

Phil Kelliher resident of Wellington opposes the proposal to remove the Toomath Building at 43-47 Ghuznee St from the heritage schedule to the District Plan.

Although the building is partially demolished, the facade remains. The facade has heritage (and streetscape) value and is part of the iconic Cuba St heritage precinct.

The damage from the fire and partial demolition of the interior doesn't preclude the heritage façade being retained and incorporated into a new development. A structural steel supporting frame can be erected to support the façade and make it safe until such time that a new development is built. This is standard practice in these situations.

There are many examples in Wellington of the successful incorporation of heritage facades in new developments including the new Xero building on Taranaki St, Te Auaha on Dixon St, the old Farmers Building in Cuba Mall & the Old Kirks building on Lambton Quay.

Continued recognition of the Toomath Building heritage value is also consistent with the independent Commissioners' decision of April 2022 in relation to the Former Adelaide Hotel (114 Adelaide Rd).

Regards  
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