**17 Fifeshire Crescent**

B ranked heritage item in the operative NRMP
Cat 2 historic place listed by HNZPT (entry 1566)

Lot 2 DP 106


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Highly modified Edwardian square plan villa. May have been built in c.1905 by Margaret and Abraham Laird, a retired engineer. The house was available for rent in 1906, with enquiries to the Lairds in Russell Street. By the time Margaret died in 1924 it appears the couple were living in the house.

Alterations and additions, including the first floor addition in 1998, have significantly compromised the authenticity of the building.

Assessment: The dwelling is highly modified and has insufficient authenticity to merit scheduling.

Recommendation: Delete from heritage schedule. *HNZPT has submitted to PC29 that they do not oppose deleting this item from Appendix 1.*

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**Assessment according to the heritage criteria:**

**Historic And Social Significance**
The former Laird house is not associated with a notable person or event and has modest historic and social value as a Stepneyville dwelling erected in the early 20th century.

**Cultural And Spiritual Significance**
The former Laird house has limited cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of early 20th century Nelson residents.

**Architectural And Aesthetic Significance**
The former Laird house has limited architectural value as a modified Edwardian villa that has been substantially modified. The building is not a significant or authentic example of its style. The designer is unknown.

**Technological And Craftsmanship Significance**
The former Laird house has limited value under this criterion given its modified state and diminished authenticity. The builder is unknown.

**Archaeological Significance**
The site of the former Laird house may have potential archaeological significance relating to its earlier use and development.

**Scientific Significance**
The former Laird house may have minor scientific value for its potential to provide further information about the original design and construction of the building and its history of modification.

**Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance**
The former Laird house has modest contextual value for the contribution its makes to the historic character of Stepneyville.

**Summary Statement**
The former Laird house dates to the early 20th century and has been substantially modified. It does not meet the criteria for scheduling and lacks sufficient authenticity to embody significant heritage values. HNZPT does not oppose deleting this item from Appendix 1.

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

References:
*Nelson Evening Mail* 17 August 1901, p. 2; 28 December 1901, p. 2; 25 June 1910, p. 1; 14 August 1924, p. 6; 28 April 1925, p. 4.
*Colonist* 23 November 1901, p. 2; 11 May 1906, p. 3; 2 August 1917, p. 4; 4 September 1919, p. 4.
https://www.heritage.org.nz/list-details/1566/House
Historic Certificates of Title and Street Directories.

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