

**PROJECT:** COOK LANDING SITE:- PROPOSED CLEARWAY & 'SENSE OF PLACE' ASSESSMENT



**CLIENT:** NZ HISTORIC PLACES TRUST & DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

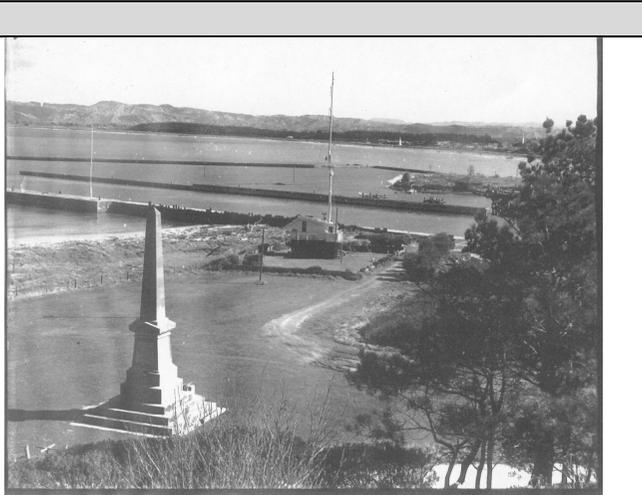
EELA was engaged to provide services as a heritage landscape architect for an assessment involving the land-locked heritage reserve that marks the location in Gisborne of the landing of Captain Cook from the Endeavour. The brief for this project was to assess and provide a report and recommendations on the 60m clearway proposed as a possible alternative to the current Cone of Vision provision related to the Cook Landing Site National Historic Reserve at the Gisborne Port. Issues of whether the proposed clearway would improve 'the sense of place' of the Cook Landing site were paramount. EELA researched historic photographs of the site and the Cook monument at the Tairāwhiti Museum, and from these constructed the core qualities of an historic 'sense of place' for the site. These were then compared with those pertaining today. The visual catchment of the earlier monument and site was analysed and comparisons made to those evident today. The Clearway was assessed against this backdrop of 'place' values and other alternatives to the Clearway set out in aerial diagrams. A small portion of the analysis undertaken by EELA is included below.

**STATUS:** Identification of site values and resolution is ongoing.

**TABLE 1 SITE VISIBILITY ANALYSIS – FORMER AND CURRENT**

These photographs illustrate the visibility and prominence of the historic Cook Monument – that in former times contrasted with that of today.

NUMBER	PHOTO LOCATION	A) EARLIER PERIOD	B) CURRENT 2000s
1	From the banks of the Waikanae Creek/Turanganui River		
	View characteristics	Cook Monument form prominent in the view. Panoramic, unencumbered view to Monument and its surroundings. 1909	Tip of Cook Monument visible. Cook Monument has negligible value from this location. 2008
2	View towards Cook Monument from sea		
	View characteristics	Cook Monument form prominent. Panoramic view type; unencumbered view to monument. (undated)	Tip of Cook Monument visible. Monument has negligible value from this location. Scale of monument dwarfed by port buildings and works. Cone of Vision closed. 2002

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3	View towards Monument from (approximate) location of the Esplanade		
	View characteristics	Monument form prominent. Panoramic view; unencumbered view to monument. (August 1906 WF Crawford Collection)	Monument form prominent. Enclosed view possible with buildings blocking open views to young Nicks Head. Cone of Vision closed, but views to Young Nick's head possible over logs. 2008
4	View towards the Monument from lower Kaiti Hill		
	View characteristics	Panoramic view with clear linkages between Kaiti Hill, the Monument and the foreshore beyond. c1950s.	Enclosed view from Te Kuri a Paoa Lookout with separation of the Monument within the Heritage Reserve from the foreshore beyond. 2008.

NUMBER	PHOTO LOCATION	A) EARLIER PERIOD	B) CURRENT 2000s
5	View towards the Monument from upper Kaiti Hill (1952)		
	View characteristics	Panoramic view with clear linkages between Kaiti Hill, the Monument and the foreshore beyond. 1952. [Alexander Turnbull Library].	Enclosed view from Cooks Plaza with separation of the Monument within the Heritage Reserve from the foreshore beyond. 2008