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**To:** Environmental Reporting  
**Subject:** Measuring-Up Discussion Document, Comments from NZHPT

Kia ora

The NZHPT is supportive of the Measuring-Up Discussion Document and proposals for reform of environmental reporting including the proposed approach to give the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment an explicit reporting role and a new environmental reporting bill

The NZHPT's comments are limited to informing MFE on the NZHPT's heritage reporting roles for the purpose of the review.

The NZHPT has roles and functions under the Historic Places Act 1993 relating to heritage information and advice, advocacy, archaeology, registration, heritage covenants and Maori heritage. The medium and long-term outcomes for the NZHPT are outlined in the Statement of Intent. The NZHPT's Statement of Intent includes long term indicators for tracking heritage outcomes such as loss of registered heritage thorough demolition or destruction. In terms of heritage loss, we maintain a 'heritage lost' webpage:

<http://www.historic.org.nz/TheRegister/Heritage%20Lost.aspx>

<http://www.historic.org.nz/Publications/SOI.aspx>

The NZHPT also provides input into the cultural indicators reporting framework managed by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) and Statistics NZ. This work requires the NZHPT to track indicators such as numbers of heritage places listed in district plans and numbers of consents issued to demolish historic heritage. The reports are available on the MCH website: <http://www.mch.govt.nz/research-publications/cultural-statistics>

The NZHPT provides guidance for monitoring of historic heritage under the RMA. The NZHPT's guidance is part of the Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series (published in 2007) available on the NZHPT's website (Guide No.5): <http://www.historic.org.nz/en/Publications/SustainMgtSeries.aspx>. We are in the process of reviewing and updating this guidance. One project is to more closely monitor outcomes for historic heritage at a national level. For this purpose, the NZHPT has published national assessments of RMA heritage plan and policy provisions. The 2009 report is available on the NZHPT's website:

<http://www.historic.org.nz/ProtectingOurHeritage/AdvocatingForHeritage.aspx>

An update to the 2009 report is in the process of being released. This will include updated indicators for historic heritage. The indicators for the 2009 report and the Guidance from 2007 were largely based on the Australian SER historic heritage reporting programme which primarily tracked numbers of listed places, consents issued to demolish listed places, condition and funding. Recent history, however, shows that earthquakes, fire and other risks have a huge impact on the state of historic environment.

We trust this information is helpful for the reporting review process.

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