



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

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The Wakatipu Heritage Trust  
PO Box 811  
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Dear Trustees

**Re: Dynamo Historic Site**

The Department of Conservation strongly supports the Wakatipu Heritage Trust in the trustees endeavour to seek funding for the protection and restoration of the Dynamo hydro-electric power generation site in Skippers.

There is an urgent need to replace rotting base timbers that support the plant and consider a housing structure to enhance the protection of the equipment into the future. The Dynamo is important to preserve, as it is the first site of hydro-electric generation in New Zealand for an industrial motive power use, and represents the development of hydro-electricity internationally.

The Trust's willingness to assist in fund-raising for the ongoing protection of this site is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Wakatipu District