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## Further submission in support of, or in opposition to, submission on the Proposed Timaru District Plan

Clause 8 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

## Further submissions close on Friday 4 August 2023 at 5pm

**To: Timaru District Council** 

This is a further submission in support of a submission on the Proposed Timaru District Plan.

Full name of person making further submission:

Nigel Gilkison

Organisation name and contact (if representing a group or organisation):

Universalform - architecture + urbanism; Timaru Civic Trust

Only certain persons can make a further submission. Please select the option that applies. I am:

a person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;

a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has;

□ the local authority for the relevant area.

Please explain why you come within the category selected above:

I am a local architectural heritage professional and current chair of the Timaru Civic Trust.

## **Hearing options**

I wish to be heard in support of my further submission? V Yes

If others make a similar further submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

V Yes M/~

Signature:

Date: 28/07/2023

(of person making submission or person authorised to make decision on behalf)

**PLEASE NOTE** - A signature is not required if you submit this form electronically. By entering your name in the box above you are giving your authority for this application to proceed.

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You have served a copy of the further submission on the original submitter (this is required under the Resource Management Act 1991 Schedule 1, s8A(2) to be completed within 5 working days after it is served on the Timaru District Council)



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## FURTHER SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF SUBMISSION #80 - ST PETER'S CHURCH, TEMUKA - PROPOSED HERITAGE LISTING - PROPOSED TIMARU DISTRICT PLAN

To whom it may concern:

This a submission **in support of** St Peter's Church in Temuka being included in the Proposed Timaru District Plan as a Scheduled Heritage Item on TDC's Heritage Schedule, as requested in the submission of Jane Fuller (PDP submission 80).

The present St Peter's church building has a long and influential history within the township of Temuka and surrounding districts and the preservation of this historically significant Bluestone building is welcomed by our organisation. It was designed by prominent local architect James Turnbull and many unique and locally distinctive architectural features, including the dressed ashlar Kakahu stone internal walls. This building has occupied a prominent position in the township for more than 120 years and represents a special part of our town's history.

I believe that this building is a great asset to Temuka's built heritage offering. Its historical and social significance as a public place of religious worship since it was constructed in 1899, as well as its cultural, spiritual and architectural significance to the district, make this important well worthy of being listed on the Council's Heritage Schedule, in my professional opinion.

I would recommend that St Peter's, Temuka, is added to the Schedule of Historic Heritage Items (SCHED3) within the Proposed District Plan, as a **Category B** listing. In my opinion, this building easily exceeds the minimum criteria required to be scheduled as a Category B, under the proposed DP policy (HH-P2 1b).

The St Peter's Church Parish have provided a Conservation Plan (produced by renowned Heritage Architect Dave Pearson, of Dave Pearson Associates, Auckland), which clearly sets out and demonstrates the significant heritage value of the building, stating: "*Given the established significance of St Peter's Church, there is a likelihood that the building may be scheduled in future*" (pg 54).

Recent further research has brought to light significant additional items which increase the heritage values of this building, which we do not believe were known, or taken into account, at the time of the initial heritage assessment by Dr Ann McEwan, as part of her district-wide heritage audit. These include the use local Kakahu stone internal walls (rather than the more ubiquitous Oamaru stone) and the significance and quality of the historically sensitive designs of the architectural additions to the building - which were designed by two of NZ's most prominent 20th Century architects, Sir Miles Warren (of Warren & Mahoney, recently deceased) and Don Donnithorne (of Don Donnithorne Architects). In my opinion, these additions are sensitive to the original design of the church and contribute positively to the quality of the building and add further heritage significance to the building, rather than detracting from it.

I understand that St Peter's parish is about to embark on a major earthquake strengthening exercise on this building, and this, along with securing listed building protection for St Peter's will help safeguard and secure this important piece of local history for future generations to use and enjoy - as well as preserving and retaining this important piece of our local cultural heritage.

I fully supporting Jane Fuller's application (PDP submission 80) to Timaru District Council to have this important building included on the council's Heritage Schedule, as part of the current District Plan Review process.