


PART ONE: IDENTIFICATION

Place Name:	PORTLAND OLD TIMBER WHARF AND CAUSEWAY				
Image:					
Site Address:	Portland Wharf Road, Whangarei				
Legal Description:	Lot 2 DP 175517.NA 108 A/154				
Certificate of Title:	N/A				
Physical Description:	A redundant timber wharf built of jarrah with totara piles, incorporating a rail road with metal supports, constructed in 1913. From the landward end it extends east-northeast into the harbour for approximately 650m where it meets a jetty that joins up to a modern cement pipeline. Decking has been removed, but most of the piles remain in place. An associated c.550m long stone and concrete causeway leads to the wharf from Portland Wharf Road.				
Site Type:	Historic Wharf				
Approx. date (or range)	1913				
NZAA Site No:	None				
NZ Heritage List:	None				
Regional or District Plan Schedule	None				
Recorded NZTM grid reference:					
Easting:	1720996	Northing:	6037015	Position:	west point (landward)
	1721630		6037118		East Point (junction with jetty)

PART TWO: HISTORIC HERITAGE EVALUATION

Criterion	Comments	Value*
(a) Archaeological and/ or scientific importance	The resource has the potential to contribute moderately to archaeological research into the early 20th century Portland Cement manufacture and distribution process.	2
(b) Architecture and technology	The structure is significant due to its scale, which at 1.2km long was thought to be one of the longest structures of its type in the country at the time of construction. Materials, style and construction technique are relatively standard for the period.	3
c) Rarity	The resource is unique locally, and uncommon at a regional and national level, due to its scale.	3
(d) Representative-ness	The resource is a good example of its class in terms of design, type, use, and technology, for the time period	2
(e) Integrity	The resource retains a moderate proportion of its original characteristics and integrity compared with other examples in the district or region. Decking is largely removed from the timber wharf structure, but the piles, railway elements and causeway remain.	2
(f) Context	The resource forms part of the historic Dominion Portland Cement Co., and is associated locally with Matakoho Limestone Island works, and regionally with Wilsons Cement works at Warkworth. When considered as a whole, the resource is important at a national scale as the Portland Cement Works is one of the most significant works to manufacture this product in New Zealand during the 20th century.	3
(g) People and events	The resource is directly associated with the life or works of well-known individuals, T.H. Wilson, former Manager of the Wilson Cement factory at Warkworth, and George Winstone, a significant Auckland-based builder. The works themselves were amalgamated with the Warkworth Cement factory in 1918, and the name 'Wilson' retained for the new company. Wilsons NZ Portland Cement Co was amalgamated into the Winston Group in 1970, and bought out by Fletcher Group in the 1980s; it continues to produce Portland cement under the 'Golden Bay Cement' brand, supplying materials nationally and internationally.	3
(h) Identity	The resource contributes to the sense of place locally. The Cement works have given the name 'Portland' to the local area, and Portland Wharf Road is named directly after the wharf. The operations have continued for over 100 years. It has been used in the past for recreational activities such as fishing. The Steam engine 'Gabriel' which operates the Bay of Islands Vintage Steam Railway at KawaKawa was formerly used on the wharf.	3
(i) Tangata whenua	The resource place or feature is important to tangata whenua for traditional, spiritual, cultural or historic reasons	U
(j) Statutory	The resource has no statutory recognition currently	0
Threshold for Scheduling	Minimum of 3/High in two criteria:	Yes

*Outstanding – 4; High – 3; Moderate – 2; little – 1; None – 0; or Not Known or unassessed - U.

PART THREE: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

<p>Statement of Significance:</p>	<p>Portland Old Timber Wharf and Causeway is of high historic context value because of its association with Portland Cement Works, one of the most significant works to manufacture this product in New Zealand during the 20th-century. It is part of a related group of sites, including the scheduled Warkworth Wilson Cement Works, and the Matakohē / Limestone Island Cement works. The structure itself is significant due to its scale, which at 1.2km long and was thought to be one of the longest structures of its type in the country at the time of construction. Today it is rare at a regional and national level, due to its scale. The resource is also associated with the Wilson family who pioneered Portland cement production in New Zealand, and subsequently with two of the most prominent construction companies in New Zealand – the Winstone Group and Fletcher Group. The industry has contributed significantly to the historic development of the Portland area and has locally high identity value, lending its name to Portland Wharf Road. The structure is on the Heritage NZ City at Risk Register and the wider cement works is on the IPENZ Engineering Heritage Register. Overall, the Portland Old Timber Wharf and Causeway is considered to be of high historic heritage value in a national context.</p>
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PART FOUR: EVALUATION RECOMMENDATION

Identified criteria	(b), (c), (f), (g), (h)
Overall Value*	High
Overall Score*	3
Overall Context	National
Eligibility for scheduling:	Yes
Extent of Place:	Y Refer to diagram in Part 6
Interior protected:	N/A
Potential Tangata whenua value:	N
Pre-1900 or gazetted archaeological site:	N

* Outstanding/ Score 4: of exceptional importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is essential.

High/ Score 3: of great importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is very important.

Moderate/ Score 2: of some importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is desirable.

Low/ Score 1: of limited importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is of low importance.

NA/None/ Score 0: none identified.

PART FIVE: MANAGEMENT/ RISK INFORMATION

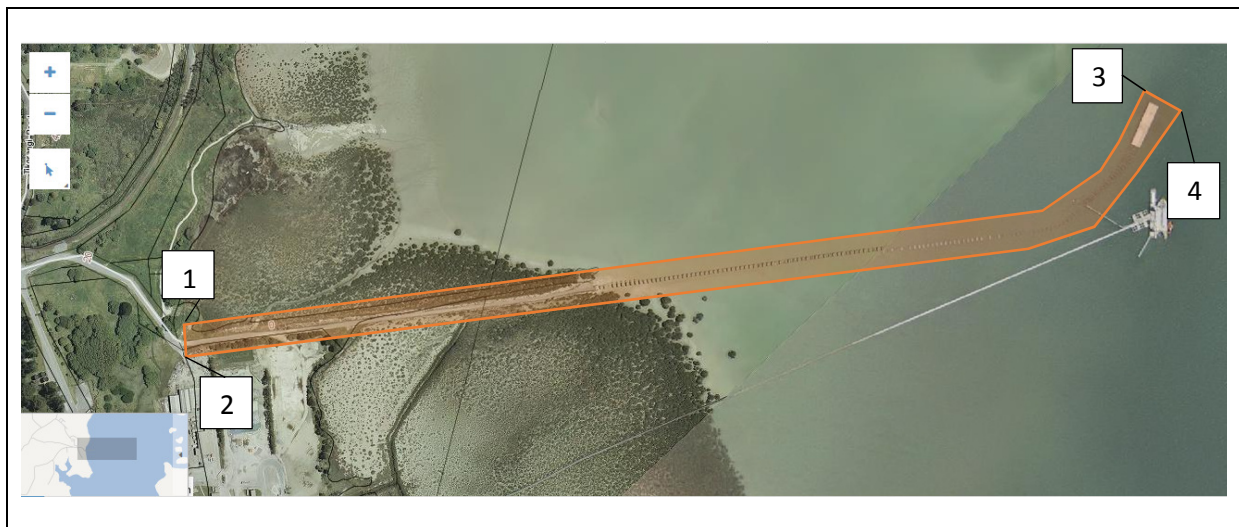
Criterion	Comments	Value*
Occupancy/ Use:	The causeway structure is in reasonable repair, but the timber wharf structure is disused.	4
Management	There is active management of the causeway as it remains in use, but no maintenance of the timber structure. The site is on Heritage NZ City at Risk Register.	3
Condition:	The causeway is in good condition. The timber piles are in reasonable condition, but metal elements are corroded and decking has been removed.	3
Fragility/ Vulnerability	The structure is composed of heavy, engineered materials, but is prone to water damage, environmental decay from e.g. biological and salt attack, and weathering.	2
Threats	Obvious threats include vandalism, lack of maintenance/neglect; coastal erosion; flooding; tidal exposure/scour. Potential threats include demolition.	4
Overall Risk:	High	3

*0 – None, 1 - Low, 2- Moderate, 3 - High, 4 – Critical

Criterion	Comments	Value*
Opportunities:	There is some good opportunity for public interpretation from the causeway area, although there is currently no opportunity to experience the site from the timber structure.	2

*0 – None, 1 - Low, 2- Moderate, 3 - High, 4 – Outstanding

PART SIX- EXTENT OF PLACE



NZTM coordinates:					
Easting:	1720410	Northing:	6036948	Position:	1) NW corner
Easting:	1720416	Northing:	6036925	Position:	2) SW corner
Easting:	1721711	Northing:	6037279	Position:	3) N Corner
Easting:	1721752	Northing:	6037262	Position:	4) NE corner

ADMINISTRATION

Desktop Date:	15/10/2015	Site Visit Date:	Not Visited		
Site Accessibility:	N/A				
Evaluated by:	John Brown	Date:	15/10/2015		
Reviewed by:	Sarah Macready	Date:	16/10/2015		
Approved by:	Jon Trewin	Draft:	31/03/2016	Final:	05/04/2016
NRC Assessment ID:	14				

APPENDIX 1 Supporting Research

Sources Checklist:	Checked
Northland Coastal Plan schedule	-
Whangarei District Plan schedule	Y
NZAA ArchSite database	Y
Heritage New Zealand List	Y
LINZ/ Quickmaps	-
Google Maps	Y
Whangarei Libraries Northland Room Digital Collections (http://whangarei.recollect.co.nz/)	-
Whites Aviation Archive National Library	Y
Papers Past	Y
Te Ara Encyclopaedia	-
N.Z History Online	-
Archives NZ	-
IPENZ Engineering Heritage Register http://www.ipenz.org.nz/heritage/default.cfm	Y

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