

HAYES' ENGINEERING WORKS, OTUREHUA

SUBMISSION TO THE NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST

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BACKGROUND

The Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ) is the national professional body representing the engineering profession in New Zealand. It has approximately 12,000 Members, including a cross-section from engineering students, to practising engineers, to senior Members in positions of responsibility in business. IPENZ is non-aligned and seeks to contribute to the community in matters of national concern, giving a learned view on important issues, independent of any commercial interest.

As the lead engineering organisation in New Zealand, IPENZ has responsibility for advocating for the protection of New Zealand's engineering heritage. A key element of protecting engineering heritage is ensuring that the contribution it has made, and continues to make, to the development of our society is widely recognised and appreciated.

SUBMISSION

This submission provides comment on the *Review Report for a Historic Place* ("the review report") for Hayes' Engineering Works, Oturehua.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OR VALUE

IPENZ notes and supports statements regarding the historical significance of Hayes' Engineering Works. IPENZ believes the premises are significant as Hayes' Engineering contributed greatly to New Zealand's prosperity through the development of technology for the rural sector.

TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OR VALUE

IPENZ notes that Hayes' Engineering created a number of products, including the Lightning Pollard Cutter and the Automatic Wire Tightener, which utilising ingenuity to bring about increased efficiency. These products benefited New Zealand, particularly those in the rural sector.

In addition IPENZ notes that, as shown in the discussion on page 13 of the review report, Hayes' Engineering adapted to technological changes, taking opportunities where they arose, such as applying for patents.

Finally, IPENZ notes the comments on page 21 regarding the shaft power transmission system which is "of outstanding significance". IPENZ believes that this system, along with the long period over which the works operated and the range of products produced made Hayes' Engineering a vital company for New Zealand. The site of Hayes' Engineering is thus significant and should be maintained as it is a valuable place for New Zealanders (and tourists) to learn something of early New Zealand engineering.

CONCLUSION

IPENZ supports the New Zealand Historic Places Trust's proposal that Hayes' Engineering Works, Oturehua retain its classification as a Category I historic place. IPENZ also supports the proposal that the Hayes Homestead and Hayes Engineering Works be a single registration to ensure the Works and Homestead are seen as one unit. This is important to show the situation of the time in which the Hayes family lived and worked.

IPENZ recommends the Otago Regional Council and the Central Otago District Council schedule the Hayes' Engineering Works in their respective Regional and District Plans.

IPENZ also recommends the New Zealand Historic Places Trust promote Hayes' Engineering Works as an educational facility to ensure New Zealand school children have the opportunity to visit the site.

IPENZ appreciates the opportunity to make this submission and is able to provide further clarification if required.

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