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Plimmer's Ark - Cause and Effect

How one man influenced changes in Wellington

Look around the Plimmer's Ark Gallery at the information panels, the models and the exhibits in glass cases. Now locate the answers to the following questions and put them in the boxes.

cause	effect	positive	negative
what happened?	what was the result/reaction?	who or what was this good for?	what were some possible problems?
In 1849 the ship the Inconstant ran aground and was towed to Te Aro in Wellington.	Could the ship sail again?		
In 1950 John Plimmer bought the Inconstant and towed it to Clay Point (Plimmer Steps).	What did he make with it?		
John Plimmer cut off the masts and built a two-storey ware- house on the deck.	What was it called? Why?	Who used it?	
In 1955 there was a huge earthquake (8.2). Wellington rose up by at least a metre.	What happened to the Ark?		
John Plimmer then filled in the land around Plimmer's Ark. This was a first for Wellington	What do we call it when the sea is filled in to make more land?		

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The Ark was cut down and filled in with earth too	What was created on top of the Ark?		
In 1997 the Ark was rediscovered under the Old Bank Arcade. It was turning to dust.	What did Wellington City Council want to do with it?		
The Ark was moved to Queens Wharf to be preserved with PEG – a soluble wax.	What does PEG do?		

