

Proposed Reserves Classification

Outer Green Belt Management Plan

2019



Maps showing land requiring reserves classification or reclassification

NOTE: the 'Map Reference' below refers to the land parcel numbers assigned in the *Draft Outer Green Belt Management Plan 2019* in the land title maps for each management sector in the plan.

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Have your say on the reserves classifications

As part of the Outer Green Management Plan review Wellington City Council is planning to classify some land as reserves to strengthen and standardise the protection of these areas. In addition, more appropriate reserve classifications are being proposed for some land already classified under the Reserves Act 1977.

The unclassified land is managed as reserve now but because these areas are not officially classified, the sites and their special features are not as well protected as they could be.

Council intends to classify 19 sites as reserves land and reclassify 11 sites according to their primary purpose.

This document outlines where each site is located, the reserves classification proposed and why the proposed classification is considered appropriate.

In determining the proposed classification of the land, Council staff have evaluated each site to assess the:

- primary and secondary values
- purpose of the land, and
- current and potential use.

This information was then assessed against the Criteria in the Reserves Act and the Reserves Act Guide to determine the most appropriate classification category.

All but one site is proposed to be classified or reclassified Scenic Reserve (s19) to reflect the natural and ecological values (whether indigenous or exotic) for the benefit, enjoyment, and use of the public. Wrights Hill is proposed to be classified Historic Reserve (s18) to reflect the heritage of the gun emplacements and underground tunnels associated with WWII.

The proposed classifications will allow continued public access and existing recreation activities (subject to conditions and restrictions necessary for protection of the reserve).

The Council wants to know what you think of the proposed classifications. You have an opportunity to comment or raise your concerns and influence the Council's decisions about these sites.

You can have your say by completing the submission form online at <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/OGBPlan>

You can also email outergreenbelt@wcc.govt.nz.

Submissions close 25 March 2019

Reserves Classification Process

Classification is a tool of the Reserves Act used to identify the primary purpose of a reserve and direct its management, use and development. The Reserves Act outlines a process and methodology for the declaration and classification of land as a reserve.

Section 14 of the Reserves Act provides the Council with the statutory authority to pass a resolution to declare any land vested in Council as a reserve subject to public notification procedures and ministerial approval.

Classification of reserve land provides an additional layer of legislative protection under s16 of the Reserves Act. The process is based around identifying the primary use or purpose of each reserve and matching this use to one of seven categories, or 'classification'. The seven classifications are:

- Scenic
- Recreation
- Historic
- Scientific
- Natural
- Local purpose, and
- Government purpose.

The Reserves Act 1977 sets out the principles and management requirements of each classification.

Occasionally, the original classification assigned to a reserve may no longer be the most appropriate. The classification or purpose of a reserve can be changed for a range of reasons as set out in **Section 24 of the Reserves Act**.

Usually the intention of reclassifying a reserve is:

- to emphasise one set of features of an area relative to another
- allow a new activity or use, which would not be consistent with the present class/type
- better specify or alter the statutory objectives of management, or
- to allow for an existing use or activity that is not specified under the reserve's existing classification.

In most cases, the Council must publicly notify (advertise) its intention to classify land as reserve or re-classify land to reflect a change of purpose. It can specify the reason or reasons for the proposal.

When land is vested to Council, for example via subdivision or for other reasons under **Section 16(2A) of the Reserves Act**, Council may, by resolution, classify the reserve according to the primary purpose of the land without the need for public

consultation. However, in this case we are inviting public comment on the sites that fall under Section 16(2A).

Within the specified timeframe any person can give notice in writing of their submissions and objections to proposed classification and the reasons for objecting.

The Council must consider all objections. If the Council wishes to classify or reclassify the land, it must make a decision by passing a resolution. The Council resolution should include reasons for the change in classification or purpose of the reserve, as well as the proposed new classification.

Implications of classifications

The process of classification binds the Council and limits (to a greater or lesser extent) how the land can be used. This increases the protection of the land and provides the community with certainty as to the types of activities that can and cannot take place on the land. Refer Attachment One.

How this document is set out

There are 19 sites managed under in the Outer Green Belt Management Plan that are proposed for classification and 11 sites proposed for reclassification. We have grouped the proposals in the following sections as follows:

Section 14 – Declaring Land to be Reserve

Section 16 - Classification

Section 24 - Re-classification

Each site proposal includes a site map, description and details.

The maps show each site proposed for classifying / reclassifying, as well as the surrounding area. If you would like more information about the area and surroundings please let us know.

What Happens Next

Once public feedback has been received and considered, an oral hearing will be held if requested by submitters. Following that, the Council will consider the proposed classification and pass a resolution:

- Under Section 14 of the Reserves Act to declare the sites as reserves and classify them under Section 16 of the Reserves Act with the classifications deemed appropriate.
- Under Section 24 of the Reserves Act to declare the reserves reclassified with the more appropriate classifications.

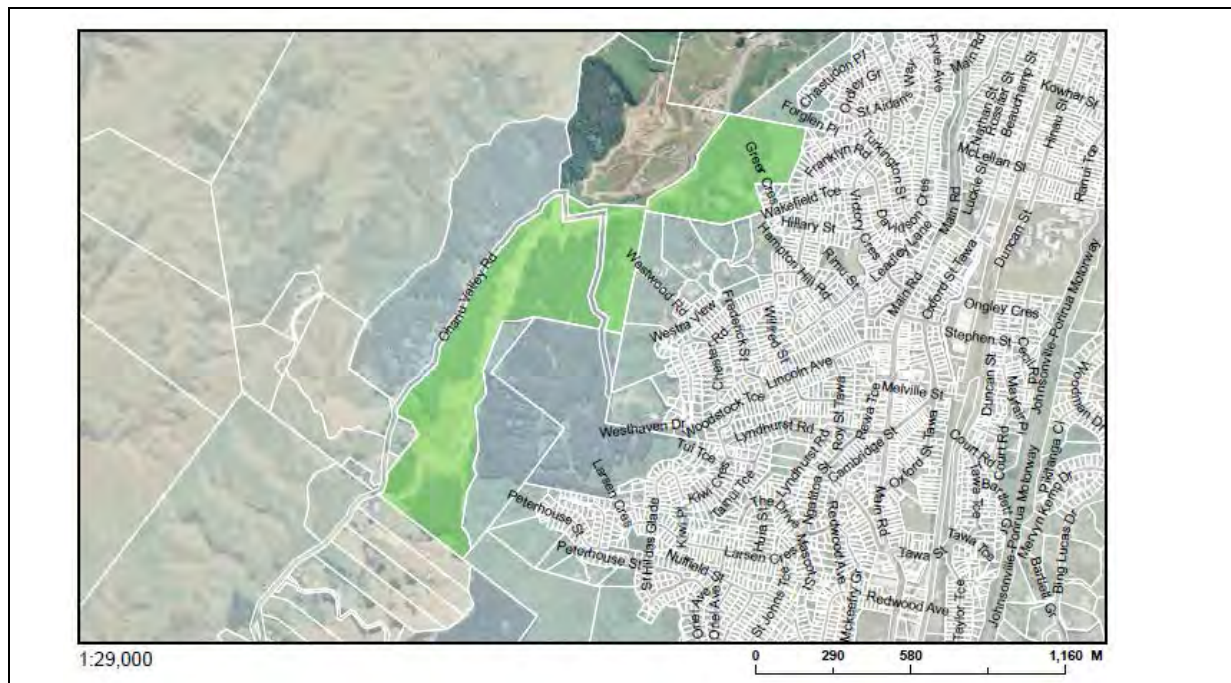
Note: a Council resolution is not required for the sites being classified under Section 16(11)(b).

It is expected that this will happen in June 2019.


For reserves where the Council needs ministerial approval to classify land as reserve or change a classification ie Sections 16 and 24 of the Reserves Act, a report will go to the Minister of Conservation for approval. If the Minister upholds the Council's decisions, the Council has the Delegated authority to formally gazette the sites as reserve. This process will be complete when a gazette notice is published in the New Zealand Gazette.

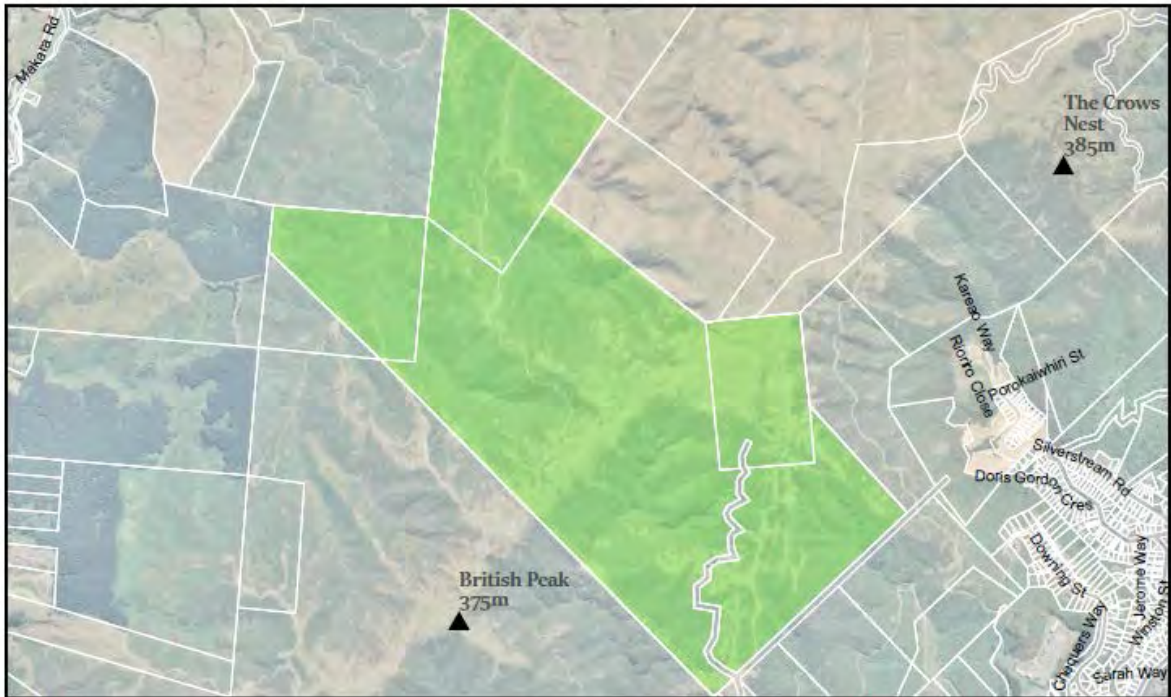
Section 14 – Classifications

Name and Location	Spicer Forest – 988 Ohariu Valley Road, Ohariu and 19 Forglén Place, Tawa
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map Reference	1.2.1 and 1.2.2




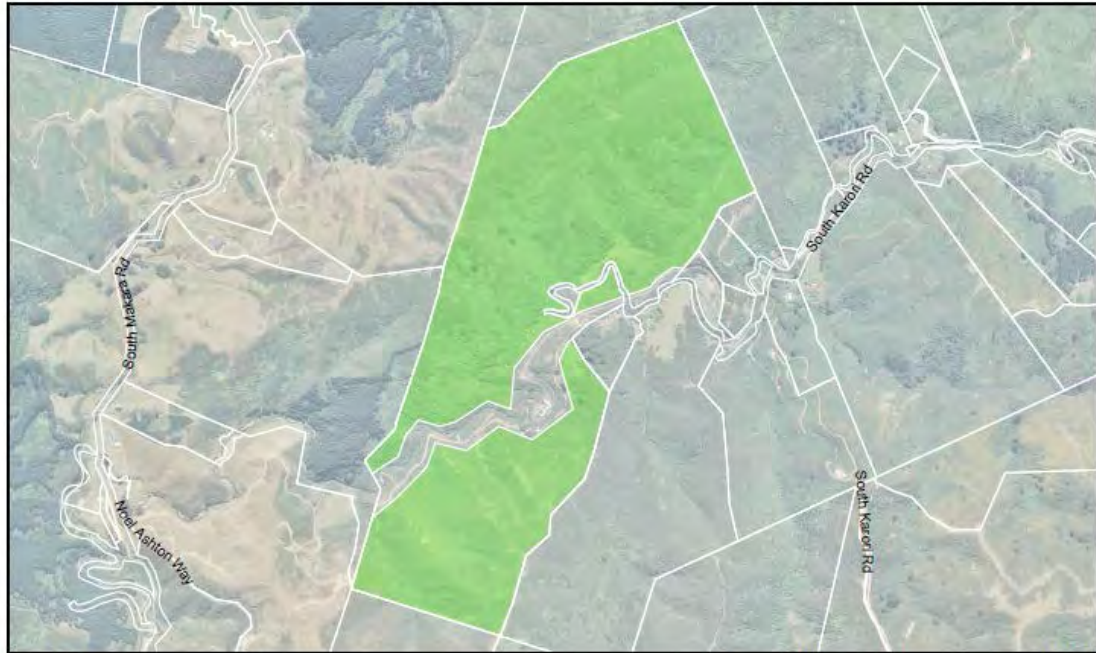
Existing situation	North parcel slopes (steeply in places) from ridgetop down toward the suburb of Tawa. South parcel slopes from ridgetop into Ohariu Valley in the headwaters of the Ohariu Stream. Exotic conifer plantation with areas of regenerating native vegetation. Existing tracks, some former forestry use. Part of the ridge that forms a natural backdrop to Linden/Tawa and Redwood.			
Future development	Gradual replacement of exotic forest with restored native forest through ecological restoration. Continued pest animal and weed management. Enhanced track network for public outdoor recreation, with connections to surrounding areas and nearby reserves.			
Leases and/or licences	No leases/licences			
Legal Descriptions	Lot 3 DP 77503	CT	WN44B/130	20.1780ha
	Part Lot 2 DP 54371	CT	WN42A/298	36.4205ha
Property assessment	Lot 3 DP 77503 Status: Fee Simple Subject to: Gazette Note 1991 p 2302 declaring walkway over easement area known as Colonial Knob Walk (DOC controlling authority) & Climate Change Response Act 2002. Pt Lot 2 DP 54371 Status: Fee Simple Subject to: Climate Change Response Act 2002			
Acquisition history	Lot 3 DP77503 acquired by transfer from Porirua City Council on 6.4.95 Pt Lot 2 DP 54371 acquired by transfer from Porirua City Council on 13.10.83			
Current Classification	Not classified - classify under Section 14			
Notes	Adjoining property Lot 2 DP77503 is owned by Porirua City Council			


Name and Location	Te Ngahere o Tawa (previously known as Forest of Tane) – 56A Kiwi Crescent, Tawa
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map Reference	1.3.1 and 1.3.2
	
Existing situation	Ridgetop land sloping towards the suburb of Tawa. Exotic conifer plantation, areas of remnant native forest and regenerating native vegetation. Headwaters of stream. Informal tracks. Part of the ridge that forms a natural backdrop to Linden/Tawa and Redwood.
Future development	<p>Gradual replacement of exotic forest with restored native forest through ecological restoration. Protection of forest remnants and seed source. Stream catchment management to improve water quality and flood control. Ongoing weed and pest management.</p> <p>Enhanced and better connected track network for public outdoor recreation.</p> <p>Potential for inclusion to Council's permanent carbon storage forest.</p>
Leases and/or licences	No leases/licences
Legal Descriptions	Lot 1 DP 67858, Pt Lot 1 DP 9786, Pt Lot 35 DP 24478, Pt Lot 1 DP 24716 CT WN42A/297 36.8292ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple</p> <p>Unclassified: Classify under s14(1)</p> <p>Subject to: Climate Change Response Act 2002, Right of Way Easement, water drainage easements</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Acquired by transfer on 6.4.17.
Current Classification	Not classified - classify under Section 14
Notes	Adjoins Spicer Forest - Part Lot 2 DP 54371


Name and Location	Chartwell / Karori Park, Kilmister Tops – 451 Parkvale Road
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map reference	4.1.1, 4.1.2 & 4.1.3
	
Existing situation	<p>Ridgetop land to an elevation of 259 m asl, known as the Kilmister Tops. Covers part of Te Wharangi ridge, which is a prominent skyline ridgeline in the Wellington city landscape, and part of an important secondary ridgeline heading southwest towards British Peak. Currently pastoral grazing with areas of regenerating scrub. Substantial areas registered Permanent Forest Sinks for carbon sequestration. Mainly high undulating land with some steeper gullies in the headwaters of nearby streams.</p> <p>Numerous farm and walking tracks. The Skyline Track, a major ridgetop recreational route along the Outer Green Belt, traverses part of the area, with connector access to the wider track network including to Otari / Wilton's Bush.</p>
Future development	<p>Maintain grassland on ridgetop areas to protect spacious recreational opportunities. Trial alternative means of maintaining grassland instead of grazing to avoid conflicts with recreational users and to exclude grazing stock from adjacent areas of high natural value and forest sinks, in order to protect regenerating native forest.</p> <p>Maintain Skyline Track and connector tracks. Future potential for tramping track west across this land to linking with British Peak and/or Makarā Valley.</p>
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Sec 54, 56 Makara District and Pt Sec 58, Makara District and Lot 1 DP 5398 CT WN287/283 194.5147ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple</p> <p>Interests: Forestry Sink Covenant</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Acquired by transfer on 3.3.1999
Current Classification	Not all this land is classified (some is already classified Section b) –


	classify under Section 14
Notes	Includes high voltage transmission lines and Transmission Line Buffer (32 Metres)

Name and Location	Makara Peak - 62 Allington Road, Karori
Proposed re classification	Scenic b
Map reference:	5.1.10
	
Existing situation	<p>Open Space – part of wider Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park. A steep gully on the flanks of Makarā Peak. The peak is a dominant landform and landmark at the south end of Karori, and mountain biking destination. The gully is in the headwaters of the Karori Stream catchment. Regenerating native vegetation, including some area registered as a permanent forest sink for carbon sequestration.</p> <p>Existing track, which is part of the Makara Peak mountain biking track network.</p>
Future development	<p>Continue to protect and enhance the natural values, especially the regenerating forest, carbon farming and the catchment values of the riparian land.</p> <p>Main and develop tracks according to the Makarā Peak Mountain Park Master Plan.</p>
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 12 DP 82980 CT WN49C/578 4.8487 ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple</p> <p>Interests: To be determined</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Acquired via transfer from Kilmester 31/5/94
Current Classification	Not Classified – classify under Section 14
Notes	


Name and Location	Makara Peak – 380 South Karori Road		
Proposed re classification	Scenic b		
Map Reference	5.1.18		
			
Existing situation	<p>Open space on steeply sloping hillsides on each side of Karori Stream, south of the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park. Rises to elevation of 280 m asl to the north. Kaori Stream flows through the site at approximately 70 m asl. Largely covered in remnant and regenerating native vegetation, especially in the deeper gullies. Substantial area is registered as a permanent forest sink. Some mountain bike tracks, part of the mountain bike park network.</p> <p>Contains the South Karori Wastewater Treatment Plant and related infrastructure (road, waste water pipes etc.).</p>		
Future development	<p>Survey off the waste water treatment infrastructure to continue to manage for that purpose.</p> <p>The remainder of the land is proposed to be reclassified as scenic reserve. Protect and enhance the native vegetation for its biodiversity values and to protect the freshwater values of the land, which is part of the Karori Stream catchment and rains into it. (Karori Stream is seriously polluted, currently).</p> <p>Develop and maintain existing and new tracks according to the Makarā Peak Mountain Park Master Plan.</p>		
Leases and/or licences	Nil		
Legal Descriptions	Sec 1 SO 37211	CT WN46C/762	106.21 ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: To be determined		
Property/Acquisition history	Acquired by Public Works Act Gazette 1995 p 1289 for Wastewater treatment		
Current Classification	Not classified - classify under Section 4		
Notes	Includes area of South Karori Wastewater Treatment Plan, which will be surveyed off and remain outside the classification of Scenic Reserve		


Name and Location	Zealandia Buffer – 133F Messines Road , Karori
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map reference	6.2.3
 <p>1:5,000</p>	
Existing situation	A narrow strip of land between Zealandia and residential properties, originally for fire break purposes. Intended to be for public enjoyment and as a buffer to Zealandia. Mainly lawn, with a number of encroachments by neighbouring residential properties. Reasonably flat site
Future development	Removal of private encroachments and restoration of native vegetation as a buffer to Zealandia. Potential for a walking track.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 3 DP 313319 CT 52415 0.3889ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: Subject to right to supply water and right of way easements.
Property/Acquisition history	Acquired from Wellington Regional Council by transfer on 13.7.2004.
Current Classification	Not classified – Classify under Section 14
Notes	Includes a number of encroachments from adjoining properties that will need to be managed before gazetting is completed

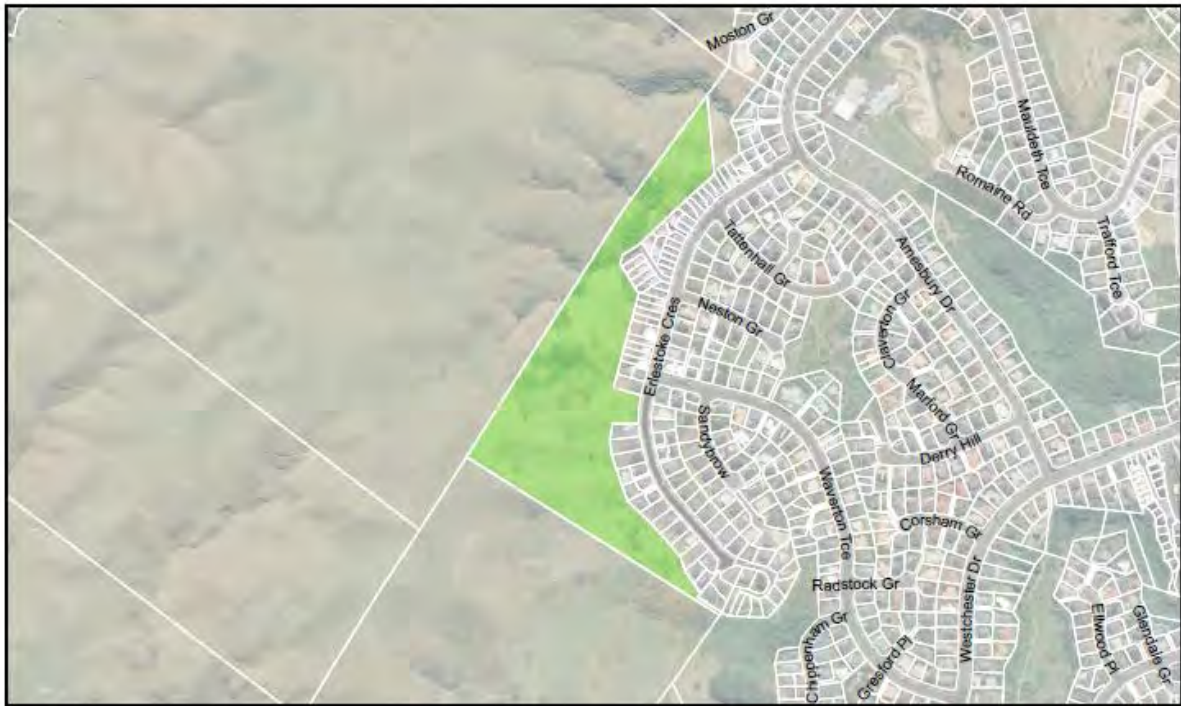
Name and Location	Zealandia Buffer – 133E Messines Road , Karori
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map reference	6.2.11
 <p>1:5,000</p> <p>0 50 100 200 M</p>	
Existing use	A narrow strip of land between Zealandia and residential properties, originally for fire break purposes. Intended to be for public enjoyment and as a buffer to Zealandia. Mainly lawn, with a number of encroachments by neighbouring residential properties. Flat to sloping site.
Future development	Removal of private encroachments and restoration of native vegetation as a buffer to Zealandia. Potential for a walking track.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 4 DP 313319 CT 52416 0.6748ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: Subject to right to supply water and right of way easements.
Property/Acquisition history	Transferred by WRC on 13.7.2004.
Current classification	Not classified – classify under Section14
Notes	Includes a number of encroachments from adjoining properties that will need to be managed before gazetting of reserve is completed


Name and Location	Te Kopahu Reserve - 50 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay
Proposed classification	Part Scenic b to support restoration of indigenous species
Map reference	7.1.7
	
Existing situation	<p>Approximately 200ha is designated as Carey's Gully Landfill Designation Wellington City Council, refer 61: including the Southern Landfill.</p> <p>The remaining balance has been known as Te Kopahu Reserves and managed for its high natural, landscape, heritage and recreational values for more than 15 years although not formerly classified as a reserve.</p> <p>Rugged coastal topography, rising to an elevation of 495 m asl at Hawkins Hill, and including catchments of a number of streams. A large area of regenerating native vegetation, of high natural value for the presence of endangered and threatened species and plant communities. Includes a network of tracks, mainly based on former farm tracks.</p>
Future development	<p>Protection and enhancement of the multiple open space values, as an important and unique area of the Outer Green Belt and south coast.</p> <p>Nature conservation. Recreational activities in keeping with the natural and landscape values. Potential improvement and development of the track network.</p>
Leases and/or licences	None within the proposed reserve, apart from a small encroachment by C&D Landfill on the northern boundary. Adjoining the sites boundaries there are five (5) Airways designations A4 – A8 (Radar & Communications Sites)
Legal Descriptions	Lot 1 DP 29398 CT WN21D/612 861.3063ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple</p> <p>Interests: Right of way, landfill gas easements</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Whole site was acquired for the purpose of Sanitary Works (disposal of refuse) under Public Works Act by Gazette No 914209 6/4/1972 and Gazette No 253633.12.2.1978
Current Classification	As noted above – classify under Section14
Notes	Subdivide (Survey Office plan) the area and protect the southern portion (use the Tip Track as the boundary) and Gazette. Consider whether the upper slopes of the northern part should also be subdivided and protected as local purpose reserve for scenery and landfill buffer purposes, or protect all of the northern part as local purpose reserve for landfill and related purposes.


Section 16 (2A) – Classifications


Name and Location	Owhariu Ridge , Stebbings Reservoir (Stebbing's Subdivision) - 31 Gifford Grove Churton Park
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map Reference	2.1.1
	
Existing use	<p>Pasture and regenerating native shrubs and other species.</p> <p>Rural character, with one predominant ridge line north of reservoir. Steel sloping land to gullies both north and south of the ridge line.</p>
Future development	<p>Protection of open space with native restoration and potential for ecological restoration and catchment protection.</p> <p>Ecological and track connections to Stebbings Valley and potential for track development to link 944 Ohariu Valley and Redwood Bush to the north and the Skyline tracks to the south allowing for enhanced active recreation opportunities in this area.</p>
Leases and/or licences	No leases/licences
Legal descriptions	Lot 2 DP 470218 CT 640885 1.9610ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple - Subject to Reserves Act 1977</p> <p>Interests: Subject to electricity and telecommunication easement, right of way easement</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Vested to Wellington City Council on deposit of DP 470218 as scenic reserve under s239 RMA via subdivision on 23.7.14
Current Classification	Not classified – Classify under s16 (2A)
Notes	To become part of Outer Green Belt Management Plan

Name and Location	Ohariu Ridge, Stebbings Reservoir, Churton Park – 105 Amesbury Drive, Churton Park		
Proposed re classification	Scenic b		
Map Reference	2.1.3		
			
Existing situation	<p>Open space on a locally prominent spur with a lookout with views over suburban Churton Park and wider urban and rural landscape. Pasture and patches of scrub. Regenerating native and other vegetation on steep slopes.</p> <p>Rural character with elevated lookout knob (210 m asl).</p>		
Future development	<p>Protection of open space and views with potential for ecological restoration on the steep slopes.</p> <p>Track connections to Stebbings Valley allowing for enhanced active recreation opportunities in this area.</p>		
Leases and/or licences	Nil		
Legal Descriptions	Lot 1 DP 470218	CT 640884	0.1587 ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: To be determined		
Property/Acquisition history	Vested via subdivision under s239 RMA as Scenic Reserve		
Current classification	Not classified – classify under Section 16 (2A)		
Notes	Adjoins Council land Lot 2 DP 470218		


Name and Location	Ohariu Ridge – 54 Erlestoke Crescent, Churton Park
Proposed re classification	Scenic b - to support restoration of native vegetation, and adjoin scenic reserve (16 Erlestoke Crescent - Lot 200 DP 314946)
Map Reference	2.1.5
 <p>1:12,000</p> <p>0 120 240 480 M</p>	
Existing situation	Sloping spurs and gullies on the lower flanks of Ohariu Ridge, which forms an open space backdrop to Churton Park and Stebbings Valley. Pasture and patches of scrub with regenerating native and other vegetation in gullies and on steeper slopes. Rural character consistent with that of Ohariu Ridge. Transmission lines traverse south end of the site.
Future development	<p>Protect open space; enhance and restore native vegetation in gullies to improve ecological connections along the ridge.</p> <p>Potential track connections to Churton Park, and beyond to other Outer Green Belt reserves in the north, and up to the main ridgetop over Council-owned land at 268 Ohariu Valley Road. Potential further track network connection to the Skyline Track to the south.</p>
Leases and/or licences	No leases/licences
Legal Descriptions	Lot 20 DP 399583 CT 408295 6.6862ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee simple subject to Reserves Act 1977 (Recreation)</p> <p>Interests: Subject to right to drain and electricity easement in favour of Transpower</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Vested to Wellington City Council on deposit of DP 408295 as recreation reserve under s239 RMA 29.7.08.
Current classification	Not classified – classify under Section 16(2A)
Notes	This site adjoins the recently acquired 31.8 hectare site, 268 Ohariu Valley Road, to the south


Name and Location	Skyline / Awarua - Silverstream Road		
Proposed classification	Scenic b		
Map Reference	3.4.16		
			
1:10,000 <div>0100200400 M</div>			
Existing situation	Open space. Regenerating native vegetation, with good coverage in the steep gullies. Steep south-facing hill above new subdivision		
Future development	Protection and enhancement of open space and the natural values to be part of the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor. . .		
Leases and/or licences	Nil		
Legal Descriptions	Lot 133 DP 515093	CT 814279	2.7582 ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: To be determined		
Property/Acquisition history	Vested via subdivision under s239 RMA as scenic reserve		
Current classification	Recreation Reserve - classify under Section 16(2A)		
Notes			

Name and Location	Kaukau, Skyline / Awarua – Silverstream Road		
Proposed classification	Scenic b		
Map reference	3.4.17		
			
Existing situation	<p>Open Space</p> <p>Mainly regenerating native and other vegetation, with good coverage in the steep valleys, including native forest remnants, and some patches of grassland.</p> <p>Steep north facing hill above new subdivision. Transmission lines traverse the top corner of the site.</p>		
Future development	Protection and enhancement of open space and the natural values to be part of the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor. Potential development of short connector tracks from new subdivision below up to the track network on Chartwell spur and beyond to the Te Wharangi ridgetop and Skyline Track.		
Leases and/or licences	Nil		
Legal Descriptions	Lot 134 DP 521726	CT 827941	6.8483 ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: To be determined		
Property/Acquisition history	Vested via subdivision under s239 RMA as scenic reserve		
Current classification	Not classified - classify under Section 16(2A)		
Notes			


Name and Location	Chartwell / Karori Park, Johnstons Hill - 58B David Crescent - Karori
Proposed reclassification	Scenic b
Map reference:	4.2.9
	
Current use	Open space with regenerating native vegetation Informal track from David Street to Johnston's Hill
Existing situation	Sloping land on the flanks of Johnston Hill, covered in remnant and secondary native forest, which is contiguous with the forest of Johnston Hill Reserve and is part of the Western Wellington Forests Key Native Ecosystem.
Future development	Protection and enhancement of open space and the natural values that form part of the Key Native Ecosystem and the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor. Potential to formalise existing track to Johnston Hill and the Skyline Track.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 2 DP 487870 CT 698665 0.3996ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple (subject to Reserves Act 1977) Interests: Right of way easement, right to drain easement,
Property/Acquisition history	Vested via subdivision for purpose of scenic reserve under s 239 RMA on 2.11.15
Current Classification	Not classified – classify under Section 16(2A)
Notes	

Section 16 (1) – Classifications


Name and Location	Kaukau, Khandallah Park - 55 Baroda Street
Proposed classification	Scenic a - to protect ecological values
Map Reference	3.3.19
 <p>1:2,500</p> <p>0 25 50 100 M</p>	
Existing situation	Open space covered in native forest, with high ecological values on east-facing sloping land. Part of the wider Khandallah Park Reserve, which is largely part of the Western Wellington Forests Key Native Ecosystem.
Future development	Protection of open space, in particular, the native vegetation in the wider context of the Key Native Ecosystem and Outer Green Belt ecological corridor.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 1 DP 54207 CT WN27C/64 0.1167ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee simple Interests: nil
Property/Acquisition history	Vested as recreation reserve via subdivision and s305 Local Government Act 1974 on 14.2.83
Current classification	Not classified - classify under Section 16(1)
Notes	


Name and Location	Chartwell / Karori Park, Otari / Wilton's Bush Reserve, 149 Curtis Street
Proposed re classification	Scenic a - where not a sportsfield to protect ecological values
Map Reference	4.1.21
	
Existing situation	<p>The land proposed for reclassification is mainly steep riparian land covered in remnant and regenerating native forest, which is part of Otari-Wilton's Bush and part of the Western Wellington Forests Key Native Ecosystem. This land slopes down to the Kaiwharawhara Stream, which flows out from underground piping under Ian Galloway Park. A walking-only track follows the stream edge, connecting Ian Galloway Park to Otari-Wilton's Bush.</p> <p>The rest of the land (not to be reclassified) comprises sports fields (Wilton and Ian Galloway Parks).</p>
Future development	<p>Within the proposed scenic reserve area, protection and enhancement of open space and the natural values that form part of the Key Native Ecosystem and the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor. Riparian management as part of the larger Sanctuary to Sea – Kia Mauriora te Kiawharawhara catchment management and restoration project. Maintain the streamside track to as walking only local connection.</p> <p>Retain the existing recreation reserve classification over Ian Galloway and Wilton Parks and continue to manage as sports fields.</p>
Leases and/or licences	<p>Wilton Bowling Club – new ground lease just approved for 10 years – exp 2028. 8853.3 sqm. Part of rec reserve near Otari Wilton Bush</p> <p>There are two storage agreements for pavilion at Wilton Park.</p>
Legal Descriptions	Lot 5 DP 64470 and Lot 9 DP 84537 CT WN52A/734 9.8743ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple</p> <p>Interests: Subject to Reserves Act</p>
Property/Acquisition history	<p>Lot 5 DP 64470 vested via subdivision as recreation reserve under s306 LGA 1974 on 4.4.89</p> <p>Lot 9 DP 84537 vested via subdivision as recreation reserve under s239 RMA on 12.6.98</p>


Current classification	Recreation – partly reclassify under Section16(1)
Notes	Requires surveying off sports field at Wilton Park and Ian Galloway Park before gazetting can be completed


Name and Location	Wrights Hill - 48 Lansdowne Terrace, Kaori
Proposed re classification	Scenic b
Map reference	6.1.8
 <p>1:1,000</p> <p>0 10 20 40 M</p>	
Existing situation	Steep bank at the end of Lansdowne Terrace, with some regenerating native vegetation and the street face planted with native plants. Forms the entrance to a connector track into the Burrows Avenue / Wrights Hill Reserves area.
Future development	Protect and enhance native planting. Maintain the track entrance and improve signage.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 98 DP 77320 CT 533280 0.0207ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee simple subject to Reserves Act 1977 Interests: subject to right of way easement and restrictive land covenant
Property/Acquisition history	Acquired under Public Works Act 1981 as recreation reserve by gazette notice 12.8.2010 No 99 p2639.
Current Classification	Not classified - classify under Section 16(1)
Notes	Surrounding lots (lot 2 DP 77321, Pt Sec 46 Karori DISTRICT and Lot 3 DP 77321) are classified as Scenic Reserve.


Section 24 – Classifications

Name and Location	Kaukau, Khandallah Park – 58 Simla Crescent
Proposed classification	Scenic a – to protect ecological values
Map Reference	3.3.25
 <p>1:3,500</p> <p>0 35 70 140 M</p>	
Existing situation	<p>Open space covered in native forest, with high ecological values on east-facing sloping land. Part of the wider Khandallah Park Reserve, which is largely part of the Western Wellington Forests Key Native Ecosystem.</p> <p>Long narrow strip of native vegetation adjoining private access way.</p>
Future development	Protection of open space, in particular, the native vegetation in the wider context of the Key Native Ecosystem and Outer Green Belt ecological corridor.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 4 DP 44554 CT WN24A/77 0.1235 ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee simple</p> <p>Interests: To be determined</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Vested as recreation reserve via subdivision and s305 Local Government Act 1974 on 14.2.83
Current classification	Not Classified - classify under Section 24
Notes	


Name and Location	Kaukau, Skyline / Awarua – 335 Takarau Gorge Road
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map Reference	3.4.12
	
Existing situation	<p>Open ridgetop space, pastoral and includes part of Skyline Track, with access to wider track network including Huntleigh Park, Crofton Downs, Chartwell and Otari / Wilton's Bush.</p> <p>Pasture, with regenerating native and other vegetation on steeply sloping eastern slopes and gullies that is part of the Western Wellington Forests Key Native Ecosystem...</p> <p>Part of main Te Wharangi ridgeline, which is a prominent skyline feature in the Wellington city landscape. Elevation up to 400 m asl. Two transmission lines traverse the centre of the site.</p>
Future development	Protection of open space and public recreational access. Maintain grassland on the ridgetop, through alternatives to grazing or adapted grazing regime. Protect views out from ridgetop. Protect watershed by encouraging regeneration of native vegetation on the steep slopes and gullies. Manage track network for continued public outdoor recreation.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 2 DP 81286 CT WN47C/980 12.5003 ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple</p> <p>Interests: To be determined</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Vested via subdivision under s239 RMA as scenic reserve
Current classification	Not classified - classify under Section 24
Notes	

Name and Location	Skyline / Awarua – Silverstream Road
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map Reference	3.4.15
	
Existing situation	Open Space to an elevation of 200 m asl on the lower flanks of Chartwell spur, a locally prominent side spur of Te Wharangi ridge, which slopes into the Silverstream area of Crofton Downs. Remnant native forest and regenerating native vegetation, which is part of a wider Western Wellington Forests Key Native Ecosystem in this locality. The south end of the site is affected by transmission lines that pass close to or slightly over the boundary. Includes Silversky Track from Crofton Downs to wider track network including the Skyline Track.
Future development	Protection and enhancement of open space and the natural values that form part of the Key Native Ecosystem and the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor. Maintain and develop the track to connect into the wider track network.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 47 DP 435196 CT 531993 0.36768 ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: To be determined
Property/Acquisition history	Vested via subdivision under s239 RMA as scenic reserve
Current classification	Not classified - classify under Section 24
Notes	

Name and Location	Chartwell / Karori Park, 400 Karori Road, Karori
Proposed re classification	Scenic b
Map Reference	4.3.7
	
Existing situation	<p>Open space strip of steeply sloping land adjoining the east side of the forested hillside part of Karori Park, rising from the sports fields to an elevation of 225 m asl on the Te Wharangi ridgeline (which is an important landscape feature in Karori and the city). Planted and regenerating native vegetation.</p> <p>Some small sections of tracks, including part of the Skyline Track at near the top end of the land.</p>
Future development	Continued restoration of native vegetation cover, including closing off any informal tracks that are not part of the Wild Side of Karori Park (site development plan).
Leases and/or licences	nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 76 DP 9628 CT WN416/51 .09611 ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Fee Simple</p> <p>Interests: To be determined</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Acquired by transfer on 10/4/1930. Classified as recreation reserve under s14 by gazette notice 1989 p4479
Current Classification	Recreation – re-classify under Section 24
Notes	

Name and Location	Chartwell / Karori Park, 400 Karori Road, Karori								
Proposed re classification	Part Scenic and part Recreation								
Map reference	4.3.10 & 4.3.11								
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Existing situation	<p>The northern, hillside part is mainly forested in ageing exotic conifers and has a number of formal and informal walking and mountain biking tracks. It includes the headwaters of a tributary to Karori Stream. This part is proposed for reclassification.</p> <p>The southern flat part has been developed as sports fields with recreational facilities, including toilets and changing rooms, café, clubrooms and playground. The stream tributary flows round one side of the sports fields and then into Karori Stream. This part is proposed to remain recreation reserve.</p>								
Future development	<p>Protect open space as part of Outer Green Belt. Continued management of the exotic conifers to age naturally. Continued enhancement of native vegetation cover, including riparian vegetation. Maintain and develop the track network according to the Wild Side of Karori Park (site development plan), including closing unsanctioned informal tracks.</p> <p>Continue to manage the lower flat part as recreation reserve, managed under the Suburban Reserves Management Plan.</p>								
Leases and/or licences	<p>Karori Park Sports Club Inc. - ground lease for 395 sqm. Scout Association - ground lease for 449 sqm Wellington Region Free Kindergarten - ground lease for 565sqm</p>								
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Property assessment	<p>WN153/281 Status: Fee Simple subject to Reserves Act 1977 Interests: electricity easement in favour of Vector, Climate Change Response Act 2002 WN153/97 Status: Fee Simple subject to Reserves Act 1977 Interests: subject to Electricity Easements and Climate Change</p>								


	Response Act
Property/Acquisition history	WN153/281 acquired by transfer on 4.7.1906 WN153/97 acquired by transfer on 25.6. 1906
Current Classification	Classified Recreation - Partly re classify under Section 24
Notes	Requires surveying off into two new lots – the upper lot to become Scenic Reserve as part of the Outer Green Belt. The lower lot to retain existing status and not subject to Outer Green Belt Management Plan

Name and Location	Wrights Hill, 187 Wrights Hill Road
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map reference	6.1.11
	
Existing situation	<p>Open space rising to 350 m asl on the summit of Wrights Hill, a prominent skyline landmark and viewpoint in Wellington. Moderately undulating land with regenerating exotic and native vegetation, which is part of a much larger area significant for its natural values and nearly continuous vegetation cover in the Wrights Hill / Zealandia locality.</p> <p>Contains important heritage features from WWII, including the Wrights Hill Parade Ground and associated bunker structures. Includes an access track from Wrights Hill Road to the parade ground and Zealandia perimeter fence.</p>
Future development	Protect and maintain the WWII heritage values, in association with the Wright Hill Fortress Restoration Society. Protection of open space, in particular, the native vegetation / wildlife habitat in the wider context of the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Pt Sec 41 Karori District CT No CT 28.3590 ha
Property assessment	Status: Refer below Interests: Refer below
Property/Acquisition history	Crown land control and administration vested in council by Gazette on 7 February 1989. Reclassified as recreation reserve by Gazette 2016 p421
Current Classification	Recreation Reserve – Re Classify under Section 24
Notes	

Name and Location	Wrights Hill, 187 Wrights Hill Road
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map reference	6.1.12



Existing situation	<p>Open space on the broad-topped summit of Wrights Hill, a prominent skyline landmark and viewpoint in Wellington. Includes the upper part of Wrights Hill Road and most of the summit car park; connecting tracks through the bush between the carpark and Wrights Hill Road; and a small section of a disabled access track leading to the Wrights Hill summit lookout.</p> <p>The site rises to 335 m asl. The land is moderately sloping along the road but drops away to the northeast to steep slopes covered with regenerating native vegetation. The vegetation is part of a much larger area significant for its natural values and nearly continuous vegetation cover in the Wrights Hill / Zealandia locality.</p>
Future development	<p>Potentially develop the carpark area as a main entrance to the Outer Green Belt, and improve the disabled access track. Development to support and enable activities associated with the WWII heritage features on adjacent reserve land on the Wrights Hill summit.</p> <p>Protection of open space, in particular, the native vegetation / wildlife habitat in the wider context of the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor..</p>
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Sec 17 Upper Kaiwharawhara District, S.O. Plan 34500 CT No CT 8.866 ha
Property assessment	<p>Status: Refer below</p> <p>Interests: To be determined</p>
Property/Acquisition history	Crown land control and administration vested in council by Gazette on 7 February 1989. Reclassified as recreation reserve by Gazette 2016 p421
Current Classification	Recreation Reserve – Re Classify under Section 24
Notes	

Name and Location	Wrights Hill – 2 Mewburn Rise, Karori
Proposed classification	Scenic b
Map reference	6.1.17
	
Existing situation	Open space and access track from Paparata Street to Burrows Avenue Reserve and the wider Wrights Hill Reserve track network Small area of regenerating native vegetation.
Future development	Maintain the track for recreation use and potentially improve the entrance signage. Protection of open space, in particular, the native vegetation / wildlife habitat in the wider context of the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor.
Leases and/or licences	Nil
Legal Descriptions	Lot 97 DP 303660 CT 0.07 ha
Property assessment	Status: Fee Simple Interests: To be determined
Property/Acquisition history	Vested via subdivision under s239 of RMA as recreation reserve
Current Classification	Recreation Reserve – Re classify under Section 24
Notes	

Attachment One: Reserve categories

The tables show the similarities and differences between the categories of protected areas under the Act that are relevant to the management of land held under the Act by local authorities.

The table notes the purpose and relevant section under the Reserves Act along with brief statements about the primary and secondary objectives of management; guidance for selection of the category for classification; and the typical organization responsible for management of land in the category .

Classification category	Scenic A Reserve (as specified in Section 19(1)(a) of Reserves Act)
Purpose	To protect and preserve in perpetuity, for their intrinsic worth and for the public benefit, enjoyment and use, areas of scenic interest or beauty or features worthy of protection in the public interest.
Objectives of management (s.19)	<p>Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage for their intrinsic worth and for the benefit, enjoyment and use of the public • Preserve indigenous flora and fauna, biological associations and the natural environment as far as possible • Exterminate exotic flora and fauna as far as possible • Allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to conditions and restrictions necessary for the protection and wellbeing of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it <p>Secondary - if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop open portions for amenities & facilities where these are necessary to enable the public to obtain benefit and enjoyment from the reserve • Manage and protect historic, archaeological, geological, biological, or other scientific feature <p>Maintain value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area.</p>
Guidance for selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area should contain one or more natural or associated cultural or heritage features of special significance, or natural landscape of high scenic quality • Area should be large enough to protect the integrity of the features and its immediately related surroundings
Implications on development	The Council makes decisions when development is anticipated in the management plan. This includes pedestrian and cycle access and tracks, necessary structures and facilities eg seating, signs and fences.
Implications on the natural environment	Activities related to the natural environment are anticipated in the management plan allowing the Council to make decisions, including plant restoration and re-vegetation, weed, animal and plant pest control.
Delegated Authority to Classify and change Classifications of Reserve Status	Pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation for Territorial Authorities dated 12 June 2013 The Minister of Conservation delegated the authority to classify reserves under s16(1) and change the classification or purpose of a reserve by notice in the Gazette under s24(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Classification category	Scenic B Reserve (as specified in Section 19(1)(b) of Reserves Act)
Purpose	A suitable area of land (or land and water) which by development and the introduction of flora, whether indigenous or exotic, will become of significant scenic interest or beauty
Objectives of management (s.19)	<p>Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate to the purpose, preserve the indigenous flora and fauna, biological associations, and natural environment and beauty as far as possible • As appropriate, exterminate exotic fauna and (to the extent consistent with purpose) exotic flora as far as possible; allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to conditions and restrictions necessary for the protection and well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it <p>Secondary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop open portions for amenities & facilities where these are necessary to enable the public to obtain benefit and enjoyment from the reserve • Manage and protect historic, archaeological, geological, biological or other scientific features • Maintain value as a soil, water and forest conservation area
Guidance for selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degraded natural or semi-natural areas where the public interest warrants restoration or conversion as a scenic attraction • Area will generally be small
Implications on development	The Council makes decisions when development is anticipated in the management plan. This includes pedestrian and cycle access and tracks, necessary structures and facilities eg seating, signs and fences.
Implications on the natural environment	Activities related to the natural environment are anticipated in the management plan allowing the Council to make decisions, including plant restoration and re-vegetation, weed, animal and plant pest control.
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Classification category	Historic Reserve
Purpose	To protect and preserve in perpetuity places, objects and natural features of historic, archaeological, cultural, educational and other special interest.
Objectives of management (s.19)	<p>Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage structures, objects and sites to illustrate with integrity the history of New Zealand • Allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to such conditions and restrictions as are necessary for the protection and general wellbeing of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it • As appropriate, preserve the indigenous flora and fauna and natural environment as far as possible <p>Secondary (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and protect scenic, archaeological, geological, biological, or other scientific features, or indigenous flora and fauna, or wildlife • Maintain value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area
Guidance for selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area should be sufficiently large to preserve all the significant historic or archaeological features associated with the place, object or natural feature • Area should include sufficient additional land as a buffer against incompatible development or as unobtrusive sites for necessary services for management and public use • The primary value should be traditional, historic or archaeological through an association with major events, or Maori tradition • Area should have immediate interest to the visitor, or be important as a key for continuing research and interpretation of New Zealand history
Implications on development	The Council makes decisions when development is anticipated in the management plan. This includes pedestrian and cycle access and tracks, necessary structures and facilities eg seating, signs and fences.
Implications on the natural environment	Activities related to the natural environment are anticipated in the management plan allowing the Council to make decisions, including plant restoration and re-vegetation, weed, animal and plant pest control.
Delegated Authority to Classify and change Classifications of Reserve Status	Pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation for Territorial Authorities dated 12 June 2013 The Minister of Conservation delegated the authority to classify reserves under s16(1) and change the classification or purpose of a reserve by notice in the Gazette under s24(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Classification category	Recreation Reserve
Purpose	An area of land (or land and water) possessing open space , and outdoor recreational values especially suitable for recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside , including recreational tracks in the countryside.
Objectives of management (s.19)	<p>Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to such conditions as are necessary for the protection and well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it • Conserve those qualities which contribute to the pleasantness , harmony and cohesion of the natural environment and to the better use and enjoyment of the reserve <p>Secondary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and protect scenic , historic, archaeological , biological, geological or other scientific features or indigenous flora or fauna or wildlife • Maintain value as a soil, water and forest conservation area
Guidance for selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area may be totally modified eg suitable for sportsfields • Area may be in a partly natural conditions eg suitable for picnic or camp sites or like development • Area may be lineal eg suitable for recreational walking &/or vehicle use
Implications on development	The Council has a high level of decision making authority. Policies in the Reserve Management Plan provide for day-to-day management and development such as erecting appropriate buildings, removing or cutting back trees, constructing and maintaining tracks.
Implications on the natural environment	Recreational use and development must be compatible with natural reserve values and open space. Reserve Management Plan policies protect key values eg enhancing coastal ecosystems, restoring natural features.
Delegated Authority to Classify and change Classifications of Reserve Status	Pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation for Territorial Authorities dated 12 June 2013 The Minister of Conservation delegated the authority to classify reserves under s16(1) and change the classification or purpose of a reserve by notice in the Gazette under s24(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.