

The Politics of Heritage Report

— FACT SHEET 2026 —

9 QUESTIONS PUT TO EVERY PARTY

On topics such as:

- Heritage Funding
- Regulatory Relief
- Demolition by Neglect
- Adaptive Re-use
- Notable Trees

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**PARTIES
ANSWERED**

• NATIONAL • TE PĀTI MĀORI
• OPPORTUNITY • LABOUR

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Committed to a *specific*
funding level for

HNZPT or DOC

WHAT THEY AGREED ON

4/4 support national consistency
in heritage protection

4/4 back adaptive re-use of
heritage buildings

0/4 treat heritage mainly as a
tourism asset

WHERE THEY DIVIDED

REGULATORY RELIEF FOR LANDOWNERS

SUPPORTS

• National

OPPOSES

• Labour
• Opportunity

NO POSITION GIVEN

• Te Pāti
Māori

THE PRESSURE

~12%

Cut to the operating
funding of an *already*
stretched HNZPT, from
2026/27

NOT PROMISED BY ANY PARTY

Restoring Heritage EQUIP,
the former fund for privately
owned heritage buildings

A measure requiring building
owners to maintain heritage
buildings

Owners are not currently required to maintain a heritage building
under the RMA or the HNZPT Act.

EVERY PARTY SHOULD

- Publish a heritage policy
- Say what, if anything, it would do to require
owners to maintain heritage buildings
- State a funding level
- Say how hapū and iwi would share in
decisions about their heritage