

## Tank Stops, Karangahake Gorge



**Location:** SH2 (main gorge road) & Rahu Road (100m up from highway, eastern end)

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:**

**Historic Places Trust Category:**

**HDC Heritage Category:** C - Heritage Item. Local or Neighbourhood Significance

**Other:**

**Physical Description:** Large concrete emplacements on the sides of the road, designed to slow down tanks [not assessed]

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:**

**Date of Construction:** c.1940s

**History:** Two Tank Stops were built in the gorge by the Home Guard during the early 1940's. One was on the main road (SH2). This was removed soon after the war ended. The structure was still at the eastern end of Rahu Road in the 1950's. Apparently, it was meant to slow the Japanese Imperial Army

**District Plan Schedule**

**Number:** HAU230

**Heritage Category:** C

**Heritage Type:**

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

**Date Period:**

1941-1980

**Significance:**

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

**Thematic Context**

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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tanks should they invade!

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Poor

**Integrity:** Substantially altered

**Current Uses:**

**Former Uses:** Tank traps

**Registered owner:**

**Legal Description:**

**Reference Source:** H Haysom (pers. comm.); Mike Cotter; Peter Cooke

**Associated Pictures:**



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