under section 45.

**Applications are not able to be accepted and processed without the required information.**



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## Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga further recommends:

- Implementation of an Archaeological Management Plan to guide the appropriate archaeological response for each location and the works proposed to be undertaken, and provision for flexibility to adapt this as necessary.
- For ease of use, the archaeological response is displayed in a table form with the following information:
  - Individual location details,
  - Issue/work required at that location, and
  - Appropriate archaeological response based on the archaeological assessment.

Below is an example of such a table:

Road Name	Fault Description (Fault)	Archaeological response
Kiwa Road	AWPT - Granular	OCP
Scarborough Street	High Shoulder - <1m	OCP
Ramgate Street	Build New SWC	archaeologist monitor
Esplanade Road	New Sump	archaeologist monitor
Esplanade Road	Storm Water Structure Broken	archaeologist monitor
Esplanade Road	Rip & Remake - Fatigue Cracking	archaeologist monitor
Fyffe Quay	Culvert Damaged	archaeologist monitor
Kotare Place	Storm Water Structure Broken	archaeologist monitor
South Bay Parade	Digout - Deformation	archaeologist monitor
Blue Duck Valley Road	Road Drop out	OCP
Blunts Road	Culvert Damaged	OCP
Gillings Lane	Build New SWC	OCP
Harris Lane	New Catchpit	OCP
Hawthorn Road West	AWPT - Stab	OCP
Hawthorn Road West	Digout - Shear Failure	OCP
Hawthorn Road West	Rip & Remake - Shear Failure	OCP
Hawthorn Road West	Rip & Remake - Fatigue Cracking	OCP
Lovers Lane	Surface Repair - Mill & Fill	OCP
Ludstone Road	Culvert Damaged	OCP
Mill Road	AWPT - Stab	OCP
Schoolhouse Road	Storm Water Structure Broken	OCP
Scotts Road	Build New Culvert	OCP
Whitby Place	New Installation	OCP
194 Esplanade Rd Res	Water Lateral Repair	archaeologist monitor
198 Esplanade Rd Res	Sewer Repair	archaeologist monitor
Esplanade Rd Res	Repairs to Pump Station Rising Main	archaeologist monitor

Find out more about Archaeology, including the emergency authority process, at [heritage.org.nz/protecting-heritage/archaeology](https://heritage.org.nz/protecting-heritage/archaeology)

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