

Scenic reserves

It is hereby declared that the appropriate provisions of this Act shall have effect, in relation to reserves classified as scenic reserves—

- (a) for the purpose of protecting and preserving in perpetuity for their intrinsic worth and for the benefit, enjoyment, and use of the public, suitable areas possessing such qualities of scenic interest, beauty, or natural features or landscape that their protection and preservation are desirable in the public interest:
- (b) for the purpose of providing, in appropriate circumstances, suitable areas which by development and the introduction of flora, whether indigenous or exotic, will become of such scenic interest or beauty that their development, protection, and preservation are desirable in the public interest.

It is hereby further declared that every scenic reserve classified for the purposes specified in subsection (1)(a) shall be so administered and maintained under the appropriate provisions of this Act that—

- (a) except where the Minister otherwise determines, the indigenous flora and fauna, ecological associations, and natural environment and beauty shall as far as possible be preserved, and for this purpose, except where the Minister otherwise determines, exotic flora and fauna shall as far as possible be exterminated:
- (b) the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve, subject to the specific powers conferred on administering bodies by [sections 55](#) and [56](#), to any bylaws under this Act applying to the reserve, and to such conditions and restrictions as the administering body considers to be necessary for the protection and well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it:
- (c) to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purposes of the retention and preservation of the natural or scenic values, open portions of the reserve may be developed for amenities and facilities where these are necessary to enable the public to obtain benefit and enjoyment from the reserve:
- (d) where historic, archaeological, geological, biological, or other scientific features are present in the reserve, those features shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve:
provided that nothing in this paragraph shall authorise the doing of anything with respect to fauna that would contravene any provision of the [Wildlife Act 1953](#) or any regulations or Proclamation or notification under that Act, or the doing of anything with respect to archaeological features in any reserve that would contravene any provision of the [Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014](#):
- (e) to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, its value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.

It is hereby further declared that every scenic reserve classified for the purposes specified in subsection (1)(b) shall be so administered and maintained under the appropriate provisions of this Act that—

- (a) except where the Minister otherwise determines, the flora and fauna, ecological associations, and natural environment and beauty shall as far as possible be preserved:
- (b) the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve, subject to the specific powers conferred on administering bodies by [sections 55](#) and [56](#), to any bylaws under this Act applying to the reserve, and to such conditions and restrictions as the administering body considers to be necessary for the protection and well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it:
- (c) to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purposes of the retention and preservation of the natural or scenic values, open portions of the reserve may be developed for amenities and facilities where these are necessary to enable the public to obtain benefit and enjoyment from the reserve:
- (d) where historic, archaeological, geological, biological, or other scientific features are present in the reserve, those features shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve:
provided that nothing in this paragraph shall authorise the doing of anything with respect to fauna that would contravene any provision of the [Wildlife Act 1953](#) or any regulations or Proclamation or notification under that Act, or the doing of anything with respect to archaeological features in any reserve that would contravene any provision of the [Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014](#):
- (e) to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, its value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.