
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

REGULATORY PROCESSES COMMITTEE

MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

Time: 9:30am
Date: Wednesday, 21 November 2018
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

Business

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**1.5 Oral Hearing on Proposed Road Stopping and Land Exchange
Thorndon**

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Ministry of Education
Oral submission for the Road Stopping and Exchange – Legal Road in Turnbull
Street Adjoining Thorndon School

1. Good morning. Thank you for the time provided this morning to present in support of the Road Stopping and Exchange of legal road in Turnbull Street.
2. My name is Deb Taylor and I am a Project Delivery Manager for the Acquisitions and Designations Team at the Ministry of Education (Ministry). It has been my role to manage this project for the Ministry. My colleague, Trudie Ward, from the Ministry's Capital Works team, is also here with me. We are happy to take questions at the end of this submission.
3. The Ministry wishes to acquire approx. 141sqm (the site) at the end of Turnbull Street. This site is surrounded by Crown owned land designated for educational purposes.
4. The acquisition of this site will provide the children of Thorndon School with safe and efficient access to their green play space, currently across the other side of Turnbull Street.
5. In return for the site the Ministry will provide school land to enable the construction of a vehicle turning head in Turnbull Street. The Ministry will cover the construction costs of the turning head including costs associated with the termination or relocation of services as required.
6. The land that surrounds the 141sqm site was acquired by the Crown between October 1964 and December 1971.
7. There has never been any formal legal public access available through the school – for vehicles or pedestrians.
8. The vehicle driveway that connects Hobson Crescent to Turnbull Street is a driveway not a public right of way. This driveway was used by parents dropping off their children to Kimi Ora special school. I am advised that the driveway was particularly useful for those parents driving vans that accommodated equipment such as electric wheelchairs.
9. A number of the submissions in opposition of the road stopping mentioned that historically, pedestrian access between Hobson Crescent and Turnbull Street has been available through the school. This is an informal arrangement through the Ministry's and Thorndon School's good will.
10. The works the Ministry are proposing will not be a barrier to this informal arrangement continuing.

11. The Ministry, including each individual School, has a duty of care to each child. This is based on the assumption that the school is acting *in loco parentis* (in place of the parent).
12. An example of this duty of care. The Vulnerable Children's Act 2014 requires that all contractors that have the potential of unsupervised contact with children are police vetted before they are allowed on school grounds.
13. The school need the ability to immediately remove any threat or nuisance to the children in their care. This may include the removal of people from school grounds.
14. Therefore in order to comply and legally enforce the matters raised above (if required) a formalised public access easement across the Ministry land will not be provided.
15. A school, although a public work, is not located on public land.
16. In summary - The part of Turnbull Street proposed to be acquired by the Ministry, does not connect in any legal way with Hobson Crescent.
17. The Ministry is not intending to do any works that would physically inhibit the current situation. Neither is the School.
18. The Ministry does, however, have a duty of care to every child and on this basis will not grant a public easement over this land.

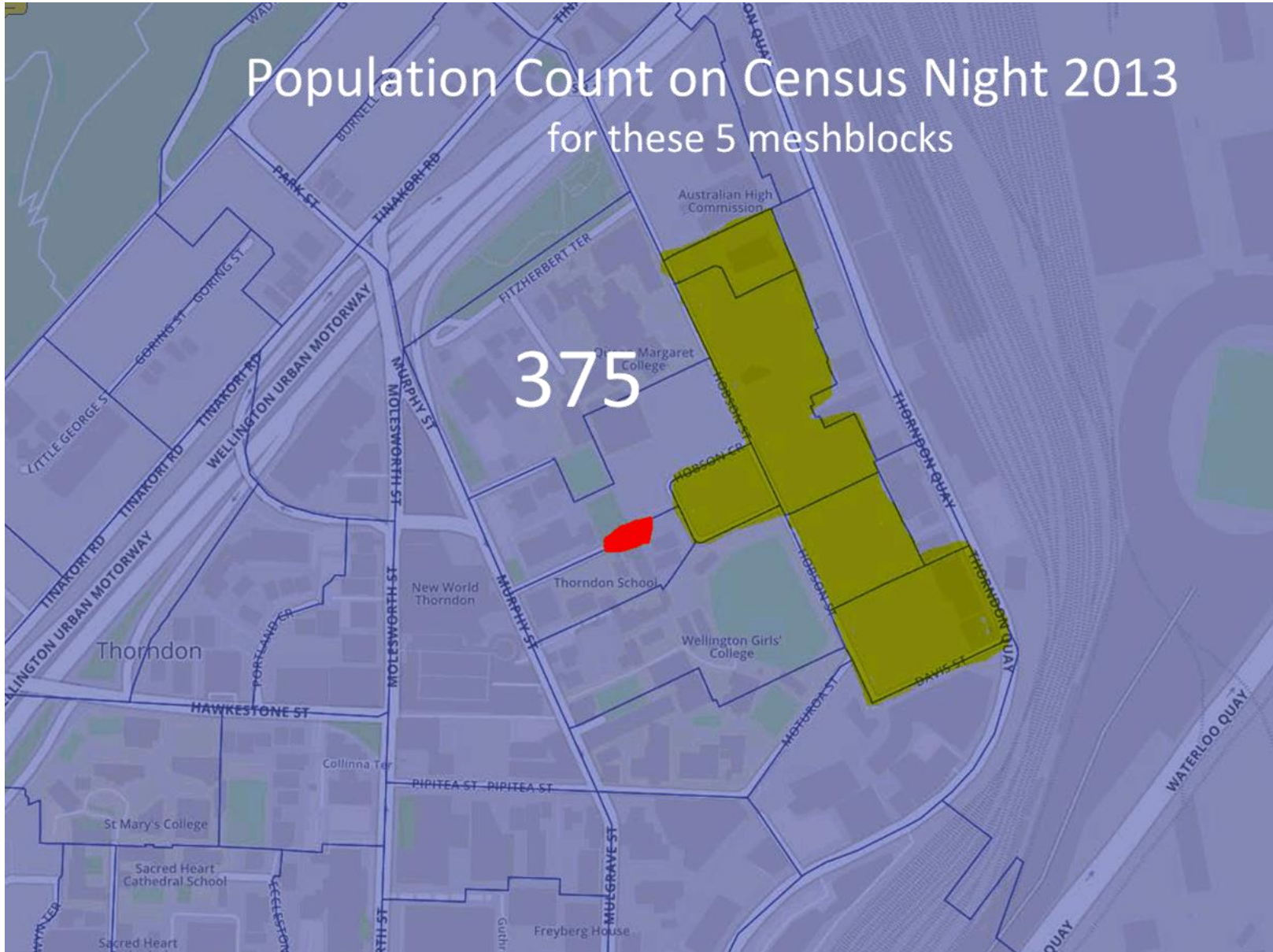


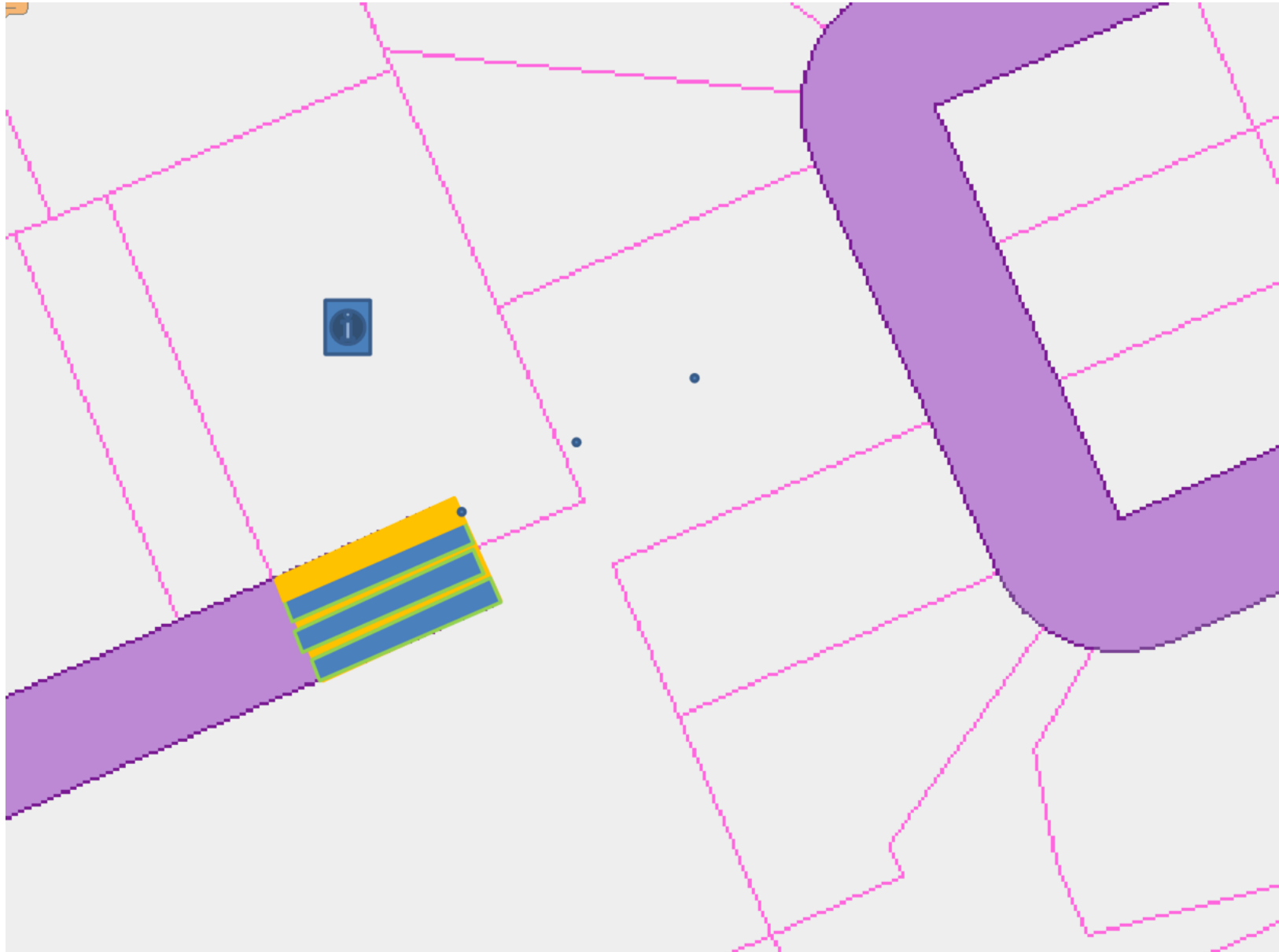
Turnbull St << >> Hobson Cres

a matter of urban planning

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Āta Kimi Ora

This field was named Āta Kimi Ora by Sam and June Jackson of Taranaki Whanui.

Āta Kimi Ora means: The careful and deliberate development of a healthy and prosperous life style. Āta Kimi Ora field was previously the site of Kimi Ora Shool, a school for students with complex special needs. Thorndon School (Te Kura o Pipitea) and Kimi Ora School has a long cooperative relationship. Āta Kimi Ora field was opened on 23 February 2012 by William Sutton (Principal, Thorndon School 1989-2011).



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Turnbull Street Road Swap

Thorndon School Submission



Three reasons Thorndon School supports the proposed land swap.

1. Safety

This is our main argument for the land swap.

We have 320 students from 5 to 13 years of age who have to cross the end of Turnbull Street to get from one part of our site to the other on a daily basis.



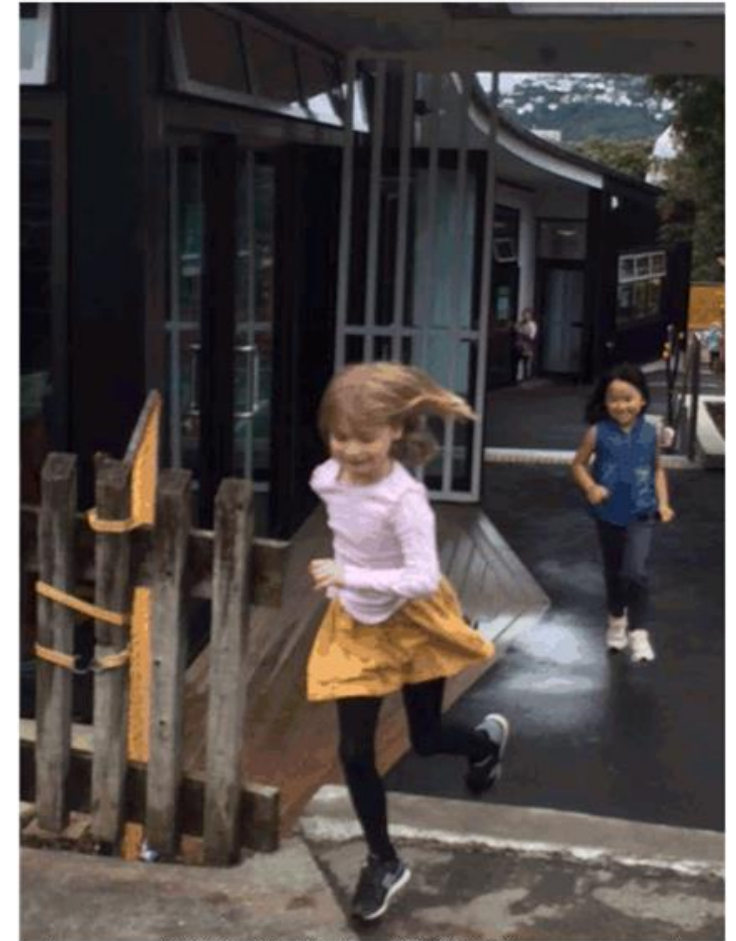
2. Integrating our site.

With the camber taken off this section of the road our site will become unified and continuous and also more aesthetically pleasing both for ourselves and our community.



3. Space

While only a small area is involved, we will make it count. Of all the state schools in New Zealand we have the third smallest ratio of land to students. When this land is in Ministry ownership we will be able to maximise its facility value. This area will provide a valuable addition to our play space.



Public Support

I believe 83 submissions have been made in favour of this project.

This represents huge participation from our busy parent community.

Two reasons why this proposal will benefit Thorndon at large.

1. In exchange for the end of Turnbull Street, the Ministry will provide land for a **turning head**.

Turnbull Street is a very narrow street and currently there is no provision for turning.



2. **Facility value.** When the end of Turnbull Street is no longer a street, the camber has been removed and bollards have been installed, this will be a useful area for families with young children to enjoy in the weekends.



Thorndon School is a friend of the community.

1. We provide education to Thorndon children.
2. Our facility is open to public during weekends and holidays.
3. We host an emergency water storage facility for the community.
4. We are a civil defence hub for the Thorndon community.



**This project makes sense
and will have no adverse impact for our community.**

We believe it should proceed.

Thank you for your time.

Ten minutes over lunch break this Tuesday.





