

## Submissions on Reserves Classifications

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**Submission on Reserves Classifications**

Your contact details	
First name	Allan
Last name	Sims
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	Yes
Please tell us which reserves and why	
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	

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Your contact details	
First name	Sam
Last name	Hill
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	Yes
Please tell us which reserves and why	<p>Bledisloe Park          Edward's Pit Park          Both Titoki Reserves and Summerhill Reserve</p> <p>They all need to be managed as Scenic reserves as well as local puprose/recreation due to their high levels of native flora and fauna as well as the existing pest control and planting of native vegetation at these sites which can be intensified even more if they are classified as Scenic Reserves.</p>
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	<p>You need to consider more Reserves to be Scenic Reserves in addition to their local purpose and recreation statuses. We need intensification of increasing our native biodiversity - by increased native vegetation planting and pest control across the city and then also protecting them.</p>

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Your contact details	
First name	Mike
Last name	Dixon
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	I don't know/no opinion
Please tell us which reserves and why	
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	<p>You seem to have missed Anzac Park off the list? There are certain organisations that appear to think they have automatic rights to this Reserve. Is this why it's excluded?</p> <p>Manga O Tane is designated as Stormwater, so why is Green Corridors planting the waterway as a wetland, impeding the flow of stormwater? Surely it cannot be both stormwater run-off and a puggy wetland?</p> <p>Once again, certain individuals think they have exclusive access &amp; use of this Reserve..</p>



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Your contact details	
First name	Sarah
Last name	Harris
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	Yes
Please tell us which reserves and why	Massey Walkway should be scenic not recreation. This will help protect the native bush that grows there.
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	

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Your contact details	
First name	Michael
Last name	Mccavana
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	Yes
Please tell us which reserves and why	
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	The whiskey creek floodplain reserve will be major high maintenance to the rate payers to help the richest family in Palmerston Noth get richer.. corruption.

10 October 2024

Palmerston North City Council  
Attention Manager Governance  
Private Bag 11034  
Palmerston North

From  
Marilyn and Bruce Bulloch

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### **Submission on Classifying Reserves - Under Reserves Act 1977**

We are pleased to support the Palmerston North City Council's intention to declare, classify and reclassify the reserves as listed in the public notice of Saturday 21 September 2024, thereby leading to the development of Management Plans.

We support

Schedule One: Land to be declared reserve and classified [Section 14(2)]

Schedule Two: Existing reserves to be classified [Section 16(1)]

Schedule Three: Reserve to be reclassified [Section 24(1)]

We note that some of the parks are given the incorrect suburb location.

#### **Background**

Since the mid 1980's, about 1984, we have made numerous submissions to the Palmerston North City Council advocating for the retention and protection of public green spaces. We are familiar with most but not all of the parks listed. Over these years we have continued to keep an ongoing interest in this matter. Bruce is a retired botanist.

In the past, funds were allocated in a previous PNCC Annual Plan to undertake the process of protecting Council parks under the Reserves Act 1977, and thereby leading to the development of Management Plans for these parks. We made numerous enquiries to Council staff as to progress on the matter, but as far as we can tell the matter was not progressed.

In the meantime, Council parks and reserves have been under continuing threat of being sold off or built on. An example of land under threat was the so-called 2013 Property Review which would have seen large numbers of parks or parts of parks being disposed of. Following a large amount of public opposition, the Council backed down, selling only some

shops and a small area of land (a former dog-dosing strip) in Linton. Former Council-owned bowling green club sites are currently being planned to be used for housing. Current examples of this loss of public space are the former Manawatu Bowling Club site (now called Huia Street Reserve) on the corner of Fitzherbert Avenue and Park Road, and the former Terrace End Bowling Club site (now known as 16 Summerhayes Street).

Other examples of Council-owned land under threat of being sold off in the past was the Linklater Block. Eventually, part of the now Linklater Reserve block was sold off. The now developed Edwards Pit Park was once promoted by a former Mayor as a racing car track.

Small local parks are constantly under threat of being sold off or built on. One of the arguments used by planners to diminish the impact of the loss of these small local parks and reserves is that “the land is under-utilised” and that “other parks are available nearby”. Usually this “other land” is a sports field which does not equate with the land to be lost. It is not desirable to have a picnic in the middle of a large windy sports field.

Over the years, the character of one of our more iconic parks, the Victoria Esplanade Gardens and its environs, has been under threat, with more and more buildings being shoe-horned on to the site. It has now reached its capacity for more “good ideas”. We are aware that in the past the Esplanade did have a Management Plan, but the review of this Plan lapsed. As part of the Reserves Act 1977 these Management Plans require public consultation which must be reviewed. (Note the Esplanade has its own Act of Parliament.)

Citizens often think that Council-owned lands are protected as reserves when they are not. An example of this was the former Railway Land site on which The Warehouse is now located. Prior to the land being sold to The Warehouse the land was zoned Future Development Zone. In order to allow for the construction of The Warehouse to proceed this Western Railway Land site was rezoned to Outer Business, despite vast public opposition.

We need to protect our public green spaces for the benefit of future generations, as we have benefited from the vision of past generations who put land aside for public parks. We are all the losers if this land is lost. The Council’s intention to Declare, Classify and Reclassify land under the Reserves Act 1977 brings certainty and clarity to the status of the public parks and reserves in Palmerston North.

We do not wish to speak to our submission

We would appreciate being informed of the Hearing date and time.

*[Please find attached relevant sections of Reserves Act 1977 pp.3 & 4]*

**A Reprint of Relevant Sections of Reserves Act 1977 –**  
**Including Sections 14.(2), 16(1), 24(1), and 41(1)**

## **14 Local authority may declare land vested in it to be a reserve**

(1)

Subject to this section, any local authority may by resolution declare any land vested in it to be a reserve within the meaning of this Act subject to any conditions specified in the resolution, to be held for any of the purposes specified in [sections 17 to 23](#).

(2)

No such resolution shall be passed before the expiration of 1 month after notice of intention to pass the same and calling for objections thereto in writing has been published in 1 or more newspapers circulating in its district, and until it has considered all such objections received within that period:

provided that such a notice of intention shall not be necessary where a district plan makes provision for the use of the land as a reserve or the land is designated as a proposed reserve under an operative district plan under the [Resource Management Act 1991](#).

## **16 Classification of reserves**

(1)

To ensure the control, management, development, use, maintenance, and preservation of reserves for their appropriate purposes, the Minister shall, by notice in the *Gazette*, classify according to their principal or primary purpose, as defined in [sections 17 to 23](#),—

(a)

all reserves existing immediately before the commencement of this Act:

(b)

all reserves created after the commencement of this Act,—

and for the purposes of this section, the Minister may classify part of a reserve for one purpose and the other part or parts of the same reserve for any other purpose or purposes:

provided that, where a reserve is controlled or managed by an administering body, the Minister shall not classify the reserve under this subsection without consulting the administering body.

## **24 Change of classification or purpose or revocation of reserves**

(1)

Subject to [section 13\(2\)](#), where—

(a)

the Minister considers for any reason that a change of classification or purpose of the whole or part of any reserve is advisable or that the reservation of any land as a reserve should be revoked; or

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(b)

the local authority within whose district a reserve is situated or the administering body of any reserve notifies the Commissioner in writing that, pursuant to a resolution of the local authority or of the administering body, as the case may be, it considers for any reason, to be stated in the resolution, that the classification or purpose of the whole or part of the reserve should be changed to another classification or purpose, or that the reservation of the whole or part of the land as a reserve should be revoked,—

then, subject to the succeeding provisions of this section, the Minister may, in his or her discretion, by notice in the *Gazette*, change the classification or purpose of the whole or part of the reserve, which thereafter shall be held and administered for that changed classification or purpose, or revoke the reservation of the whole or part of the land as a reserve:

provided that the classification of any government purpose reserve for railway purposes shall not be changed and the reservation of the land or any part thereof as such a reserve shall not be revoked except with the consent of the Minister of Railways.

## **41 Management plans**

(1)

The administering body shall, within 5 years after the date of its appointment or within 5 years after the commencement of this Act, whichever is the later, prepare and submit to the Minister for his or her approval a management plan for the reserve under its control, management, or administration.

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Your contact details	
First name	Greg
Last name	Sawyer
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo Club
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	No
Please tell us which reserves and why	
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	Our club members are long time users (some over 24 year) of the Hokowhitu lagoon and reserve. It is the heart of our activities and we are keen to see it preserved for recreation purposes as it has been for over 80 years. We work with the Canoe Club and the City Council to help maintain water quality through the annual control of weeds in the lagoon so that our members and other users can enjoy the area, to the benefit of so many people.

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Your contact details	
First name	Cheryl
Last name	Palmer
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	No
Please tell us which reserves and why	
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	I'm a canoe polo player and feel the recreation classification supports my use of the lagoon. It would be great to see the protection of flora and water life protected too which I am unsure remains under recreation.



## Submission on Reserves Classifications

Your contact details	
First name	Murray
Last name	Adams
Organisation you represent	Massey University
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	Yes
Please tell us which reserves and why	<p>Tēnā koe,</p> <p>This submission is in relation to the zoning of Massey University owned land at 91 Atawhai Road, Palmerston North (legally described as Lot 11 DP 1880).</p> <p>Massey University wish to formally ensure property 91 Atawhai Road is not included in the reserve classification process.</p> <p>The property is zoned 'Recreation' in the District Plan, which has been queried in the past given it is privately owned (not Council-administered land) that has no status/ classification under the Reserves Act 1977. Palmerston North City Council have previously noted that "an error has been made".</p> <p>Massey University will be working with Council to uplift the incorrect recreation zoning of 91 Atawhai Road and change it to 'Residential' given the site actually enables access to Massey's property at the rear of the site near Atawhai Park.</p> <p>Through the upcoming reserve classifications, Massey University want to ensure this process will not present limitations on the use of this land going forward.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the above.</p> <p>Ngā mihi, Murray Adams Associate Director</p>

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	Estates Management Massey University  Note: We will send a formal letter to Jason Pilkington (Parks Planner)
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	

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Your contact details	
First name	chris
Last name	teo-sherrell
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	Yes
Please tell us which reserves and why	
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	good idea to have reserves classified and management plans developed for them in collaboration with local communities even if basic approach is same for all reserves of a given classification.

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Your contact details	
First name	Stewart's
Last name	Harrex
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Your submission	
Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?	I don't know/no opinion
Please tell us which reserves and why	
General comments	
Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?	<p>I support the initiative on the basis that the public has an opportunity to input their vision for the use of Reserve land. It is not fair that Council can produce plans and pictures for consultation and local people do not have the resources or opportunity to make other suggestions. Aesthetics are important in making choices.</p> <p>The fact that land is not used in its current state is not necessarily a reason to sell it. We need to be more nuanced in what we do where.</p> <p>I saw people weep when the Sensory Garden and surrounds were demolished where Wildbase now stands. We need to replace these sweet spots for people whose voices and tears Council does not hear or see.</p>

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Public reserves submission

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alex Davies  
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 1:49 pm  
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>  
Subject: Public reserves submission

Public reserves

We need to protect our public green spaces for the benefit of future generations, as we have benefited from the vision of past generations who put land aside for public parks. We are all the losers if this land is lost.

We do not wish to speak to this submission

Alex and Jenny Davies

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First name *Davinia*

Last name *O'Callaghan*

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Postal address

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Phone (Please provide a daytime contact number)

Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please tell us which reserve(s) and why

*We should classify to preserve and care for our flora.*

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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### Your contact details

First name

Ainsley White

Last name

White

Organisation you represent (if applicable. Please only answer this question if you are speaking on behalf of an organisation.)

Postal address

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Email

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Phone (Please provide a daytime contact number)

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Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please tell us which reserve(s) and why

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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## Your contact details

First name *MICHAEL*

Last name *O'CALLAGHAN*

Organisation you represent (if applicable. Please only answer this question if you are speaking on behalf of an organisation.)

Postal address *7(2)(a) Privacy*

Email *7(2)(a) Privacy*

Phone (Please provide a daytime contact number) *7(2)(a) Privacy*

Do you think any of the proposed classifications should be different?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please tell us which reserve(s) and why

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

*dog park classified correctly.  
great community space.*

Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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