Smith memorial, Maitai Valley Road, Nelson [near Smith's Ford]

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

Road reserve



[NCC, 2009]

Concrete plinth with metal plaque. Erected in c.2000 by grandchildren of James and Margaret Smith.

Assessment: Headstone marking the graves of Margaret Smith and her infant son Alexander. The headstone identifies a historic burial place but does not have intrinsic heritage significance.

Recommendation: Delete from Appendix 1 built heritage schedule. Site should be recorded as an archaeological site and noted by NCC in relation to management of the road reserve.

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Assessment according to the heritage criteria:

Historic And Social Significance
The Smith memorial commemorates two Smith family deaths that occurred in the mid-1880s but does not have intrinsic historic significance.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance
The Smith memorial has some cultural value as it is esteemed by members of the Smith family.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance
The Smith memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance
The Smith memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Archaeological Significance
The site of the Smith memorial has potential archaeological significance and may be subject to the provisions of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Scientific Significance
The Smith memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance
The Smith memorial has no significance according to this criterion.

Summary Statement
The Smith memorial is an early 21st century interpretative marker of a place of historic interest and archaeological importance.

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

References:
M Clark & I Bowman 'Smith Family Grave' Heritage Building Inventory, 2009.
https://www.theprow.org.nz/places/maitai-valley/

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