

Appendix D – Implications of Classification Categories

The process of classification binds the Council and limits (to a greater or lesser extent) the permitted uses of the land. This increases the protection that the land enjoys and the certainty for the community about the future uses that may occur. The following table outlines the opportunities and restrictions of each classification.

Table 1. Implications of Classification under the Reserves Act

Classification Category	Recreation	Scenic B	Historic	Local Purpose
Primary Purpose	Emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities. To provide for the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public particularly through recreation and sporting activities and for protection of the natural environment and beauty	To protect and preserve in perpetuity, for their intrinsic worth and for the public benefit, enjoyment and use, areas of scenic interest or beauty or features worthy of protection in the public interest.	To protect and preserve in perpetuity places, objects and natural features of historic, archaeological, cultural, educational and other special interest.	Managed and developed for local educational, community, social or other local purposes which do not come within any other classification and which are specified in the classification.

Implications:			
on development	Council has high level of decision making authority.	Council makes decisions when development is anticipated in the management plan. This includes pedestrian and cycle access and tracks, necessary structures and facilities e.g. seating, signage, fencing.	Council makes all decisions. Reserves are managed to protect the local purpose. Management and development must be consistent with that local purpose.
on the natural environment	Recreational use and development must be compatible with natural reserve values and open space. OGBMP policies protect key values e.g. enhancing coastal ecosystems, restoring natural features.	Activities related to the natural environment are anticipated in the management plan allowing Council to make decisions - including plant restoration and re-vegetation, weed, animal and plant pest control.	
on authority to grant concessions: leases, licences, permits and easements	Council (as the reserves come under an approved management plan).	DOC – Wellington Conservancy has delegated authority. Possible concessions consistent with the primary purpose include access and sightseeing, filming, service easements, seed collection.	Council