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Joint submission from the Manurewa, and Papakura Local Boards on the Point England Development Enabling Bill (Government Bill)

Background

Local Boards promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of current and future communities in their Local Board areas. Therefore the Manurewa and Papakura Local Boards (hereafter referred to as the Local Boards) have jointly considered the Point England Development Enabling Bill.

The proposed bill revokes the reserve status of 11.69 hectares of land at the Point England Recreational Reserve that is currently vested in trust in Auckland council as public open space. This land forms part of a land settlement to Ngāti Paoa for a new housing development. Our Boards are not opposed to the legitimate grievances of Ngāti Paoa being addressed and remedied.

Submission Points

The Manurewa and Papakura Local Boards have jointly considered the Point England Development Enabling Bill for consideration by Parliament's Local Government and Environment select committee and submit the following feedback:

1. The Point England Development Enabling Bill should not become the precedent for the sale of reserve land in other parts of the Auckland region.
2. The entire proceeds of the sale of the Point England reserve land should be reinvested back into the local community to provide for additional or improved public open spaces.

The Manurewa and Papakura Local Boards acknowledge their support of the Mayors position on this Bill with emphasis on the following points:

1. That it is important that Aucklanders have access to outdoor spaces they can enjoy with their families and that public open space is not compromised due to intensification under the Unitary Plan.
2. That when intensification takes place, it is vitally important that we balance the demand for housing with good urban design and the inclusion of public open spaces to protect and enhance the living experience enjoyed by Aucklanders.

Yours sincerely

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