

Petition: Officers' Response

Title: Botanic Garden, Double 3D, 1500mm Diameter, International Peace Symbol

Primary Petitioner: Richard Tingey, Levin
Total Signatures: 2 (via ePetition)

Presented by: Richard Tingey
Contact officer: David Sole
Director responsible: Anthony Wilson

Officers' recommendation:

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the petition.*

Background:

The ePetition "Botanic Garden, Double 3D, 1500mm Diameter, International Peace Symbol" was initiated by Richard Tingey on 13 February 2014 and closed on 13 May 2014.

The purpose of the petition is to request that the Council place an International Peace Symbol in the Botanic Gardens.

The petition was open to all members of the public with internet access to the Council's website. It received 2 signatures.

Officers' response:

That it is recommended that the petition be declined.

There are currently 17 signs, plaques or other types of memorials in and around the small area of the Peace Garden. The peace message is very adequately conveyed. The most treasured of these is the Peace Flame which should remain the focus of attention.

Placing the proposed sculpture in the grass areas adjacent to the Peace Garden will compromise the existing sculpture which commemorates the contribution Sir Walter and Lady Rana Norwood made to the Botanic Garden.

The sculpture may be better accommodated elsewhere in the City, and perhaps to a larger scale, in recognition of Nuclear Free Wellington.

The number of respondents is unusually low which suggests there is little public interest in this proposal.