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Please find below submission to in response to plan change 28 review.

Mackenzie District Plan Change 28 Review Submission

19/1/2025

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I acknowledge that the information above and all other information provided in this submission will be made publicly available.

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?

I do not

If others make a similar submission would you be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing?

I would not

We oppose the amended Heritage Overlay for Te-Kopi – o- Opihi / Burkes Pass which was amended October 2024 and notified in November 2024.

We support a return to the July 2024 version which on community consultation, feedback showed 75% support and with consideration to Richard Knotts assessment on the historical value of Burkes Pass, his recommendation appears largely ignored.

The set back rule for low density residential and the fencing rule is inadequate in retaining visibility of the existing heritage buildings.

The heritage sites and properties in Burkes Pass help us to gain an understanding of the early European rural life in the Mackenzie.

Burkes Pass architectural landmarks include the following:

- The Mount Cook Road Board building (c1876 NZHP Cat 2 and NZHP blue plaque registration)

This building was the first government building in the Mackenzie, it was where local government started as the Mount Cook Road Board, before becoming the Mackenzie Country Council, the predecessor of the Mackenzie District Council. This building stands as the legacy of the role Burkes Pass played in local government with other community buildings and dwelling from this same era.

- St Patrick's Church - c1872, NZHP Cat 1
- Elm Tree Cottage - c1876
- Alma Cottage - c1876, NZHP Cat 2, with original farming block
- School House – c1876
- School Teachers Cottage – c1876

These buildings hold invaluable cultural, architectural and historical value of the life of our early European farming community.

Actions and measures taken now to protect and maintain the cultural heritage of Burkes Pass are important. The goal being to preserve for future generations, maintain our legacy, protect traditions and gain a historical perspective of the significant heritage value of this community.

Our second ambition is to foster pride among residents of our unique township and not cause division in the community.

We need to conserve and enhance the unique value for future generations, so any future developments must have balanced controls for future preservation of Burkes Pass.