Dun Mountain Railway Memorial, road reserve opposite 130 Brook Street

A ranked heritage item in the operative NRMP
Not listed by HNZPT

Road reserve


[www]

Concrete plinth with bronze plaque mounted on west face.

Assessment: a modern memorial to the historic Dun Mountain Railway. The memorial identifies a historic site but does not have intrinsic heritage significance.

Installed by Historic Places Trust (now Heritage NZPT) in the later 20th century. Recommended for deletion from Appendix 1 by Amanda Young in the 2010 archaeological report tendered to NCC. That report recommends scheduling in Appendix 3 of the Dun Mountain Railway remains.

The memorial is listed in the NZ Rail Heritage database http://railheritage.org.nz/assets/Heritage_listings.pdf, as is the railway itself. The listing of the memorial may simply have been in response to its inclusion in Appendix 1 of the NRMP.

Recommendation: Delete from Appendix 1 built heritage schedule.

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Assessment according to the heritage criteria:

Historic And Social Significance
The Dun Mountain Railway Memorial commemorates a notable industrial site in Nelson, and demonstrates the later 20th century practice of historic place marking, but does not have intrinsic historic significance.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance
The Dun Mountain Railway Memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance
The Dun Mountain Railway Memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance
The Dun Mountain Railway Memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Archaeological Significance
The site of the Dun Mountain Railway Memorial may have potential archaeological significance in respect of the pre-1900 development of the area.

Scientific Significance
The Dun Mountain Railway Memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance
The Dun Mountain Railway Memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Summary Statement
The Dun Mountain Railway Memorial is a later 20th century interpretative marker of a place of historic interest.

Recommendation
Delete this item from Appendix 1 as it does not meet the heritage assessment criteria.

References:
http://railheritage.org.nz/assets/Heritage_listings.pdf
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dun_Mountain_Railway
https://www.theprow.org.nz/enterprise/dun-mountain-railway/

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