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Understanding the building consent process

For safe, healthy and durable buildings, all building work in New Zealand must meet certain standards. Find out how to build within the rules.

Health and safety on site

Avoid accidents and make site safety a priority.

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Specified systems and compliance schedules

If you own a building that contains a specified system such as a cable car, you must ensure they are effectively operated for the life of the building and in keeping with the council-issued compliance schedule.

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About this determination

Date issued

29 September 2021

Primary topic:

[Schedule 1](#)

Council:

Central Otago District Council

Section of the Building Act:

41, 42 A, 164

Summary

This determination concerns a low retaining wall located near a boundary that was constructed without building consent, where a driveway was subsequently built near the top of the retaining wall on the neighbouring property. The determination considers whether the retaining wall was subject to a surcharge or load from vehicle traffic at the time of its construction, and whether the wall was exempt from the requirement for a building consent under Schedule 1 of the Building Act.

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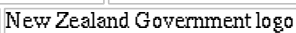
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