

REPORT 3  
(1215/52/IM)

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## APPROVAL FOR RENAMING OF PART OF VIVIAN STREET TO BULLER STREET

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### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to alter the name of the western part of Vivian Street (The Terrace end of Vivian Street) as shown on Plan **F 3027**.

### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give approval for **Buller Street** to be extended and the name be allocated to the **western part of Vivian Street** (the part of road from Willis Street to The Terrace) as shown on Plan **F 3027** (Appendix A).*

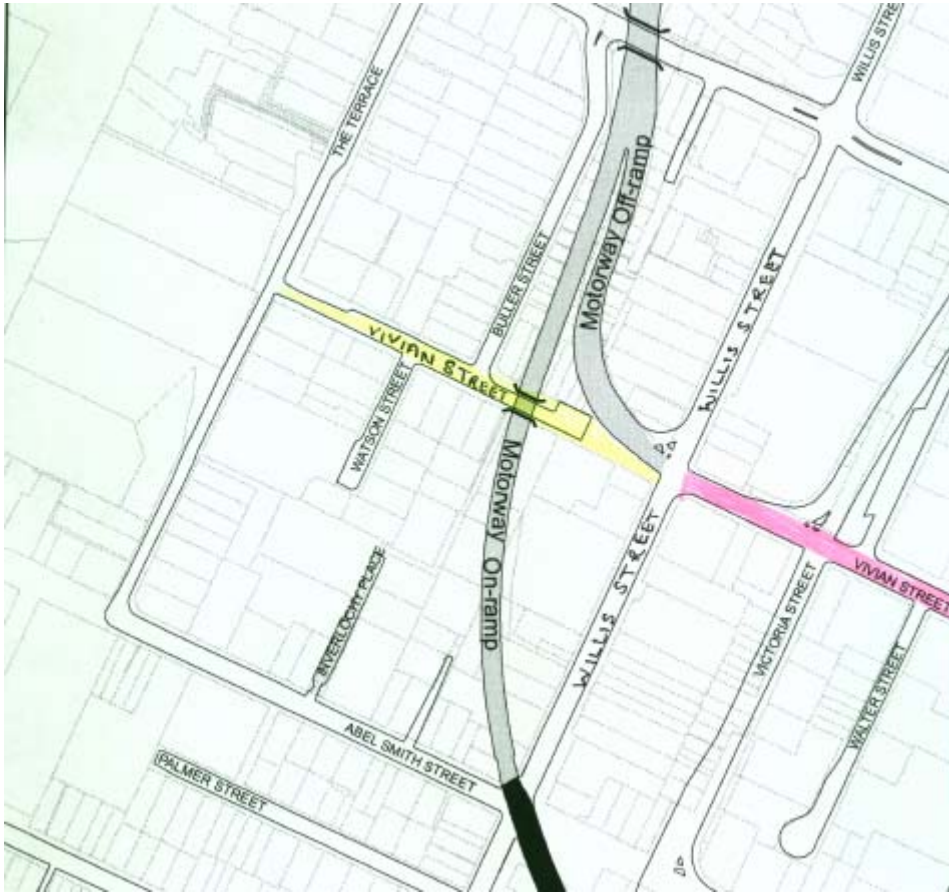
### 3. Background

With the completion of the Wellington Inner City Bypass which involved altering and redefining existing roads, Vivian Street has been split into two sections.

The newly created Wellington Inner City Bypass now intersects Vivian Street, which isolates upper Vivian Street from rest of the street. This part of Vivian Street shown in **Plan 3027** is no longer accessible by vehicles from Willis Street. This creates confusion for motorists, courier services and other commuters.

### 4. Discussion

The proposed name change has come about because of the Inner City Bypass. Prior to this Vivian Street was a long street which ran from The Terrace to Kent Terrace. Since 2006, Vivian Street has been split into two parts as shown below.



The western part of Vivian Street from Willis Street to The Terrace can only be accessed by pedestrians as shown in green below.



Motorists coming from The Terrace on to Vivian Street can only drive along the area shown blue, which leaves visitors and courier services confused if they want to go to the eastern part of Vivian Street (Appendix B and Photo 1).





The residents of the western part of Vivian Street therefore wish to extend the usage of the name Buller Street from an adjacent street and would like Council to rename this part of Vivian Street (from Willis Street to The Terrace) to **Buller Street**.

Buller Street is an existing street which adjoins the western part of Vivian Street. This renaming proposal is therefore effectively an extension of Buller Street (Appendix C) which would overcome the current issue of confusion for visitors, motorists and emergency services. The name change would **not** include the whole of Vivian Street.

*Buller Street* is named after Sir Walter Buller. Sir Walter Lawry Buller was born at the Bay of Islands on 9 October 1838. He was brought up at the Tangiteroria Mission Station, and educated at Wesley College, Auckland. In 1855 he became Maori interpreter and later a judge of the Maori Land Court and in 1866 Resident Magistrate.

He had a deep interest in natural history and ornithology. He moved to London in 1871, to supervise publication of the first edition of his book *History of the Birds of New Zealand*. He returned to New Zealand in 1874 and practised as a barrister, specialising in Native Land Court business. He retired and returned to London as commissioner for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition. He died in England on 19 July 1906.

## 5. Consultation

The request to alter the name was received from the residents of the western part of Vivian Street. The proposal has been discussed with all the residents of this part of the street who support the idea.

Residents of Buller Street who would be indirectly affected with this change have also been consulted and they are supportive of the proposal. Copies of submissions from the residents are available for inspection by the public.

There are no sites of significance to iwi and therefore no consultation took place with Wellington Tenth Trust on this proposal.

## **6. Conclusion**

Council Officers recommend that the name of the western part of **Vivian Street** be altered to **Buller Street** as shown on **Plan F 3027**.

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## **Supporting Information**

**1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

**2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

No relevant annual plan project reference.

**3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

There are no obvious Treaty of Waitangi implications in this proposal.

**4) Decision-Making**

The proposal to rename an existing street is in accordance with Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

**5) Consultation**

**a) General Consultation**

All the residents of the western part of Vivian Street have been consulted and have provided written consent to rename this part of the street.

Consultation has taken place with the residents of Buller Street who would be indirectly affected and they all support the proposal.

**b) Consultation with Maori**

This report does not require consultation. There are no known Maori precincts, tracks or sites near this road.

**6) Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications.

**7) Consistency with existing policy**

This report is consistent with the Council's Road Naming Policy.

# APPENDIX A

# **APPENDIX B**

# **APPENDIX B – PHOTO 1**

# APPENDIX C