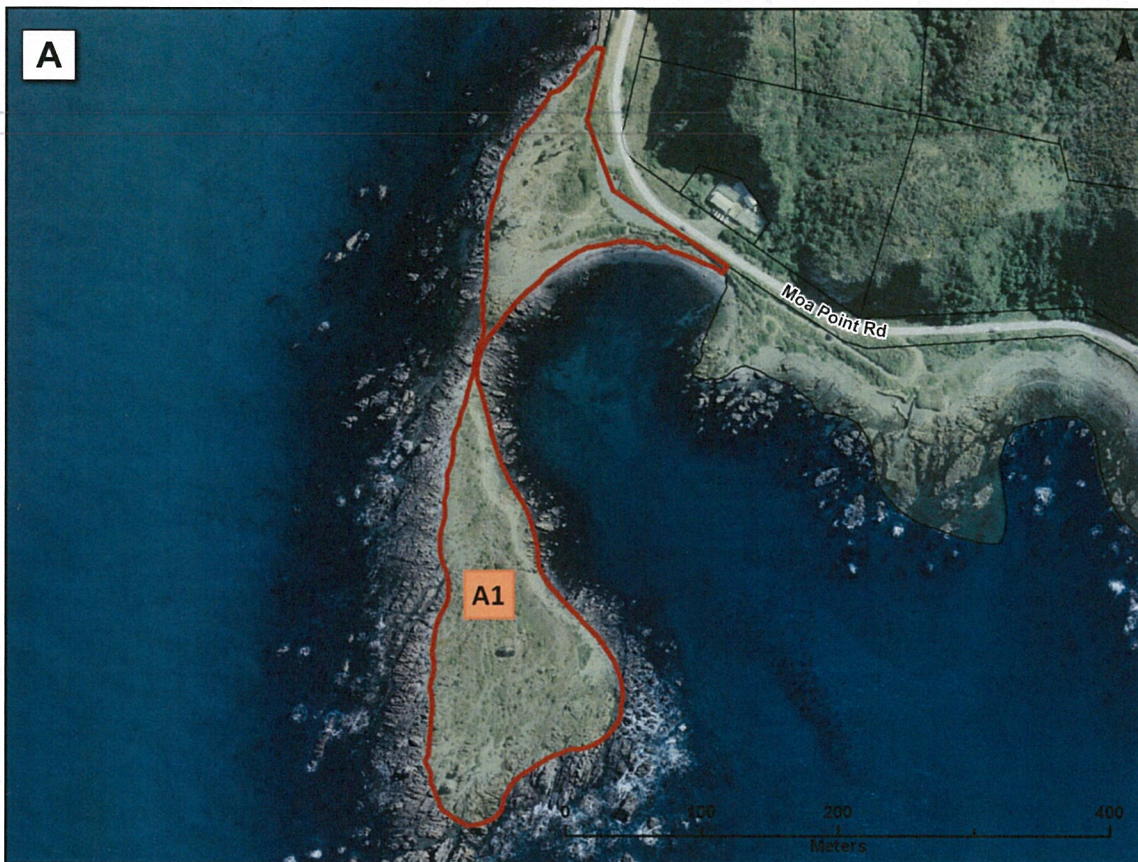


Appendix Two – Site descriptions and submissions on proposed classifications



Name	Hue tē Taka Peninsula/Moa Point – foreshore		Site reference	A1
Legal information	Sec 33 Watts Peninsula SO 25169		CT WNA3/204	3.4398 ha
Current status	Reserve			
Classification recommendations	<p>Classify as scenic B reserve to protect the prominent landscape, unique landform and coastal environment values of the site.</p> <p>The existing recreation uses can continue (walking, picnicking, sightseeing). Cultural heritage values can also be protected in scenic B reserves.</p>			
Location	The rocky outcrop stretches south from the section of Moa Point Road that runs south of the airport from Lyall Bay.			
Current use	There are tracks and a car parking area. The site is used by walkers, picnickers, swimmers and sightseers. The southern section is only accessible at low tide.			
Description	<p>The South Coast Management Plan (SCMP) identifies this site as having “strong natural character”. The site is one of the least modified portions of the exposed rock platform that was uplifted during the 1855 earthquake.</p> <p>The southern area is zoned Conservation 2E in the District Plan because it is relatively unmodified. Vegetation on the point is typical coastal vegetation and includes the regionally rare coastal plant <i>Crassula moschata</i>.</p>			
Maori and European history	<p>This site is part of the Rangitatau Reserve Precinct, which includes three significant pa sites and the coastal escarpment vegetation.</p> <p>The site was used for military and utility purposes.</p>			



Name	View Road south headland reserve	Site reference	B3
Legal information	Part Lot 1 Deposited Plan 786, and Lot 11-20 Deposited Plan 3142 and Lot 418, 426-427 Deposited Plan 172 and Part Lot 383, and Lots 385, 387, 389, 391-392, 420, 422, 424 Deposited Plan 172	CT WN556/285	6.1041 ha
Current status	Reserve		
Classification recommendations	Classify as scenic B reserve to protect the prominent landscape, unique landform and coastal environment values of the site.		
	The existing recreation uses can continue (walking, sightseeing)		
Location	Between The Esplanade, Queens Drive, Hungerford Road and Houghton Bay Road.		
Current use	This site is accessible from a track running from the end of View Road or from a link from Princess Bay. Electricity easement over the land.		
Description	<p>This reserve is a regenerating coastal forest headland and escarpment face that sits between Houghton Bay and Lyall Bay. Vegetation on the site is typical regenerating coastal forest with flax, taupata, cabbage tree, ngaio and mahoe. Conservation site 2F in the District Plan includes an area above Princess Bay. There are also some areas of pine trees and pohutukawa. The headland area is more exposed and has vegetation typical of this type of South Coast environment.</p> <p>Queens Drive separates the coastal platform edge (B1) from the main headland. The headland and escarpment face provides a green backdrop to the western side of Lyall Bay and the eastern side of Houghton Bay. The headland area is one of the most prominent along the South Coast due to its clearly defined shape ending in a needle point with the raised platform protruding well into the sea</p> <p>This escarpment and its vegetation are distinctive features of the South Coast, and an important part of the contiguous landscape features which are special to the South Coast – rocky outcrops, sandy beaches, escarpment faces and ridgelines which are all clearly visible from the coastal road, sea and air.</p>		



Name	Croydon Park		Site reference	L1
Legal information	Part Section 2 Upper Kaiwharawhara District		CT 22D/469	0.5846ha
Current status	Reserve			
Classification recommendations	Classify as recreation reserve to protect current uses.			
Location	Situated at the end of Croydon Street and Campbell Street in Karori.			
Current use	Scout hall - leased. Entrance to the Karori Sanctuary perimeter track.			
Description	This land was set aside for 'waterworks purposes' as part of the Karori reservoir. A scout hall, built in 1975, is located here.			

Heather Cotton

From: jacob@windgardens.co.nz
Sent: Thursday, 17 December 2009 6:17 p.m.
To: Heather Cotton
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The following details have been submitted from the Reserve Classifications - Proposed Changes form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I am representing: myself

I would like to make an oral submission: Yes

Comments: B1. Te Raekaihau Point rock platform should have a higher grading other than Scenic Reserve B. It should be moved to Scenic A, to protect this unique headland from any future development or buildings.

B3 View Road South headland reserve.

The legal boundaries as shown on the Council Draft Reserve Classification Plan are in correct.

5182m2 borders Houghton Bay Road (opposite 236 Houghton Bay Road is privately owned

refer to 215 Houghton Bay Rd

PT LOT 1 DP 786

Owned by Mr M. King. and managed by myself. Please refer correspondence with this property title to myself as the current rate payer for this title on behalf of M. King and family.

I am pleased to see this re-classification of coastal land at last. I have been actively involved with B2, B3 B4 and B5 for over twenty years, building the current tracks, planted several hundreds of trees and mostly tried to prevent scrub fires enabling the land re-generate itself.

Glad to see the change.

One other concern which may not interest this submission as it's not included in this Council Draft Reserve Classification Plan is a proposed development (if granted

consent) being located on the west corner of Houghton Bay Road and the esplanade. opposite Cave Road Houghton Bay Road corner. This private land which is right in the boundaries of the re classification boundaries of B3. This prominent headland is seeking consent proposal to sub divide into eight separate titles.

My concerned is the roading on the steep site.

If uncompleted due to costs, this development will scare the Tapu Te Ranga-Haewai Precent, something this Council is trying to protect.

The steep site consists of rock and greasy clay and over past decades has been left untouched due to it's unstable nature from water build up within the soil. I am aware that it is a owners right to develop one's own land within the By-law.

i.e.what looks like a failed development along the bottom of Sutherland Road. due to the recession.

Reserve classification submission form

The Council wants to know what you think about the proposed reserve classifications.

Feedback is required by **5pm, 12 February 2010** and can be made on this form, online at www.Wellington.govt.nz or by email to heather.cotton@wcc.govt.nz

You also have the opportunity to provide your views in person to the Council's Strategy and Policy Committee. If you would like to speak to the Committee, please tick "yes" below and we will contact you to organise a time. ☒ YES

If you have any questions about these classifications, please feel free to contact Heather Cotton, Property Advisor, by phoning 803 8136.

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If so, which one?

CAT, SDRP, RAT, BAB, TIN DO, NPMFTA, SJE. HART

Would you like to speak in person to the Committee?

☒ yes

no

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Comments

- Too many "areas" to consider at short notice : extend feedback date
- Tell all rate payers about this
- Some very good points but some very bad points
- Council officers must stop mis informing Councillors and rate payers.

- I will make more submissions but in particular I am opposed to:-

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and A1	"	9.

- Is there a Map M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U?
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Please return this form by 12 February 2010.

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Comments: This submission relates to the South Coast sites with particular reference to Te Raekaihau Point (map reference B, site reference B1) View Road south headland (site reference B2-B6) and Hue Te Taka Peninsula/Moa Point – foreshore (map reference A, site reference A1).

I strongly support the classification of Te Raekaihau Point as Scenic B Reserve due to the important visual qualities, unique landform and important vegetation of the site. The site is an important scenic feature, which contributes variety to the reserves in the South Coast area. There were 11 submissions to the South Coast Classification Plan of October 2007 who have raised the same issue and recommendations of a Scenic B Reserve classification.

Scenic B reserve status for Te Raekaihau Point would protect and allow rehabilitation for a southcoast landscape with habitats from the seashore to the View Road South Headland. With the Marine Reserve nearby, this would preserve a spectacular range of biodiversity and habitat range.

In respect to Hue Te Taka Peninsula/Moa Point I support the reclassification of this point to as Scenic B Reserve due to the important visual qualities, unique landform and important vegetation of the site. It also has relevance that both points (Te Raekaihau Point and Hue Te Taka Peninsula/Moa Point) on either side of Lyall Bay beach/Moa Point beach have the same reserves classification status.

New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Pouhere Taonga

Patron:
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Governor-General of New Zealand



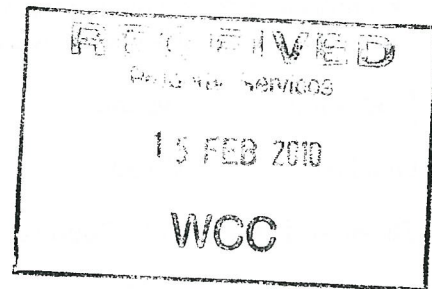
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Attention: Heather Cotton



Submission of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga to Wellington City Council - Draft Reserves Classification Plan, South Coast, Outer Green Belt and some City Sites.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this draft Reserves Classification Plan. We appreciate being consulted on this document.

This is a submission on the draft Reserves Classification Plan of the Wellington City Council. The New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) submission relates to historic heritage matters of the proposed draft Reserves Classification Plan.

The NZHPT supports the management plan, with amendments;

The reasons for NZHPT's position are as follows:

A classification is a mandatory process of the Reserves Management Act that involves assigning a reserve to the appropriate "class". The reserve classification should derive from the most prominent of the values hierarchy in that reserve, as the class determines the primary purpose of the reserve. The Reserves Act 1977 provides clear guidelines for the administration and maintenance of Historic Reserves to ensure that:

a) The structures, objects, and sites illustrate with integrity the history of New Zealand:

b) The public shall have freedom of entry and access to the Reserve, subject to the specific powers conferred on the administering body by [sections 58 and 58A] of this Act, to any bylaws under this Act applying to the Reserve, and to such conditions and restrictions as the administering body considers to be necessary for the protection and general well-being of the Reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it:

c) Where scenic, archaeological, geological, biological, or other scientific features, or indigenous flora or fauna, or wildlife are present on the Reserve, those features or that flora or fauna or wildlife shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the Reserve:

The purpose for Historic Reserves is to preserve the reserve's unique physical, historic, traditional and cultural values in perpetuity whilst providing for managed public access, amenity value, education and recreation. The classification of Historic Reserve provides clear guidance for prioritizing the multiple values present within a site and based on this guidance a clear hierarchy of management goals can be developed to prioritize the protection of the heritage features on the reserves including sites of significance to Maori and the wider community, landform, significant vegetation as well as numerous physical features of both Maori and European origin.

The NZHPT supports the Wellington City Council intention to classify the reserves in Wellington under the Reserves Act, to strengthen the protection of these areas and as a way to more appropriately plan for their management. The reserves contain significant historic heritage. NZHPT has particular interest in;

- Hue Te Taka Peninsula – Moa Point,
- Princess Bay - Te Raekaihau Point Rock Platform and View Road South Headland Reserve;

- Island Bay - Buckley Road, Orchy Crescent West, Melbourne Road Reserve, Shorland Park Foreshore and Oku Street Reserve;
- Pariwhero/ Red Rocks, Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa and the Historic Baches;
- Owhiro Bay – former quarry,
- Old Coach Road Reserve, and;
- St Gerard's Monastery

These reserves all contain remnants of ancestral and historic landscapes, having intrinsic cultural and physical values, items and places that tell a storey of our shared history. These Reserves make an important contribution to the historic record of Wellington and should be protected for their historic heritage values for future generations.

The landscapes the reserves encompass have multiple layers of importance including historic heritage, ecological, recreational and scenic values to name a few. When deciding a classification for a reserve consideration must be given to these competing values. Council has not provided any clear reasoning in the Reserves Classification Draft Plan as to why one feature of a reserve has been valued over another. As such, the NZHPT is confused by the allocation of classifications to the respected reserves. For example, that the presence of the World War II observation post on Sinclair Head is a fairly obvious basis for the allocation of Historic Reserve status. However there doesn't seem to be any clear reasoning behind why the former Owhiro bay Quarry is also classified as a Historic Reserve, while the historic Red Rocks area has been excluded from this classification and is classified as a Scenic B Reserve.

The former Owhiro Bay Quarry and the Sinclair Heads/ Te Rimurapa Reserves are proposed to be classified as historic reserves, while the remainder of the above Reserves of interest to the NZHPT are proposed to be classified as a mixture of recreation, community purpose and scenic B Reserves. NZHPT is concerned that those Reserves proposed to be classified as recreation, community purpose and Scenic B Reserves risk losses to heritage value, as those values are considered secondary to the reserves main purpose.

The management of Historic Reserves is by necessity very different to the management of Recreational, Community Purposes or Scenic Reserves. A recent example that

provides excellent guidelines to the protection and management of Historic Reserves is the Tauranga City Councils Historic Reserves Management Plan. Some relevant excerpts from this plan are attached to appendix 1 of this submission. The Tauranga plan requires a Conservation Plan to be completed to provide operational guidance to maintenance and conservation work in the Reserves. In addition, all physical disturbances to the land are avoided however, where absolutely required, works are limited to works and associated maintenance in accordance with the reserves Concept Plan and Conservation Plan. All significant excavations and subsurface works require archaeological assessment and monitoring. While these measures might be entirely appropriate in a Historic Reserve, they may be overlooked or discounted if they conflict with the main purpose of other types of reserves, such as the retention or replanting of trees in scenic reserves.

This type of detail is not provided in the Draft Reserves Classification Plan however some consideration should be given by Council to upgrading the individual reserves management plans to better provide for their change of classification. It is hard to gain assurance from the various classification choices when there is so little detail as to the actual management of these specific reserves and sites and in regards to historic heritage that the reserves will indeed be managed appropriately.

1. Pariwhero/ Red Rocks, Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa, The Historic Baches and Owhiro Bay – former quarry

The Draft Plan has ascribed a mixture of classifications to this area being;

- Pariwhero/ Red Rocks - Scenic B Reserve
- Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa - Historic Reserve
- Owhiro Bay – former quarry – Historic Reserve
- Historic baches – Historic Reserve

The NZHPT supports the allocation of the Historic Reserve status to the Historic Baches and Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa, however is unsure of allocating Historic Reserve status to the former quarry at Owhiro bay and does not agree with the Scenic B Reserve status for Pariwhero/ Red Rocks.

Although the Draft Plan splits all these areas up into separate parcels of land - compartmentalising the landscape, the NZHPT takes a more holistic view of the area and prefers to consider it as one landscape. As Dame Anne Salmond said in her 2003 address to the Heritage Landscapes think tank "There is no radical division between nature and culture, Maori and European history, colonial or post colonial periods – just one long intertwined narrative, woven from different strands of land and ancestry in different parts of the country. Layered on the land in a stratigraphy of stories". No where in Wellington is this better captured than in the landscape of this southern coast reserve.

The history of the area between Sinclair head and the Owhiro Bay – former quarry –has so many different layers to consider. From the archaeological record of Maori cultivations, Pa sites, Karaka groves and midden that can still be seen in the landforms, to the early cutting and quarrying industry of the red rock of which industrial remnants still remain, the stock yards and farm tracks attesting to the reserves historic farming use, the historic baches, the World War II observation post at Sinclair head and the numerous ship wrecks along this stretch of coast, the landscape is imbued with its rich history. So much so, that the NZHPT is considering widening its registration of the Red Rocks Historic Area to capture more of this cultural landscape in its entirety. However, the revisiting of the registration is in its early days yet and a lengthy process needs to be undertaken before a revised registration would be ready for public consultation.

While the NZHPT accepts that the landscape in this area also has high value both for recreation and scenery, it stands apart from other similarly outstanding landscapes for the exceptional concentration of historic sites. The NZHPT is concerned that by allowing the reserve to be classified as a mixture of historic and Scenic B important historic heritage will be lost. In a scenic reserve it is desirable to re- establish native bush to increase the amenity, birdlife and enjoyment of the area by visitors. It is stated in the Draft Plan that the purpose of a scenic reserve is that by the introduction of flora into the area of land so it will become of significant scenic interest or beauty. However trees can destroy archaeology and in order to protect a site weed eradication and some management to keep the sites clear of tree and large plants is desirable to ensure the delicate archaeology is not damaged. A site visit undertaken recently showed that the significant regeneration of native bush was beginning to occur on and around identified

archaeological sites, if allowed to continue this regeneration of native trees could lead to the damage of those archaeological sites by tree roots. This is an example of the types of conflicts that can arise between competing priorities in the management of reserves.

The current reserve boundaries separate important features of those items associated with the Sinclair Head Historic Reserve and the Historic Baches Historic Reserve into part of the Scenic B reserve. In particular it is unclear whether the historic reserve at Sinclair Head includes all the remaining remnants of former buildings. The reserve is geographically very small and does not include the access road or the cableway line to the beach or remnant of the winch system on the beachfront. The NZHPT is of the opinion that both these features are important and should be included in the historic reserve. the boundaries of each reserve should be contiguous with the classification to streamline management purpose and implementation.

The current reserve boundaries surrounding the historic baches does not take into account the baches association with their freshwater supplies from the small stream flowing from a spring above the baches and the weir that is still in operation. Both are integral parts of the historic understanding of the baches and their continued liveability. It is of concern that they are separated off into a Scenic Reserve B and not clearly associated with the baches.

The significant Maori history in the bay is entirely contained within the Scenic B Reserve as is the remnant of the early quarrying of the red rocks and the red rocks themselves. NZHPT believes that these two items should also be included in the historic reserve providing for the ongoing protection of these features as a priority. The Maori heritage features are at particular risk, as explained early much of this heritage type is contained within the sensitive archaeological record.

Given the many interlinked layers of history in this bay NZHPT believes that the area marked D2 on the map on pg 16 of the Draft Management Plan - Pariwhero/ Red Rocks should be included in one single historic reserve covering Sinclair Head to the old quarry building at the entrance to the Reserves. This would simplify the management of the area as it would all be classified under one historic and give bach owners and other interested parties surety as to what exactly is going to be managed and how. It

would also give this area the recognition it deserves as an outstanding cultural heritage landscape, offering Council and DOC an opportunity to further highlight the historic features contained therein.

2. Te Raekaihau Point Rock Platform and View Road South Headland Reserve – Princess Bay

These reserves form part of the Tapu Te Ranga – Haewai Precinct, which includes three headlands of significance to Tangata Whenua and Tapu Te Ranga Island. The draft plan has ascribed a mixture of classifications to this area being;

- Te Raekaihau Point Rock Platform and View Road South Headland Reserve – Scenic B Reserve
- View Road South Headland Reserve (part) – Community purposes.

NZHPT supports these classifications, however we would emphasise the need to be aware and adapt the management of the reserve to provide for the Reserve's dual role as places of heritage value with significant archaeology present.

3. Hue Te Taka Peninsula – Moa Point

In relation to Moa Pt the NZHPT is confused as to why this part of the Rangitatau Reserve Precinct is being considered in isolation. Given the importance of Moa Pt to Maori in relation to the proximity of the Pa sites and history of occupation in the area and the points military history and links to the gun emplacements on the above peninsula, NZHPT would have expected that Moa Pt be logically considered in the context of these other related parts. NZHPT accepts that this maybe outside the scope of the current notified process, but urges Council to consult with NZHPT in this matter. Given Moa Pt historic values NZHPT would like Council to reconsider its classification of Moa Pt as a Scenic B Reserve and link it to the wider Rangitatau Reserve Precinct as part of a Historic Reserve.

4. Island Bay - Buckley Road, Orchy Crescent West, Melbourne Road Reserve, Shorland Park Foreshore and Oku Street Reserve

The Draft Plan has ascribed a mixture of classifications to this area being;

- Buckley Road/ Orchy Crescent West – Scenic B Reserve
- Melbourne Road Reserve – Historic Reserve
- Shorland Park Foreshore – community Purposes
- Oku Street Reserve – Scenic B Reserve

NZHPT supports these classifications, however we would emphasise the need to be aware and adapt the management of the reserve to provide for the reserve's dual role as places of heritage value with significant archaeology present.

5. Old Coach Road Reserve

The Draft Plan has ascribed the classification of Scenic B Reserve to this area. NZHPT supports this classification, however emphasises the need to be aware and adapt the management of the reserve to provide for a dual role as a place of significant heritage value.

6. St Gerards Monastery

The Draft Plan has ascribed the classification of Recreational Reserve to this area. The escarpment in front of the monastery is historically significant in its association with the monastery, providing unimpeded views of the monastery from much of Wellington City. The NZHPT is supportive of the classification of the escarpment as a Scenic B Reserve, however emphasises the need to be aware and adapt the management of the reserve to provide for a dual role as a place of significant heritage and scenic value. NZHPT acknowledges the important role the reserve plays in the amenity of the area - from the early days of the monastery, the escarpment has historically been managed for its scenic values and it is fitting that the management is continued in this manner to ensure the historic vistas, setting and views of the monastery are maintained.

For the reason specified above, NZHPT seeks the following decision from the local authority:

Owhiro Bay – Sinclair Head

- **Pariwhero/ Red Rocks**, is reclassified as a Historic Reserve;
- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan **Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa** is reclassified as a Historic Reserve;

- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan **Owhiro Bay** – former quarry, is reclassified as a Historic Reserve;
- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan the **Historic Baches** are reclassified as a Historic Reserve;
- That **Pariwhero/ Red Rocks, Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa, the Historic Baches and Owhiro Bay – former quarry** are combined into one Historic Reserve, under a single name and management plan.

Moa Point

- The classification of **Hue Te Taka Peninsula – Moa Point** is postponed until it can be considered as part of its wider context and association with reserves in the area.

Princess Bay

- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan **Te Raekaihau Point Rock Platform and View Road South Headland Reserve** are reclassified as a Scenic B and Community Purposes Reserve (in part);

Island Bay

- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan **Buckley Road, Orchy Crescent West, and Oku Street Reserve** are reclassified as Scenic B Reserves;
- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan the **Melbourne Road Reserve** is reclassified as a Historic Reserve;
- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan **Shorland Park Foreshore** is reclassified as a Community Purposes Reserve;

Old coach Road Johnsonville

- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan **Old Coach Road Reserve** is reclassified as a Scenic B Reserve, and;

St Gerard's Monastery - Mt Victoria

- As per the Draft Reserve Classification Plan, **St Gerard's Monastery** is reclassified as a Scenic B Reserve.

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix 1 - Tauranga City Councils Historic Reserves Management Plan (exerts)

Physical

- Special care is required for excavations and significant works within the Reserves. Any future Reserve development proposals involving significant ground disturbance such as the erection of buildings, planting or contouring may require further archaeological investigation and New Zealand Historic Places Trust authority.
- Planting of grasses and low shrubs would be suitable for the long term management of the Reserves, however, planting of tree species should be avoided unless the tree locations are subject to prior archaeological investigation.
- Some Reserves contain part of a significant feature which is on adjoining property e.g. Pā site. There may be opportunities to incorporate these features into the Reserve.
- A Conservation Plan will provide operational guidance to maintenance and conservation work in all Reserves.
- Most of the Reserves and their important heritage features are not listed in the District Plan for protection.

History

- Many of the Reserves do not have names consistent with their significance. Some of the Reserves are known by more than one name.
- The collation of historical information is ongoing.
- Many of the Reserves have vegetation of historic, botanical and amenity value but their significance is unclear.

Education

- Information signage regarding the historical and cultural importance of the Reserves is not apparent. This would enhance awareness and visitor experience.
- Many of the Reserves have out of date signage or no signage.

Culture and Traditions

- There are opportunities to establish, maintain, and enhance relationships with local hapu who wish to maintain associations with their ancestral lands including Reserves.
- There are Wahi Tapu at some of the Reserves which may need special consideration.

Amenity

- Vegetation and weed growth can detract from the heritage fabric within the Reserves. Vegetation can also contribute to the gradual deterioration of these features.

Management Statements

Physical

- A Conservation Plan has been completed to provide operational guidance to maintenance and conservation work in the Reserves.
- Physical disturbance to the land should be avoided however, where absolutely required, it shall be limited to works and associated maintenance in accordance with the Reserve's Concept Plan and Conservation Plan. All significant excavations and subsurface works should involve archaeological assessment and monitoring. Future work involving disturbance of soil and planting trees may require an Authority from New Zealand Historic Places Trust.
- Any proposal for new structures, removal of existing structures and earthworks within or close to a wahi tapu¹ should include consultation with the relevant tangata whenua group associated with that place
- There should be consideration of acquiring land adjoining Reserves that will add to the heritage significance of the Reserve.
- The complex nature of physical attributes may necessitate a dedicated Management Plan for some Reserves in the future.
- A regular monitoring programme should be established to measure visitor impact on the Reserves, in particular potential damage to archaeological features (ditches, terraces and slopes).
- Ongoing condition reporting should be conducted to monitor any impacts of vandalism and natural deterioration of fabric.

- All work related to the repair and conservation of any Māori carvings on Reserves should be under the direction of a timber conservator with recognised training and experience in marae and timber carving conservation heritage and technology.
- Where exotic vegetation is to be removed from Pā a thorough archaeological survey and assessment of the property should be carried out in order to establish the condition and extent of the earthwork features of the Pā and to determine if additional archaeological sites are present. The Pā should be accurately mapped and a planting program established that will maintain the archaeological and cultural integrity of the Pā
- Historic Sites, gravesites and significant original trees should be listed in the District Plan for protection.
- Further assessment of the historic, botanical and amenity values of the vegetation is required to inform decisions of retention, removal, pruning, replacement and maintenance.

History

- The names of the Reserve should be consistent with historic, traditional and / or other intrinsic significance of the Reserves. Dual naming should be considered where appropriate.
- Where appropriate utilise opportunities to recognise former Pā and historical events.

Culture and Traditions

- Consultation with local hapu is a matter of best practice for significant works or changes to the Reserves. There are already established formal relationships (hapu protocols) with all the hapu with the exception of Nga Potiki and Ngati He.
- Work with Tangata Whenua, stakeholders such as the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, New Zealand Historic Places Trust and other community groups such as the, Genealogical Society, Tauranga Historical Society, New Zealand Historic Places Trust Branch Committee and Cemetery Conservation Trust of New Zealand.
- Known Reserves with recorded and registered wahi tapu, such as burial

places should be treated with sensitivity and care. Food consumption, A sacred place. It is traditionally an area that is subject to restrictions due to an event or activity such as a death, loss of blood, for a specific purpose or subject to rituals. provision of picnic tables and facilities that may promote food consumption should be avoided on or near a wahi tapu site.

- There are opportunities to partner with tangata whenua and community organisations in the management and care of the Reserves to develop long term relationships, knowledge of the Reserves and kaitiakitanga³. Where appropriate, consider the establishment of “Friends Of” groups to assist in the management of the Reserves.

Education

- All Reserves should have appropriate signage identifying the name of the historic Reserve.
- Interpretation signage within the Reserves will serve to enhance public understanding of the Reserve’s historical and cultural values. Signage should be sympathetic to the character and materials of the site and be designed for consistency and durability. The signs should be well designed and unobtrusive, to ensure the interpretation has the potential to enhance the visitor experience of the site without distracting from or conflicting with the underlying purpose of the Reserve as communicated in this Reserve Management Plan.
- All interpretative information should be professionally designed and provided in English and Māori language where appropriate.
- A website, brochures, pamphlets, maps and newsletters can enhance visitor awareness and experiences at the Reserves.

Amenity

- Vegetation will be managed for amenity purposes whilst acknowledging the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles (CPTED).
- All lawns and vegetation should be maintained to the standard specified in The Conservation Plan.
- Reserve areas not covered by maintenance contracts should be included in lessee or user group contracts or included in maintenance contracts to

BEFORE THE WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF the Reserves Act 1977

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Draft Reserves Classification Plan for the South Coast, Outer Green Belt and Some City Sites to the Wellington City Reserves Management Plan.

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF SACHA GILBERT ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST POUHERE TAONGA (NZHPT)

18 March 2010

Introduction

1. My name is Sacha Gilbert. I am a Heritage Advisor – Planner for the New Zealand Historic Places Trust *Pouhere Taonga* (NZHPT) on whose behalf I am giving evidence. I hold a post graduate degree in Marine studies from Waikato University and a Bachelor of Resource Management from the Lincoln University and am an associate member of the New Zealand Planning institute. I have worked for Auckland City Council as a planner for the past 6 years and have worked for the New Zealand Historic Places Trust for the past 10 months.
2. In my work for the NZHPT I deal with heritage planning issues, promoting the sustainable management of historic heritage resources in the Central Region of New Zealand (extending from Taranaki to Hawkes Bay and south to Nelson and Marlborough). This involves providing heritage planning advice to 30 local and regional councils, preparing submissions on policy/plan changes and resource consent applications, on behalf of the NZHPT.

Purpose of evidence

3. This is a submission on the draft Reserves Classification Plan of the Wellington City Council. The New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) submission relates to historic heritage matters of the proposed draft Reserves Classification Plan.

Position

4. **The NZHPT supports the Draft Reserves Classification plan, with amendments;**
5. The NZHPT supports the Wellington City Council intention to classify the reserves in Wellington under the Reserves Act, to strengthen the protection of these areas and as a way to more appropriately plan for their management. The reserves contain significant historic heritage. NZHPT has particular interest in;
 - Hue Te Taka Peninsula – Moa Point,
 - Princess Bay - Te Raekaihau Point Rock Platform and View Road South Headland Reserve;
 - Island Bay - Buckley Road, Orchy Crescent West, Melbourne Road Reserve, Shorland Park Foreshore and Oku Street Reserve;
 - Pariwhero/ Red Rocks, Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa and the Historic Baches;

- Owhiro Bay – former quarry,
- Old Coach Road Reserve, and;
- St Gerard's Monastery

These reserves all contain remnants of ancestral and historic landscapes, having intrinsic cultural and physical values, items and places that tell a storey of our shared history. These Reserves make an important contribution to the historic record of Wellington and should be protected for their historic heritage values for future generations. The landscapes the reserves encompass have multiple layers of importance including historic heritage, ecological, recreational and scenic values to name a few. When deciding a classification for a reserve consideration must be given to these competing values.

6. However given the short time slot I have been given to present to you, I would like to concentrate on NZHPT biggest concern of the reclassification proposal – that of Red Rocks, Owhiro Bay, Sinclair Head and the Historic Baches.
7. The history of the area between Sinclair head and the Owhiro Bay – former quarry – has so many different layers to consider. From the archaeological record of Maori cultivations, Pa sites, Karaka groves and midden that can still be seen in the landforms, to the early cutting and quarrying industry of the red rock of which industrial remnants still remain, the stock yards and farm tracks attesting to the reserves historic farming use, the historic baches, the World War II observation post at Sinclair Head and the numerous ship wrecks along this stretch of coast, the landscape is imbued with its rich history. This is one of Wellington's most important cultural landscapes and as such the NZHPT is considering a review of our registration of the Red Rocks Historic Area to capture more of this cultural landscape in its entirety. Revisiting the registration is in its early days yet and a lengthy process needs to be undertaken before a revised registration would be ready for public consultation, however it is an indication of how important we consider this area to be to Wellington and New Zealand's history.
8. The former Owhiro Bay Quarry, Historic baches and the Sinclair Heads/ Te Rimurapa Reserves are proposed to be classified as historic reserves, while the remainder of area of interest is proposed to be classified as a Scenic B Reserve.
9. The NZHPT supports the allocation of the Historic Reserve status to the Historic Baches and Sinclair Head/ Te Rimurapa, however is unsure of allocating Historic

Reserve status to the former quarry at Owhiro bay and does not agree with the Scenic B Reserve status for Pariwhero/ Red Rocks.

10. Although the Draft Plan splits all these areas up into separate parcels of land - compartmentalising the landscape, the NZHPT takes a more holistic view of the area and prefers to consider it as one landscape. As Dame Anne Salmond said in her 2003 address to the Heritage Landscapes think tank "There is no radical division between nature and culture, Maori and European history, colonial or post colonial periods - just one long intertwined narrative, woven from different strands of land and ancestry in different parts of the country. Layered on the land in a stratigraphy of stories". No where in Wellington is this better captured than in the landscape of this southern coast reserve.
11. Council has not provided any clear reasoning in the Reserves Classification Draft Plan as to why one feature of a reserve has been valued over another. As such, the NZHPT is confused by the allocation of classifications to the respected reserves. For example, that the presence of the World War II observation post on Sinclair Head is a fairly obvious basis for the allocation of Historic Reserve status. However there doesn't seem to be any clear reasoning behind why the former Owhiro bay Quarry is also classified as a Historic Reserve, while the historic Red Rocks area has been excluded from this classification and is classified as a Scenic B Reserve.
12. From a historic heritage perspective the quarrying operation at the Red Rocks and the Red Rocks themselves are far more deserving of protection as a Historic Reserve than the Owhiro Bay Quarry. The remaining Red Rocks still show signs of where they have been rough cut and quarried, while remnants of the operation - water runs, tanks, trenching and quarried rocks can still be seen in the surrounding landscape. Whereas the Owhiro Bay Quarry operation has largely been dismantled, with the access road realigned, the machinery removed and the entire area landscaped and earth worked to make it more useable and attractive to recreational users of the reserve. The only visible sign that the site was every a quarry is the scars left on the landscape. Surely the classifications for these two sites should be the other way around making Red Rocks a historic reserve and Owhiro bay Quarry as a Scenic B reserve?
13. As expressed in our submission NZHPT is of the opinion that the best outcome for the area would be an overall classification as a Historic reserve rather than the hodgepodge, disjointed mosaic of reserve classifications that is currently

proposed. NZHPT is concerned that those parts of the reserve proposed to be classified as a Scenic B Reserve risk losses to heritage value, as those values are considered secondary to the reserves main purpose.

14. The management of Historic Reserves is by necessity very different to the management of Recreational, Community Purposes or Scenic Reserves. A recent example that provides excellent guidelines to the protection and management of Historic Reserves is the Tauranga City Councils Historic Reserves Management Plan. The Tauranga plan requires a Conservation Plan to be completed to provide operational guidance to maintenance and conservation work in the Reserves. In addition, all physical disturbances to the land are avoided however, where absolutely required, works are limited to works and associated maintenance in accordance with the reserves Concept Plan and Conservation Plan. All significant excavations and subsurface works require archaeological assessment and monitoring. While these measures might be entirely appropriate in a Historic Reserve, they may be overlooked or discounted if they conflict with the main purpose of other types of reserves, such as the retention or replanting of trees in scenic reserves.
15. While the NZHPT accepts that the landscape in this area also has high value both for recreation and scenery, it stands apart from other similarly outstanding landscapes for the exceptional concentration of historic sites. The NZHPT is concerned that by allowing the reserve to be classified as a mixture of historic and Scenic B, important historic heritage will be lost. In a scenic reserve it is desirable to re- establish native bush to increase the amenity, birdlife and enjoyment of the area by visitors. It is stated in the Draft Plan that the purpose of a scenic reserve is that by the introduction of flora into the area of land so it will become of significant scenic interest or beauty. However trees can destroy archaeology and in order to protect a site weed eradication and some management to keep the sites clear of tree and large plants is desirable to ensure the delicate archaeology is not damaged. A site visit undertaken recently showed that the significant regeneration of native bush was beginning to occur on and around identified archaeological sites, if allowed to continue this regeneration of native trees could lead to the damage of those archaeological sites by tree roots. This is an example of the types of conflicts that can arise between competing priorities in the management of reserves.
16. The current reserve boundaries separate important features of those items associated with the Sinclair Head Historic Reserve and the Historic Baches Historic Reserve into part of the Scenic B Reserve. In particular it is unclear whether the Historic

Reserve at Sinclair Head includes all the remaining remnants of former buildings. The reserve is geographically very small and does not include the access road or the cableway line to the beach or remanent of the winch system on the beachfront. The NZHPT is of the opinion that both these features are important and should be included in the historic reserve. The boundaries of each reserve should be contiguous with the classification to streamline management purpose and implementation.

17. The current reserve boundaries surrounding the historic baches does not take into account the baches association with their freshwater supplies from the small stream flowing from a spring above the baches and the weir that is still in operation. Both are integral parts of the historic understanding of the baches and their continued liveability. It is of concern that they are separated off into a Scenic Reserve B and not clearly associated with the baches.
18. The significant Maori history in the bay is entirely contained within the Scenic B Reserve. The red rocks have huge importance to local Maori and are associated with the early explorer Kupe. In Maori tradition the red colour of the rocks is from Kupe's sisters who lamenting his departure on a fishing trip cut themselves on the rocks, their blood forever staining the rocks red. In addition, the kelp beds along this coast line were important for food collection and there are significant archaeological deposits along the coast and reaching back into the hills including midden, ovens, cultivation sits and kumera pits. Some accounts site the presence of Pa in these hills, although this has not yet been verified. The Maori heritage features are at particular risk from the scenic B classification as much of this heritage type is contained within the sensitive archaeological record.

Relief Sought

19. Given the many interlinked layers of history in this bay NZHPT believes that the area marked D2 on the map on pg 16 of the Draft Management Plan - Pariwhero/ Red Rocks should be included in one single historic reserve covering Sinclair Head to the old quarry building at the entrance to the Reserves. This would simplify the management of the area as it would all be classified under one Historic Reserve and give bach owners and other interested parties surety as to what exactly is going to be managed and how. It would also give this area the recognition it deserves as an outstanding cultural heritage landscape, offering Council and DOC an opportunity to further highlight the historic features contained therein.

Conclusion

20. It is clear to the NZHPT that the overriding value of the Red Rocks, Owhiro Bay and Sinclair Heads Reserve area is historic heritage. For Council to formerly recognise these values by classifying the reserves a Historic Reserve in its entirety, as an important cultural landscape will ensure that the historic heritage contained within will be managed appropriately. By classifying it as a Historic Reserve the reserve will still be able to provide for its use for recreation and scenic enjoyment without compromising the sensitive historic heritage values. To this end NZHPT would recommend that Council review its management plan for the reserve and consider the development of a conservation plan to provide operational guidance to maintenance and conservation work in the Reserve.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Heather Cotton

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Subject: Reserve Classifications - Proposed Changes

The following details have been submitted from the Reserve Classifications - Proposed Changes form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I would like to make an oral submission: No

Comments: Save the Point Inc. fully supports the proposal to classify as Scenic B in terms of the Reserves Act 1977 the Te Raekaihau Point rock platform and all those parcels of land that comprise the View Road Headland above Te Raekaihau Point. The land has ecological, geological and scenic values as well as values to iwi.

Save the Point also generally supports the other proposals on the south coast to classify the coastal edge and the headlands as scenic B as set out in the Council's proposal.

Heather Cotton

From: Island Bay Residents' Association Te Roopu Kainga O Paekawakawa [ibra@xtra.co.nz]
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Tena Koe Heather,

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT RESERVE CLASSIFICATION PLAN

This is a submission on the above plan which was sent to us in December 2009.

Island Bay Residents' Association has concerns about:

1. Omission of the important land at the Te Kopahou Reserve entrance at the end of Owhiro Bay Parade (178-180 Owhiro Bay Pde) from the reserve proposals for the former Owhiro Bay Quarry. This omitted land should be classified/designated as local purpose reserve on the flat (same as visitor centre area) and scenic reserve B on the escarpment.
2. Omission of part of the land in the Tawatawa Reserve – classification (a key part of this on the skyline has been omitted contrary to the Committee's decision in August 2009: this needs to be classified as Scenic Reserve B now or (if not possible now) as soon as possible in the future)

IBRA agrees with the proposals regarding:

- B1: Te Raekaihau Pt rock platform classification
- B2-B5: View Road South headland reserve reclassification
- C1 and C2 – Buckley Road/Orchy Crescent/Melbourne Road reserve reclassifications (but these reserve areas should be renamed to use their Maori names)
- C3 Shorland Park foreshore – reclassification
- C4: Oku Street Reserve: reclassification
- D1-D3: Ex Owhiro Bay Quarry around to Rimurapa (classification and reclassification) but we oppose the omission of the land at the entrance to Te Kopahau Reserve from the proposal (178-180 Owhiro Bay Pde).
- X1-X3; Tawatawa Reserve – classification (but a key part of this on the skyline has been omitted contrary to the Committee's decision in August 2009: this needs to be classified as Scenic Reserve now or (if not possible now) as soon as possible in the future)

Regards,
from the Island Bay Residents' Association

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Dear Heather

SUBMISSION: Draft Reserve Classification Plan – South Coast, Outer Green Belt and some city sites

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the document. If hearings are held, we may wish to speak in support of our submission.

We welcome Council's move to protect , in perpetuity, lands, now held in fee simple, under the Reserves Act 1977.

We will use your site reference code.

South Coast Sites

A1: We support.

B1: We support.

B2: We support, but recommend that iwi be consulted about also classifying the southern area of the headland as Historic Reserve, because the area was a living site, with several platforms discernible under vegetation near the high point.

B3, B4, B5, B6: We support.

C1, C2, C3, C4: We support.

D1: We support, provided that the land upon which the five baches stand is clearly stated to be public land, and should any of the buildings be severely damaged, or destroyed, the site it occupies shall not be built on, so that the public shall no longer be prevented from having access to the land.

D2: We support, provided that the land upon which the four baches, and one bach ruin, stand is clearly stated to be public land, and should any of the buildings be severely damaged, or destroyed, the site it occupies shall not be built on, so that the public shall no longer be prevented from having access to the land.

D3: We support.

Outer Green Belt Sites

E1: We support.

F1, F2: We support.

G1, G2, G3, G4: We support.

H1: We support. The correct name is Johnston Hill – see topographic map.

I1: We support.

J1, J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7, J8, J9: We support..

K1, K2: We support. The correct name is Wright Hill – see topographic map..

L1: We support. The correct name is Croydon Park.

Other sites

V1: We support.

W1, W2: We support.

X1, X2, X3: We support.

Yours sincerely

Chris Horne and Barbara Mitcalfe

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Comments: I fully support the proposal to classify as Scenic B in terms of the Reserves Act 1977 the Te Raekaihau Point rock platform and all those parcels of land that comprise the View Road Headland above Te Raekaihau Point. The land has ecological, geological and scenic values as well as values to iwi.

I also support the other proposals on the south coast to classify the coastal edge and the headlands as scenic B as set out in the Council's proposal, including the Oku Reserve and the former quarry area.

Heather Cotton

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The following details have been submitted from the Reserve Classifications - Proposed Changes form on the www.Wellington.govt.nz website:

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I would like to make an oral submission: No

Comments: Our group GADOT (Group Against Development on Te Raekaihau Point) strongly supports the proposal to classify Te Raekaihau Point (area B1) and the headland above it (area B2) as Scenic Reserve B. Our group has long maintained that this area should be protected so that it can be enjoyed in its natural state.

We also support this classification for all other areas of the South Coast and other areas in Wellington covered in the Draft Reserve Classification Plan.

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SUBMISSION
Reserve Classification Proposed Changes
Te Raekaihau Point, View Road Headlands and all their environs.
Plus Hue Te Taka Peninsula/ Moa Point foreshore

It gives me great pleasure to support all these areas into Scenic B Reserves. Something I have always thought should have been done a long time ago.

Hue Te Taka Peninsula Foreshore Site reference A1
 Te Raekaihau Point rock Platform site reference B1
 View Road South headland reserve site reference B2
 View Road south headland reserve site reference B3
 View Road south headland reserve site reference B4
 View Road south headland reserve site reference B5
 View Road south headland reserve site reference B6

Our wild and scenic South Coast on both sides of the road are unique and a valued asset to Wellington from many points of view.

This type of scenery with its breath taking views and unique foreshore uplifts which are very rare so close to a capital city makes it amongst other things a great tourist attraction. The two Points have some very unique flora and fauna and marine life such as the little blue penguin. They nest on both sides of the road in both Te Raekaihau and Hue Te Taka Peninsula areas.

The history on the foreshore of being uplifted by big 1855 earthquake this after white peoples arrival on these shores creating exposed rocky outcrops makes it even more interesting to all and especially for visitors from overseas.

Hue Te Taka Peninsula has one of the least modified forms of exposed rock platforms that was uplifted from the sea. A wonderful place to botanise around now that the sewage no longer flows out past it as it has unique plants and many rock pools etc to find sea life in. It is an exciting place for children with adults to view the rock pools and the life there in. It has always been my wish that the sea area around this peninsula should be a marine reserve as it is very worthy of being one. Not only has it so many unique botanical and geographic attributes but much Maori history around this area with the pa sites on the escarpment above.

Te Raekaihau has been more exposed to some public degradation but it is still a same big rock platform as I knew as a child. It has big shingle banks around it

and is one of the most magnificent views out to sea around our city. It is a wonderful place to view the night sky on a clear night.

To turn around at the point and view the hill with all its flax when it is in flower with spears of brown seedheads waving in the breeze is a site I love to see.

There are lovely areas for picnickers and swimming on the foreshore at the Princess Bay end with places for cars to sit and view.

Te Raekaihau is the beginning of the Taputeranga Marine Reserve so making this area a Scenic B reserve completes the whole sea to land reserve for future generations.

Taking in the headland and the View Road reserves completes the picture of coastal regenerating forest as well as magnificent viewing areas.

Kae Millar when she had her retreat on this headland knew the value of the expanse of view and peace of this wild coastal area I am glad Kae's vision is to be remembered by these reserves becoming Scenic reserves.

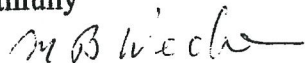
This point is a dominating feature when viewed from the sea or air and any part of the land around this coast. I have some wonderful photos taken by my husband Ray of the point and headland viewed from the air. It is a magnificent site.

Both these points have there own unique qualities and combined with the areas of View Road South Headland reserve will make a wonderful contributions to the wild and wonderful South Coast of Wellington. For all activities, walking, swimming, picnicking cyclists and astronomers, and just sitting in your car to watch the passing seen as my husband and I have to do now. We did have the joy of going down to Te Raekaihau Point at night with many others to watch when the last time a comet was in our night sky.

I have much pleasure in supporting all these Scenic B Reserve applications.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully



Betty Weeber



Te Raekaihau Coast Care

Submission on the Draft Reserve Classification Plan for the South Coast sites

February 12, 2010

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Introduction

This submission relates to the South Coast sites with particular reference to Te Raekaihau Point (map reference B, site reference B1) View Road south headland (site reference B2-B6) and Hue Te Taka Peninsula/Moa Point – foreshore (map reference A, site reference A1).

Our group, the Te Raekaihau Coast Care group, formed last year with one of the prime aims being to classify Te Raekaihau Point as a Scenic B Reserve. We wrote to Gary Poole in June 2009 as we were disappointed that the October 2007 *South Coast Classification Plan* excluded consideration of Te Raekaihau Point.

Te Raekaihau Point and View Road South Headland

We strongly support the classification of Te Raekaihau Point as **Scenic B Reserve** due to the important visual qualities, unique landform and important flora and fauna currently present at the site.

The site is an important scenic feature, which contributes variety to the reserves in the South Coast area. We note that there were there were 11 submissions to the South Coast Classification Plan of October 2007 which raised these same issue and similarly made recommendations of a Scenic B Reserve classification for this coastal site.

There are a number of other reasons why Te Raekaihau Point should be classified as Scenic B.

1. Te Raekaihau Point is a discrete unit of undeveloped coastal foreshore and a Scenic B reserve status would allow protection and subsequent rehabilitation.

2. Scenic B reserve status for Te Raekaihau Point would protect and allow rehabilitation for a south coast landscape with habitats from the seashore to the View Road South Headland. With the Marine Reserve nearby, this would preserve a spectacular range of biodiversity and habitat range.

3. This site is ecologically significant, with moderate to high natural values in its current state which would increase with the proposed rehabilitation. It represents a relatively intact and ecologically functioning coastal platform which remains in its natural state despite the presence of a car park and some urban landscaping at Waitaha Cove end.

Kelvin Lloyd, ecological consultant, rated Te Raekaihau Point as having moderate to high natural values and being home to a number of rare or threatened species of flora and fauna. He found 19 species of indigenous plants present. Two of these (*Asplenium obtusatum*/shore spleenwort, and *Melicytus crassifolius*/thick-leaved mahoe) are classified as Regionally Rare and one, pingao/*desmoschoenus spiralis*, has a threat status of 'Gradual Decline. He also found that two indigenous bird species that visited or used this are the red-billed gull, which is nationally rated as "Gradual Decline" and white fronted terns (*Sterna striata*).

4. The south coast is popular for recreation and the presence of areas of high conservation value so close to the city would have a powerful educative influence, especially when combined with the draw card of the Marine Reserve literally on its doorstep. Community involvement and response opposing the Marine Education Centre on the Te Raekaihau Point has raised awareness of the value of the Point. A strong message from south coast inhabitants, as well as those in Wellington generally, was that the natural values of the south coast are valued very highly and enjoyed by all.

5. We can state confidently that large numbers of people are keen to volunteer their personal time and effort to help rehabilitate Te Raekaihau Point and the surrounding area. However we need to make sure that the area is permanently protected so that our restoration efforts are maintained and reach fruition over time.

We therefore strongly support the Scenic B Reserves status.

Hue Te Taka Peninsula/Moa Point

In respect to Hue Te Taka Peninsula/Moa Point we support the reclassification of this point as **Scenic B Reserve** due to the important visual qualities, unique landform and important vegetation of the site.

It also has relevance that both points (Te Raekaihau Point and Hue Te Taka Peninsula/Moa Point) on either side of Lyall Bay beach/Moa Point beach have the same reserves classification status.

Reserve Management Plans

We support the councils efforts in respect to the Te Raekaihau Point Restoration Plan. However it would be more appropriate if this was part of a reserve management plan

process for Te Raekaihau Point after the classification of the reserve. Under the Reserves Act s.41 (1) the administering body shall, within 5 years, must prepare and submit to the Minister of Conservation for approval a management plan for the reserve/s under its control, management, or administration.

The South Coast Management Plan has not been submitted for the approval of the Minister of Conservation and is therefore not a statutory document. It is also very much out of date. Clear management including restoration as well as classification is required for Te Raekaihau Point.

We would like to speak in person to this submission

Committee of the Te Raekaihau Coast Care group:

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Deborah Paterson