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Dear Ms Baumann,

Submission on Registration Nos. 7036 and 1477

Thank you for your letters inviting us to make submissions on the above registrations, and for the background information.

Proposed registration of Wellington Harbour Board Historic Area, Wellington (7036)

We fully support the registration of the Wellington Harbour Board Historic Area, as an historic area, and covering all the individual buildings, structures and monuments detailed in the registration document. We also support its inclusion by Wellington City Council in its District Plan and by Wellington Regional Council in its Regional Plan.

We note that a number of the buildings are not individually registered and would also support individual registration of these to enhance their protection.

This area represents activities which shaped Wellington's growth and economy and were central to its political and social life for over 100 years. We believe it is important to preserve it as a precinct so that the history, extent and influence of the port and the Harbour Board can be understood and appreciated in future. Furthermore, the heritage which remains is a large part of the ongoing attraction of the area, which is now a focal point for the city now.

We endorse New Zealand Historic Places Trust's statement in the report that it is important that "*the 'Wellington Harbour Board Historic Area' report is used as the basis of discussions between NZHPT and Centreport's shareholders (Greater Wellington Regional Council and Horizons Regional Council), as well as Wellington Waterfront Limited and Wellington City Council*" so that heritage values can be respected and preserved in any development of wharves or land and in any restoration or use of the buildings.

Registration of Wellington Harbour Board Wharf gates, posts and railings, Wellington (1477)

We fully support the review of the registration of Wellington Harbour Board wharf gates, posts and railings to incorporate them all in one registration as a separate registration from – but covered by – the Historic Area registration. As stated in your report, they have great historical significance for a number of reasons, both nationally and locally.

Yours sincerely,

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