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NZ ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SITE RECORDING SCHEME

Dear Katherine,
Thanks for forwarding maps D42 and D43 on to me with the proposed monorail track outlined.

After a file search, I can find no recorded archaeological sites near or adjacent to the area you have outlined.

Please be guided by the following points:

1. It is possible that there are unrecorded archaeological sites within the vicinity of the proposed monorail track.
2. All pre-1900 archaeological sites, recorded or unrecorded, are protected against disturbance under the Historic Places Act 1993.
3. Please note the limitations of grid references for archaeological sites (refer to the attachment).

If you would like your maps returned, just send me an email and I'll put them in the post.

Sincerely,

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INTERPRETATION OF DATA FROM NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SITE RECORDING SCHEME

The New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) Site Recording Scheme was established in 1958 to encourage the recording of information about archaeological sites. It is a paper-based record system that may contain plans, section drawings, photographs, artefact drawings, and field notes. CINZAS (Central Index of New Zealand Archaeological Sites) is an electronic index to the paper records. The New Zealand Historic Places Trust and the Department of Conservation endorse the Site Recording Scheme as the national record system for archaeological sites. The Site Recording Scheme currently contains over 55,000 records.

Information from the Site Recording Scheme is available to members of the public. A fee may be charged for searching the files, extracting relevant information, and photocopying.

Records have been contributed by many different individuals and agencies over many years and so vary in quality and in the level of detail offered *While reasonable care has been taken in compiling the information, the Department of Conservation and New Zealand Archaeological Association make no warranty or representation, express or implied, with regard to the accuracy, completeness, or utility of the data. The Department of Conservation and New Zealand Archaeological Association explicitly disclaim any responsibility for any loss or damage incurred due to any use made of the information.*

The following features of the data should be noted:

- * A grid reference gives the location of a site, but it does not delimit its extent. The location of sites is usually only recorded to within about the nearest 100 metres but the accuracy may in some cases be less than this.
- * *The absence of data for any particular area should not be taken to mean that it contains no archaeological sites.* It may mean that no archaeological survey has been carried out, or that sites were obscured at the time the survey was done. In any given area there may be any number of undiscovered or unrecorded sites.
- * Some recorded sites may no longer exist. (They may, for example, have been destroyed since they were recorded.)
- * Historical (European period) archaeological sites, in particular, are currently under-represented in the Site Recording Scheme.
- * Not all sites recorded in the Site Recording Scheme are archaeological sites in terms of the Historic Places Act 1993. They may, for example, post-date 1900 or no longer be able, through investigation by archaeological methods, to provide evidence relating to the history of New Zealand.
- * The formal evaluation of site significance is not a function of the Site Recording Scheme.
- * While some archaeological sites may also be considered wahi tapu, the Site Recording Scheme is not specifically concerned with such places. If information about wahi tapu is required, it should be obtained from the relevant iwi.
- * Information about burial sites will, in some circumstances, be withheld.

For many purposes, an inspection by a qualified archaeologist will be required. Information from the Site Recording Scheme is not a substitute for this.