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Meadowbank

Ōrākei Local Board
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www.aucklandnz.com
Nau mai, haere mai
Welcome to Auckland

On behalf of Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED), I want to warmly welcome you to Auckland for the 2019 World Championships for 49er, 49er FX & Nacra17.

Auckland is a city proud of its three action-packed harbours and rich yachting and maritime history. We are delighted to host the World Championships for 49er, 49er FX & Nacra17 – another prestigious sporting event that unites global talent and celebrates the world of sailing.

When you’re off the water, I encourage you to spend your time experiencing the essence of Auckland; arts and cultural activities, restaurants and bars, beaches and islands – there is something to suit all tastes and occasions. I wish the athletes the best of luck with the competition. We look forward to seeing you out on the water, as part of the action.

Nick Hill, CEO, ATEED

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Blair Tuke, NZ
Olympic Gold Medalist and Americas Cup Winner

“We have spent so many hours training on the Waitemata Harbour over the last 10 years, so to have a world championship here is super-exciting. We are really looking forward to welcoming the world and giving Kiwis an up-close look at Olympic sailing at the highest level.”

“This event is probably the most important event in the lead up to the Olympic Games. With country qualification on the line for a lot of nations, it will be a high-pressure environment as we get and that’s something we are looking forward to.”

Alex Maloney, NZ
Olympic Silver Medalist and Former World Champion

“We travel around the world and I think we are pretty lucky here. If people have the opportunity to come and check out Auckland and join the event, it’s a cool chance to see how we live and our lifestyle. I think it’s unique.”
Auckland’s history of sailing

Auckland is the home of a proud and extensive yachting history. This harbour city has been both home and host to multiple Olympic and world champions, boat builders and designers, along with a considerable number of major yachting events – which have propelled local and international athletes and designers onto the world yachting stage.

The easy access to the coastline and temperate sailing conditions make it a desirable location for everyone in the industry.

Auckland and New Zealand welcomes back the Americas Cup for it’s 36th edition.

Set to race in the Hauraki Gulf, on the very same waters as 49er, 49er FX & Nacra 17 World Championships, challengers will first be going head to head in Prada Cup Challenger Selection Series in January and February 2021. The winner earning the right to take on Emirates Team New Zealand for the Americas Cup, the oldest international sporting trophy from 6th – 21st March 2021.
Auckland’s Hyundai Marine Sports Centre at Okahu Bay will welcome sailors from around the world for the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra17 World Championships 2019. This recently redeveloped venue has an unrivalled location in the shadow of Auckland and on the doorstep to the Hauraki Gulf.

Situated only 10 minutes drive from the heart of Auckland’s central business district, this new marine precinct will become the event village. This will include the boatpark, yacht club, competitors’ hub, and fanzone for supporters from around the world and local audiences.

After a day on the water, in no time at all you can be lazing on the white sands of Mission Bay indulging in ice cream or fish & chips, cycling your way along Tamaki Drive - a picturesque waterfront promenade, dining in one of Auckland’s many food precincts or relaxing back at your accommodation.

The water is right on the doorstep of downtown Auckland, making it a favourite destination for New Zealand’s best sailors, world and olympic champions alike.

**Name:**
49er, 49erFX and Nacra17 World Championships, 2019

**Dates:**
November 28 (Opening Ceremony) to December 8 (Gold Medal Races)

**Venue:**
Hyundai Marine Sports Center, Auckland, New Zealand
Nathan Outeridge, Australia
Olympic Gold Medalist, World Champion & Americas Cup helmman - Nacra77 crew

"It’s great that the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra17 worlds are in Auckland. It is a great venue for sailing and will be a fantastic place to hold the worlds. The good news is that it’s often windy in December so there will be plenty of high-speed action."

Jason Saunders, NZ
Nacra17 crew

"I’m really looking forward to having all the internationals coming over early to train in New Zealand and being well set up with a good base. It’s by far the most important event since the last Olympics. A good result here would go a long way to realizing Olympic aspirations in Tokyo."
Auckland’s marine industry

Auckland is home to a wealth of talent, both off and on the sea, drawing experts from around the world to the city. Our thriving sailing sector continues to play a pivotal role in developing some of New Zealand’s - and the world’s - most celebrated yachtsmen, designers, builders and technicians. This region has become the South Pacific nucleus for world-class marine industry expertise, including superyacht refits, boat building, and sailmaking.

Bruce Farr, Ron Holland, Laurie Davidson and Mackay Boats are amongst key builders and designers who have played a pivotal role in this burgeoning industry. Mackay’s 49er/49er FX hulls, built in their Silverdale factory, have won World Championships consistently between 2013-16, and many Olympic medals.

Mackay Boats
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Tel: +64 9 426 4306
http://www.mackayboats.com/index.cfm/boats/
Stay & adventure

Where to stay
Auckland offers a wide variety of accommodation to suit your budget. Mission Bay boasts a variety of motels and boutique accommodation. Auckland CBD is a short drive away with a variety of hotels, serviced apartments and more. Airlie Beach is another excellent offering for accommodation in Auckland.

Scenic fitness
On the doorstep of the race village is the popular Tamaki Drive, a favourite for those looking to exercise with a view. After a run, take a dip in the sea, hire a kayak, stand-up paddle board or simply relax on the beach.

Island hopping
Explore one of the many islands in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf. Waiheke Island is a short ferry ride from Auckland's downtown where you will find beautiful vineyards, olive groves and beaches, as well as a range of adrenaline-pumping activities. Rangitoto Island is Auckland's youngest volcano, and is a short ferry ride away from downtown Auckland. Take the one-hour summit track through lava fields and forest, explore lava tunnels and caves. The 360 views from the summit are worth the walk!

Life's a beach
Auckland's northern and eastern beaches boast golden sands, while the black sands of the west coast's rugged surf beaches tell of the land's volcanic origins. The west coast is where you'll find some of Auckland's most popular surf spots, great swimming, dramatic landscapes – even a huge cliff top gannet colony.
Shop & eat

City centre
The Britomart, Viaduct Harbour, and North Wharf precincts are a perfect spot for a laidback lunch or elegant dining experience. Sample a wide range of fresh seafood for the quintessential kiwi experience.

Eastern Bays
Located less than 5 minutes from the Event Village are a range of popular eastern beaches. Dine with a view in Mission Bay or St Heliers at one of the many popular restaurants or cafes.

Parnell
The sophisticated suburb of Parnell is well worth a visit. Upmarket eateries, exclusive boutiques, and luxurious beauty treatments are a must. Head to the popular French-style market La Cigale for artisan food products and arts & crafts.

Ponsonby
Ponsonby oozes urban style with its trendy eateries, contemporary art galleries, unique book and gift shops, and designer boutiques to suit all tastes. Ponsonby lives up to its nickname as Auckland’s hippest strip.

North Shore
Take a trip over the Harbour Bridge to Auckland’s north shore suburbs. Takapuna’s white sandy beach is a popular spot to picnic, stroll or swim. Hop on the ferry at downtown Auckland and check out the quaint, historic village of Devonport. This seaside favourite is famous for its casual eateries and chocolaterie.
**EcoZip Adventures – Waiheke Island**

Take a short boat ride to Waiheke and fly down three ziplines each spanning over 200m in length above vineyards and a tree top canopy over pristine native bush. Enjoy stunning views from Waiheke Island across the Hauraki Gulf back to Auckland city.

**Auckland Jet Boat Tours**

Experience a 35-minute jet boat tour on the stunning Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf. Tours run on the hour, seven days a week, departing from the Viaduct waterfront. Price includes free entry to the Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum.

**SkyJump/Sky Walk**

Leap from the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere. Auckland’s Sky Tower observation deck is 192m above sea level. Jumpers will hit 155 km per hour in an exhilarating 11-second wire-guided fall.

**Explore Group – America’s Cup Sailing Experience**

Take to the helm on an actual America’s Cup racing yacht with Explore Group’s America’s Cup Sailing Experience. Raise the sails on the grinders or simply sit back and enjoy the trip across the Waitemata Harbour, or up the excitement levels and participate in a match race - no experience necessary!

**New Zealand Maritime Museum**

Sitting in Auckland’s vibrant Viaduct Harbour, discover the way the sea has shaped Aotearoa, New Zealand’s history and cultural identity. From the Polynesians’ epic migration to Aotearoa, to modern-day yachting success including a display of NZL 32 the Yacht that won the 1995 Americas Cup.

For more, go to aucklandnz.com/visit
PERFECTION FROM EVERY PERSPECTIVE

Our luxury experiences cater to all tastes, set among a backdrop of breathtaking landscapes. From heli-picnics atop soaring mountains to personal chefs being helicoptered directly to your charter boat, or private tastings at New Zealand’s best wineries, return home knowing that you have just had a one-of-a-kind experience.
TIAKI MEANS TO CARE FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE. THE TIAKI PROMISE IS A COMMITMENT TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND, FOR NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

NEW ZEALAND IS PRECIOUS, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND TRAVELS HERE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER IT.

BY FOLLOWING THE TIAKI PROMISE, YOU ARE MAKING A COMMITMENT TO NEW ZEALAND. TO ACT AS A GUARDIAN, PROTECTING AND PRESERVING OUR HOME.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI AOTEAROA, WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND.

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TIAKI PROMISE

WHILE TRAVELLING IN NEW ZEALAND I WILL

CARE FOR LAND, SEA AND NATURE, TREADING LIGHTLY AND LEAVING NO TRACE

TRAVEL SAFELY, SHOWING CARE AND CONSIDERATION FOR ALL

RESPECT CULTURE, TRAVELLING WITH AN OPEN HEART AND MIND

HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND

PROTECT NATURE

KEEP NZ CLEAN

DRIVE CAREFULLY

BE PREPARED

SHOW RESPECT
Auckland is the most connected city in New Zealand, with regular flights to and from cities across the globe and daily flights to all of the country’s main centres and popular tourist destinations.
Auckland fast facts

Why Auckland?

There’s always something happening in Auckland, from major sporting events, concerts and festivals to outdoor adventures, designer shopping and world-class food and wine.

- New Zealand Māori call Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau, a maiden desired by 100 lovers. It was a land fought over for its forested hills, fertile soils and harbours full of seafood.
- Auckland’s striking natural beauty and urban lifestyle make it one of the most desirable places in the world to live or visit. Auckland is rated the third most liveable city in the world on the Mercer Quality of Living Survey (2015).
- The magnificent Hauraki Gulf Marine Park encompasses an incredible 1.2 million hectares of sea, coast and more than 50 islands. Many islands are easily accessible by ferry from downtown, including Waiheke, Rangitoto, Motutapu, Tiritiri Matangi and Rotoroa.
- A large section of Auckland’s waterfront area is reclaimed land, developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Today, this land is home to some of the region’s best shopping, dining and entertainment precincts.
- Auckland is one of the most multicultural cities in the world, home to more than 200 ethnic communities from around the globe. With a large number of Pacific Island cultures, it is also the world’s largest Polynesian city.
- A kiwi is New Zealand’s native bird and a fruit. New Zealanders have been called Kiwis since the nickname was bestowed by Australian soldiers in the First World War.
Resources

Website
aucklandnz.com

Social media
Visit Auckland
What's on in Auckland
@visitAuckland
#visitAuckland

i-SITE Visitor Information Centres
Auckland's i-SITE Visitor Information Centres provide visitors with free bookings and information on activities, attractions and transport throughout Auckland and the rest of New Zealand.
E: reservations@aucklandnz.com

Auckland Transport
Find out how to get around Auckland at govt.nz
Ensure New Zealanders can enjoy sailing and boating in a pristine marine and coastal environment

Clean Clubs
- Clubs that actively strive to lower their impact on the environment and are champions for environmental sustainability

What we’re going to do:
- Lead an annual beach clean up day
- Encourage all clubs to sign up as LifeClub
- Promote initiatives that help clubs run their daily operations in an environmentally friendly way
- Develop a “Clean Club” program that clubs can sign up to
- Develop an environmental policy that clubs and visitors will abide by
- Support clubs with hard grants to ensure they minimise the impact on the environment

Outcomes:
- Annual beach clean up led by Quake-Nav New Zealand starting August 2019
- All clubs signed up to LifeClub by 2022
- Use of recycled material available on the Quake-Nav New Zealand Online Club Manual
- "Clean Club" developed for March 2019 – 50% of clubs accredited by June 2021
- Pledge launched for March

Better Together
- A strong network of organisations that complement each others work towards environmental sustainability

What we’re going to do:
- Develop relationships with organisations whose environmental work is aligned with the goals of Quake-Nav New Zealand
- Attract sponsors who share an interest in environmental sustainability
- Increase these relationships to help raise awareness, change behaviour and attract funding to further our aims
- Partner with Logistik, Sustainable Coalition, Sir Peter Jackson Trust, Ministry for the Performing Arts, Conservation, Historic Sports Organisations and World Sailing

Outcomes:
- Partner marina created by end of 2018
- Create a sustainability partner programme
- 8 partner agreements in place by end 2018

Lower Impact Events
- Reducing the impact on the environment is a key deliverable for all sailing and boating events conducted in New Zealand

What we’re going to do:
- Lead by example, ensure all Quake-Nav New Zealand run events minimise the use of single-use plastics
- Ensure events make more efficient use of coach buses
- Run a coach bus free events
- Implement a programme with supporting measures that help clubs run clean regattas

Outcomes:
- Oceanwise 2019, Yachting Regatta to be single-use plastic free from 2019
- Clean regatta template produced by July 2019

Embrace Technology
- Technological advancements are embraced by the sailing and boating community and used to reduce our impact on the environment

What we’re going to do:
- Promote the use of modern environmentally friendly equipment that inhabit the growth and spread of marine pests
- Implement an E-growing initiative, reducing the cost of hull cleaning
- Promote the use of electric (battery powered) rescue boats (OBB) including the lifecycle and benefit of batteries over fossil fuels
- Promote the use of renewable energy sources for sailing, boating and helping run our clubs

Outcomes:
- Investigate options for environmentally friendly, effective decontamination
- Work with marinas and council regarding access to subsidised hull cleaning
- Work with partners regarding battery use and battery powered RBSS
- Investigate credit discount for clubs on electric powered RBSS

Communication
- A community of sailors, boaties and clubs who are well informed and have access to support and resources to help them reduce their impact

What we’re going to do:
- Use online learning (e-modules) to help educate people about how they can contribute to environmental sustainability
- Include content on environmental sustainability in Quake-Nav New Zealand courses
- Repot communications via Quake-Nav New Zealand channels (e-newsletter, social media) including sharing stories, promoting best practices, promoting initiatives and raising awareness
- Communicate the outcomes of relevant research undertaken in the area

Outcomes:
- Quarterly newsletter via columns for Quake-Nav New Zealand Learn to sail material to contain a section on sailing for the environment by the March 2019
- E-module for clubs and sailors launched and 2019
- Regular communication via Quake-Nav New Zealand channels
OUR STORY

Yachting New Zealand is the national body for sailing and boating in this country, with the principal aim of helping New Zealanders access, enjoy and succeed on the water for life. The breadth of our activity stretches from the grassroots of sailing and boating through to the elite level of the sport.

The previous Yachting New Zealand strategy was implemented in 2012 and has come to the end of its lifespan. The present one, for the 2018-21 period, takes a fresh look at the pillars of access, enjoyment and success and builds on the work we have done over the past four years.

One thing that is clear is that a network of strong clubs and class associations will help drive strong membership and grow participation numbers, which is why clubs are central to this plan.

We can’t rest on the work we have done, rather we have fresh ideas to improve what we offer as a national sporting organisation. Yachting New Zealand operate on limited resources, so we have come up with 10 key new initiatives we aim to achieve alongside our normal business in the next four years to help us deliver more by 2021.

We welcome and appreciate input from clubs and hope that, together, we can grow the sport of yachting and boating.
HELPING NEW ZEALANDERS ACCESS, ENJOY AND SUCCEED ON THE WATER FOR LIFE

ACCESS
Ensuring New Zealanders can participate in sailing and boating in our pristine water environment.

YACHTING NEW ZEALAND WILL CONTINUE TO:
- Support clubs and class associations to grow their capabilities
- Promote Yachting New Zealand to raise the profile of sailing and boating as a sport and recreation
- Protect access to the water and enhance the environment for all boaters to enjoy

NEW INITIATIVES:
- Simplify online guidance material so it’s easy for clubs to navigate and apply
- Refocus the regional support officer roles so they address common issues which have long-term impacts on clubs and Yachting New Zealand
- Develop communication platforms that support the free flow of information to clubs, members and other participants
- Develop environmental sustainability initiatives that Yachting New Zealand and clubs will deliver

ENJOYMENT
Empowering clubs to provide safe and enjoyable experiences, keeping members passionate about the sport for life.

YACHTING NEW ZEALAND WILL CONTINUE TO:
- Enable clubs to provide a range of learning opportunities and programmes
- Develop coaches, race officials and the volunteer networks of clubs
- Maintain, promote and ensure compliance with safety regulations

NEW INITIATIVES:
- Develop national courses for recreational and adult yachts
- Supplement face-to-face training courses with online channels and post-course mentoring and support
- Build capability to carry out cost-effective safety inspections for clubs

SUCCESS
Providing solid foundations for New Zealanders to compete and excel on the national and world stage.

YACHTING NEW ZEALAND WILL CONTINUE TO:
- Provide exceptional leadership to operate a sustainable Yachting New Zealand
- Support competition and promote development pathways
- Operate a high-performance programme to win on the world stage

NEW INITIATIVES:
- Ensure thorough engagement with clubs on Yachting New Zealand’s strategy
- Establish capability to attract and run international events and leverage legacy benefits
- Establish a world-class centre of excellence training and community facility in New Zealand
Let’s talk about
Loneliness and Community Wellbeing
April 2019

Urban Entrepreneur Ltd
Ensiyeh Ghavampour
Director
PhD UrbanDes, MLA, BAArch
NZILA registered, NZPI associate

Urban
13.6% of New Zealanders felt lonely in the last month.
NZ General Social Survey, 2016

1 in 5

Loneliness is highest between youth age 15-24.
NZ General Social Survey, 2016

70%

Loneliness is rising rapidly in New Zealand.
70% increase from 2014 to 2016.
NZ General Social Survey, 2016

15 per day

Loneliness is lethal as smoking 15 cigarettes per day.
There is a direct link between loneliness and the way we use our public realm (streets & green open spaces).

Traffic has a “Zone Influence” which intimidates and takes over a space psychologically (David Engwich).

 Loneliness and Traffic

HEAVY TRAFFIC

LESS FRIEND AND ACQUAINTANCE IN THE NEighbourHOOD

LONELINESS

LESS MORAL SUPPORT DURING LIFE CHALLENGES

ADVANCED DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY

INCREASE CHANCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS
Interaction between community face communication and purposeful social loneliness is preventable by increasing face to
A Bespoke Neighbourhood plan

- Establish local business
- Actively engage residents, generate money for community projects
- Reclaim and activate public spaces
- Increases regular purposeful social interactions
- Traffic calming, reducing car usage
- Increases chance of spontaneous social interactions

Urban
Are you ready to tackle loneliness?
Feedback from the Ōrākei Local Board on proposal to revoke Reserves Act delegations

1. Rationale for the Review

The Ōrākei Local Board generally supports the points made in the draft Auckland Council submission; in particular the point of needing to better justify the reason for the review. The proposal to revoke the Minister’s delegation seems reactive and rash, and the implications of revoking so many delegations on the basis of one Court of Appeal decision appear not to have been fully analysed.

2. Principle of decision-making at community level

In recent years there has been a move towards devolution of decision-making to those decision-makers closest to the communities who are affected by the decision. Wherever possible, decisions should be made at a local level.

The Auckland Council has a unique governance arrangement, as set out in the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. The Council is made up of the Governing Body and 21 Local Boards which have shared governance. The Governing Body has followed the devolution principle by providing and endorsing allocation tables for various council activities. This includes a general approach that decision-making on local parks is the responsibility of Local Boards. If this was extended to all decisions on local reserves, with the final approval being given by the Governing Body, the conflicts of interests or perceived conflicts of interest can be further minimised.

The proposed revocation of powers delegated to local councils will reverse decision-making at the local level. It will further distance local councils (and in Auckland’s case, Local Boards) from the accountability to and ability to work with their local communities. Local communities may not have the confidence that decision-makers and staff in centralised offices truly understand their locality, particular needs and type of community.

Decision-making on reserves is likely to become more costly and take longer unless DOC is substantially bolstered in its staffing and resources DOC will become needlessly involved in local reserve management decisions and if there are delays and unnecessary bureaucratic processes involved Councils and community may prefer to take a do-nothing approach on reserves. Any new reserves created by or gifted to councils are and would become increasingly easier to manage under the Local Government Act 2002. However, this does not afford the same level of reserve protection as the Reserves Act. As it is, councils are already leaning towards holding new parks under the LGA as there is more flexibility in decision-making under the LGA than the Reserves Act. Perhaps this is the crux of the matter- that the Reserves Act is long-overdue for a review.

3. Delegations at Auckland Council

As mentioned above, reserves in Auckland are largely governed by local boards and on the whole communities have confidence that decisions about their parks are being made at a local level. This includes substantial investment in sportsfield upgrades, path networks, ecological restoration and provision of community facilities.

Other decisions about parks, such as landowner approvals, event approvals and some resource consents decisions are delegated to staff. The Ōrākei Local Board has for some time requested a review of Auckland Council’s Governing Body delegations protocols which were approved at the end of 2012. It has been concerned that staff are making decisions which may be inappropriate either because it has been delegated to them, as illustrated in the example in the next paragraph, or because staff are confused about them.
A serious example of this is that we are currently facing the potential divestment of a reserve due to staff determining it had become “non-service” and passing it on to an Auckland Council CEO, Panuku Development Auckland, for “rationalisation”. This occurred with no consultation with the Ōrākei Local Board – the governors of that reserve, according to the Governing Body’s own allocation tables. We are now reliant on the official process starting under the Reserves Act, to revoke that reserve’s status and the public consultation that is required, to hopefully be able to retain the reserve, which is what the local community wants.

If this type of activity has been of concern to the Minister then we support the revocation of the relevant delegations to prevent the start of the process to dispose reserves, which are community assets and need to follow due process, including early consultation with the community.

We also recognise DOC’s concern that it is inappropriate for one authority to be planner, manager and decision-maker at a number of levels. Rather than revoke all the delegations as proposed, we suggest identifying where these roles are most critical and potentially passing the final sign-off of the process back to the Minister, as used to be the case with classification and management plans.

4. Management Plans

A reserve management plan is an essential tool for each and every reserve. Many councils have fallen behind in developing management plans and reviewing existing management plans as the process is costly and time-consuming. However, a current management plan beds in good direction as to what is allowed and not allowed on a park and assists with forward planning and funding. If the process of developing a management plan can be streamlined, e.g. Auckland Council’s omnibus management plans which cover a number of reserves in a given area, there should be the confidence within the Department of Conservation and within the community that appropriate decisions will be made for the reserves by the local council. Management plans should be developed for all reserves, whether held under the Local Government Act or the Reserves Act, and all should ultimately be signed off by the Minister.

5. Concerns if delegations are revoked as proposed

If the proposed revocation of delegations proceeds, Ōrākei Local Board has a number of concerns and questions regarding how future decisions will be resourced and carried out:

1) Because DOC has been restructured, downsized and centralised over the years, much of the expertise on reserves now sits within local authorities. This has the benefit that decisions about reserves are well considered locally in terms of local community needs, geography and culture. The decisions also take into account the wider parks network where facilities and space are shared by local residents, and a variety of sporting codes and local interest groups. These days much of the weed and pest control is undertaken by local environmental care groups, which also assist councils in planning for aspects of the reserve for the benefit of existing and future communities. We don’t believe that this will be as easily achieved if the administration and decision-making is made at remote, centralised locations.

2) These changes, if implemented, will inevitably require additional resources within DOC but there is no explanation provided as to how DOC will be resourced to manage the very significant additional workload and cost. Currently, many Councils absorb much of the cost of the decisions made with respect to proposed activities on reserve land. However, if the new regime incurs external cost (whether by way of administration fee or otherwise) charged by DOC, who will pay? Would an applicant for a new lease for example be expected to pay all the lease processing costs? Would any other costs be passed on to the community, i.e. local ratepayers?
3) Under the proposal we anticipate that there will be issues with the time it will take to process approvals and the timeliness of decisions, especially if staff resourcing within DOC is not substantially increased. It is difficult to see that removing the delegations will not result in even greater delays to applicants and councils than were previously experienced.

4) Clarity is needed as to when any proposed new regime might come into force, and the impact of that on processes currently underway. The Ōrākei Local Board is about to embark on an omnibus management plan process for all reserves in its local board area. The management plans are long-overdue and because of a number of land tenure issues that the Board is dealing with, it wants to begin this work as soon as possible.

5) As mentioned above, Ōrākei Local Board highlights the implications of this review for Auckland Council’s particular governance arrangements, where decision-making on local parks largely lies with local boards. There are other regimes that must also be considered, namely:

- Reserves governed by specific Acts of Parliament, such as Vellenoweth Green, Auckland Domain, etc
- Reserves governed by the Ngāti Whātua Reserves Board and the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau
- Reserves under co-governance arrangements such as Parakai Domain, Helensville.


The Ōrākei Local Board suggests that rather than revoke the delegations, a more comprehensive review of the Reserves Act is needed. The Reserves Act is more than forty years old. Its provisions need to align better with more recent legislation change such as various amendments to the Local Government Act 2002, in particular the Local Government (Auckland Council Act) 2009, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

The Board suggests that greater protection of reserves is needed in some cases, and the streamlining of some processes could occur such as the preparation of management plans so that these are in place for ALL reserves whether held under the Reserves Act or the Local Government Act.

The existing delegation regime can be made more robust by redrafting the existing supporting Ministerial directions to reflect that Councils may request that the decision be made by the Minister or the Departmental delegate. On the other hand, the Ōrākei Local Board was concerned to learn earlier this year that delegation could be taken up by councils to override the provisions of the Reserves Act and decide that freedom camping could be accommodated on reserves. This provision has not only upset our local communities, it has removed Local Board decision-making on local reserves for this particular activity.

7. **Recommendations**

1) Rather than revoke the delegations, as proposed, take a more comprehensive review of the Reserves Act to bring it up to date with how reserve administration and management currently operate, align it with more recent legislation and strengthen certain provisions to afford greater protection to open space.

2) In the meantime, retain the delegations for non-Crown derived reserves. Retain any others which have recently been through a public notification process under the Reserves Act.
3) Investigate how the delegations are undertaken within local authorities and provide some control on if and when decision-making can be further delegated to council staff.

4) Examine reserve management plans as the mechanism to provide more robust direction about what can and can’t be provided on reserves, allowing councils to develop these with their communities and requiring final approval by the Minister. This may be a way of rationalising some of the delegations.

5) The Minister should logically examine the delegations in relation to:
   - Approval of Reserve Management Plans
   - Classification of reserves
   - The change of classification or purpose of a reserve
   - Declaration of land vested in council to be a reserve
   - Exchange of reserves for other land
   - Granting of rights of way and other easements
   - Powers (other than leasing) in respect of reserves
   - Leasing of reserves.

In doing so, the Minister needs to be mindful of the different local governance arrangements in Auckland, where local boards share the governance role with the Governing Body, the two parties forming Auckland Council.