

Submission from Waitakere Ranges Local Board on Proposed Revocation of Reserve at 315A Glengarry Road, Glen Eden

To Stephen Town
Chief Executive
Auckland Council

Schedule

Road Reserve to be revoked: 4105 m² being Lot 41 DP 19039

The Board notes that the closing date for this submission was 15 August and requests that this submission be accepted as a late submission.

The Board also requests that it can appear and speak to this submission at a hearing.

The Board is opposed to the revocation of the Reserve Act status on 315 A Glengarry Road, which we understand is preparatory to its sale. The Board has consistently stated that it wishes this land to be retained by Auckland Council for park purposes.

The Board notes that the land already has reserve status. It believes that this piece of land would be an ideal local park with a number of potential uses. It is flat, with a long street frontage. It is highly visible from the street and with some modest sign-posting and development would make a very safe and inviting local park. It is in a residential area with further residential development occurring nearby.

It would make an ideal park for such community purposes as community orchards, community gardens, and play.

The board supports its arguments with the following background:

1. Evaluation work by the Auckland Council has shown that regionally, Glen Eden is significantly under-provided with parks
2. The largest nearby park is Parrs Park, but most of that parks area is taken up with leases, in particular, the lease for Hoani Waititi Marae, and sportsfields for formal sport. There is very little space for informal recreation and no room for community gardens.
3. This is generally an area of low income families who would benefit from the existence of community gardens and orchards.
4. New housing is going in in the area, which is housing on small sections. Large areas of Glen Eden are zoned for intensification. There are three apartment blocks going into the area and there are no plans for additional open space.
5. The Board has recently installed a shared path from Oratia to West Coast Road and has approved the continuation of this pathway into Parrs Park. This parcel of land is just off this route so is also easily accessible by people from Oratia, which also does not have much in the way of parks. That community could find a community garden space something it would support.