

Appendix 2: Philosophical basis

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HIERARCHY OF THEMES FOR RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS:

Over-arching theme: Evolution of the Environment
Bottom line outcome: Huts

1. **Holistic New Zealand**

Evolution of Environment
Peopling New Zealand
Developing Economies
Building Settlements
Working
Educating
Governing
Cultural Life
Phases of Life

The 2001 Australian Heritage Commission Framework of nine lead themes is used as the starting point. A NZ national framework may in future be developed at this level.

2. **Evolution of Environment**

Natural environment
Historic environment
Land and townscapes ... perhaps more
Moderate the boundary effects

The effects of separating total environment out from holistic New Zealand.

3. **Natural Environment**

Natural ecosystems
Natural change processes
Pollution
Introduced pests
Legal protection systems ... obviously more
Moderate the boundary effects

The effects of separating natural environment from total environment.

4. Introduced Pests

Pre-pest snapshot

Introduction of pests (animals, plants, etc)

Impacts and political realisation

Pest control programmes ... perhaps more

Moderate the boundary effects

The effects of separating introduced pests out from the natural environment.

5. Pest Control Programmes

Rabbits

Animal control programmes

Weeds

Other pests (marine, insects etc) ... perhaps more

Moderate the boundary effects

The effects of separating pest control programmes out from introduced pests

Example of moderating a boundary effect.

The animals that became pests were deliberately introduced with great enthusiasm and were foreseen to become valuable assets, not pests. Some of the positive values cited were:

- Tourist potential of hunting & fishing
- Cultural identity with the outdoors at 'home'
- Free public access to forests
- Hunting & fishing as a recreation for all
- Valuable resource for industry e.g. possum fur

These need to be taken into account and may give rise to a heritage arising from the positive values.

6. Animal Control Programmes (WAC)

- Detailed history overview of all animals.
- Detailed account of what happened on the ground and the types of place-based heritage created. [routes, airstrips, camp sites, huts, etc].
- Broader view of other aspects of this heritage. [armaments, folklore, trophies, etc]
- Overview of what types of heritage survive.
- Analysis of the historic, fabric, and cultural significance of the programmes.
- Broad recommendations on conservation and interpretation priorities for place-based heritage of animal control programmes.
- Some indicative key heritage places.
- A template for evaluating WAC heritage ... perhaps more

- Moderate the boundary effects

The effects of separating animal control programmes from [1] pest control programmes, [2] from animal recovery programmes, and [3] from sport hunting. May set some time limits say 1923 to 1973, to avoid effects of animal recovery programmes.

7. WAC Huts

- History overview of huts; role, use etc.
- Fabric and design of huts built.
- Full inventory of huts constructed.
- Full inventory of surviving huts, including their condition and future use.
- Some key huts identified
- A template for evaluating WAC huts ... perhaps more topics
- Moderate the boundary effects

The effects of separating huts out from the broader heritage of animal control programmes.