369 Wakefield Quay, Nelson

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Known as 'Colaba Cottage'. Highly modified colonial vernacular cottage. May have been built (1860s?) as a rental cottage by Resident Magistrate John Poynter (died 1868) who had been granted 19 acres on Wakefield Quay in the early 1840s. The property was surveyed for his widow Ann in 1879 *and then transferred to Arthur Gorge Crosbie, a mariner.* Large shed dormer and replacement fenestration on principal, north-west elevation (c.1970) has significantly compromised the authenticity of the building.

Assessment: The cottage is highly modified and research has failed to confirm the early history of the dwelling. A design guide for Wakefield Quay would provide the appropriate level of character recognition.

Recommendation: Delete from heritage schedule.

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Assessment according to the heritage criteria:

Historic And Social Significance
The former Poynter/Crosbie cottage is not closely associated with a notable person or event and has modest historic and social value as a colonial cottage close to the port.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance
The former Poynter/Crosbie cottage has modest cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its former residents.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance
The former Poynter/Crosbie cottage has limited architectural value as a modified Victorian cottage. The building is not a significant or authentic example of its style. The designer is unknown.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance
The former Poynter/Crosbie cottage has limited value under this criteria given its modified state and diminished authenticity. The builder is unknown.

Archaeological Significance
The site of the former Poynter/Crosbie cottage has potential archaeological significance given the colonial development of the property.

Scientific Significance
The former Poynter/Crosbie cottage may have minor scientific value for its potential to provide further information about the original design and construction of the building.

Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance
The former Poynter/Crosbie cottage has some contextual value as a building that contributes to the historic character of Wakefield Quay.

Summary Statement
The former Poynter/Crosbie cottage dates to the later 19th century and has been considerably modified. It appears to have been built as a rental cottage by John and Ann Poynter and later owners were either combination of owner/occupiers or landlords. The cottage contributes to the historic character of Wakefield Quay but does not meet the criteria for scheduling on Appendix 1.

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

References:
Colonist 1 September 1868, p. 3; 13 February 1875, p. 4; 23 June 1888, p. 2; 6 October 1896, p. 2; 15 November 1911, p. 5 (supplement).
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