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Tēnā koutou

The Auckland Council proposes to classify 67 Ocean View Road, Matiatia, Waiheke as a scenic reserve subject to Section 19 (1) (b) of the Reserves Act 1977.

The Reserves Act requires the council to classify every unclassified reserve which is either held or managed by the council.

Prior to any reserve classification proceeding under the Reserves Act, the council is required under Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987 to consult with local iwi and advise of the classification proposed.

The unclassified reserve at 67 Ocean View Road, Waiheke is located between Matiatia and Onetangi and shares borders with both Ocean View Road and Delamore Drive. I have attached cadastral and aerial plans depicting the location of the reserve.

The reserve forms a single defined land parcel described as Lot 52 Deposited Plan 183455 and comprises of 5.5506 hectares. The parcel is contained in the current certificate of title NA114B/609.

In 1997, the reserve was acquired as a reserve contribution from a privately owned subdivision and transferred to council ownership in fee simple as a scenic reserve. To date, the reserve has remained unclassified.

As you can see from the attached aerial photo, Lot 52 Deposited Plan 183455 mostly comprises of bush and has not been cleared of vegetation, unlike the neighbouring properties.

There is existing infrastructure on the reserve, being underground service cables and pipes maintained by both Watercare and Vector. These services follow the track on the reserve and continue onto adjacent land which houses the pump station. You can see these underground services coloured in red on the attached aerial photo of the reserve.

The reserve also contains a wetland area at its southern boundary which is maintained respectively by both the Parks and Biodiversity teams in council.

Council proposes to classify Lot 52 DP 183455 as a scenic reserve subject to Section 19 (1) (b) of the Reserves Act. Scenic reserves must be classified subject to either Section 19 (1) (a) or Section 19 (1) (b) of the Reserves Act. Classification subject to subsection (a) is usually applied to reserves that require a higher level of protection and preservation where no new species can be introduced, whereas subsection (b) allows for the re-instatement of species to a scenic reserve to help replenish the site.

Council intends to classify the reserve subject to Section 19 (1) (b) as this level of protection will allow council to preserve the site but also introduce native species in the future if required to replenish the site.

May you please advise of your support on the scenic reserve classification proposal?

We request that you reply in twenty working days from the date of this letter, which will be 31 July 2018.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss the proposed classification. My contact details are indicated below.

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