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SUBMISSION LODGED BY FAX 10/12/2010:

Congratulations on the amount of information provided, and on the quality of the aerial cadastral photographs.

I support the proposed classification of lands as Scenic B Reserve, under the Reserves Act 1977, when these lands support indigenous ecosystems, even if they are at an early stage in the regeneration process. I consider that this high level of protection is essential, combined with pest plant and other weed control, and pest animal control, to enable our indigenous flora and fauna to once again thrive in self-sustaining populations.

SUPPLEMENT TO MY SUBMISSION

The reasoning for my second paragraph: To paraphrase the comments of Professor Kath Dickinson, University of Otago, we must ensure that today's commonplace indigenous ecosystems do not become tomorrow's threatened ecosystems.

MAP 1:

I understand that Wilf Mexted Reserve is already gazetted Scenic Reserve.

I note that the right-of-way from Tainui Terrace down to Lyndhurst Park is to be gazetted. I led a WCC "Feeling Great" walking group down it some years ago. Has a flight of steps been built down it yet? If not, I recommend that Council plan to do this, to improve pedestrian access to the park

What has become of the right-of-way between The Drive and Ngatittoa Street? I led a WCC "Feeling Great" walking group along it, and over the small creek, some years ago. Has a footpath been built along it yet? If not, I recommend that Council plan to do this, to improve pedestrian access to Lyndhurst Park. I recommend that Council gazette the right-of-way under the Reserves Act 1977.

MAP 3

I am particularly pleased to see "Reserve managed as part of Belmont Regional Park" proposed for gazettal as Scenic B. Since doing a weed survey in the block, from Hhorokiwi Road down to Bake Beans Bend on the True Right branch of Korokoro Stream, I have been up and down the gully with groups to/from Horokiwi Road about six times. The community of nikau and pukatea, and the sense of solitude, make a memorable trip.

I am pleased to see "Caribbean Avenue Reserve", combined with the "Hillcroft Road Reserves" proposed for gazettal as Scenic B. This area is a fine addition to our Outer Green Belt.

MAP 4

I recommend that Council seek to acquire more ridge-crest land southwest from Brandon's Rock, and gazette it Scenic B, to protect this prominent ridge, and the walkway already on it.

Miles Crescent Reserve

I recommend that Council seek to acquire more land to extend this reserve to Malvern Road, Ngauranga, gazette the addition as Scenic B, and construct a track linking the two suburbs.

MAP 5

I am particularly pleased to see the right-of-way at 62 Amapur Drive, and the land above it, and the land off the end of Kim Street, proposed for gazettal as Scenic B. I have used both as accesses to Khandallah Park, the Amapur Drive strip for a Wellington Botanical Society field trip, and the Kim Street land for a Tararua Tramping Club trip.

MAP 7

What has become of the right-of-way into Karori Park from Percy Dyett Drive? I recommend that it be gazetted under the Reserves Act 1977. Chris Horne

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