Appendix A – Reserve Classification Categories

Local Purpose Reserve

Purpose	An area of land (or land and water) suitable for specified local educational or community purpose(s) which does not duplicate any other reserve purpose(s).
Objectives of Management (s.23)	 Primary Determined by the purpose Prohibit access to the whole or any part of the reserve except by permit where appropriate Secondary Manage and protect scenic, historic, archaeological, biological or natural features Maintain value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area
Guidance for Selection	Depends on purpose (but generally very small, modified areas)
Organisational Responsibility	As for historic reserve

Historic Reserve

Purpose	An area of land (or land and water) possessing places, objects and natural features of historic, archaeological, cultural, educational and other special interest
Objectives of Management (s.18)	 Primary 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 Secondary – if applicable 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

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Guidance for Selection	 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
Organisational Responsibility	 Owned by the Crown or vested in an administering body; or
	 Controlled and managed by DOC unless an administering body would better carry out the purposes of the reserve

Recreation Reserve

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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.17)	 Primary Allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to such conditions as are necessary for the protection and wellbeing 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 Secondary 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

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Guidance for Selection	Area may be totally modified eg suitable for sports fields
	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 and/or vehicle use
Organisational Responsibility	Owned by the Crown or vested in a territorial authority or other administering body
	Under the control and management of DOC unless an administering body would better carry out the purpose of the reserve

Scenic Reserve B (Modified s.19(1)(b))

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(1)(b))	 Primary 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 Secondary Develop open portions for amenities and 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	Degraded natural or semi-natural areas where the public interest warrants restoration or conversion as a scenic attraction Area will generally be small
Organisational Responsibility	As for recreation reserve