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Craig Smith
By email: hatchfishing@me.com

Dear Craig,

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2024 outlining your concerns about your Dunedin property being included in a heritage schedule.

I acknowledge that heritage scheduling has significant impacts on owners' property rights. In addition to this, heritage protection under the Resource Management Act (RMA) imposes unique costs and barriers that can prevent the use and development of heritage places.

In my capacity as Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, I have directed my officials to provide advice on legislative changes that could better enable councils to manage heritage. This includes direction on how to consider and balance heritage value against other factors, such as opportunity costs to owners. I hope to announce changes to better enable councils to manage heritage later this year.

In the meantime, more information will be available on the Ministry for the Environment's (the Ministry) website at: <https://tinyurl.com/ja3bz2zu> and the Beehive website at: <https://tinyurl.com/4nb7dkbb>.

Thank you again for your correspondence on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform