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Use of Public Conservation Land Report (section 19)

For the referral application for New Central Park



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Introduction

This report has been prepared by the Department of Conservation (DOC / the Department) in accordance with section 19 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). It provides information for the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) in relation to the use of public conservation land as part of the consideration of the referral application for New Central Park by New Central Park Limited.

Section 19 of the Act requires that the Minister must obtain and consider a report prepared by the Director-General of Conservation (D-G). Statutory delegations are in place for the Department of Conservation to provide the report on behalf of the D-G.

The Referral Application

The Project is for the development of a mixed-use development comprising subdivision, land use, and associated infrastructure activities at 77 and 109 Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu. **Figure 1** shows the location of the Project.



Figure 1: Project Location

Pre-lodgement consultation with the applicant has indicated that there are three areas of Public Conservation Land (PCL) which are potentially impacted by the Project:

- Lot 4 Deposited Plan 470759
- Lot 7 Deposited Plan 342714
- Lot 13 Deposited Plan 361734

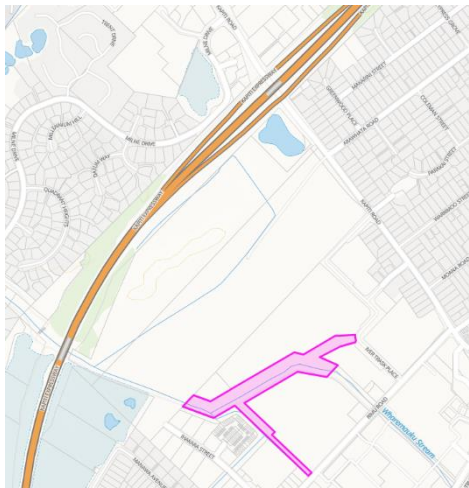


Figure 2: Location of Lot 4 Deposited Plan 470759

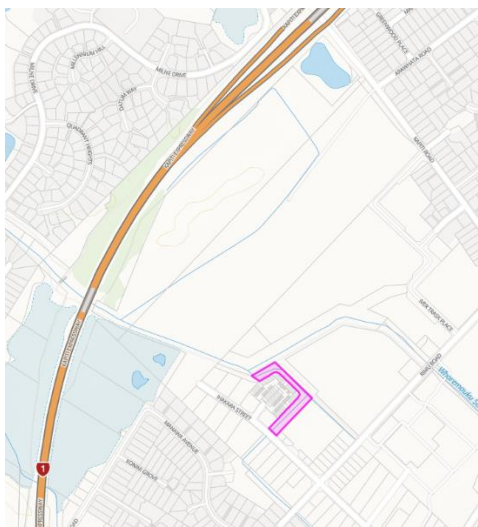


Figure 3: Location of Lot 7 Deposited Plan 342714

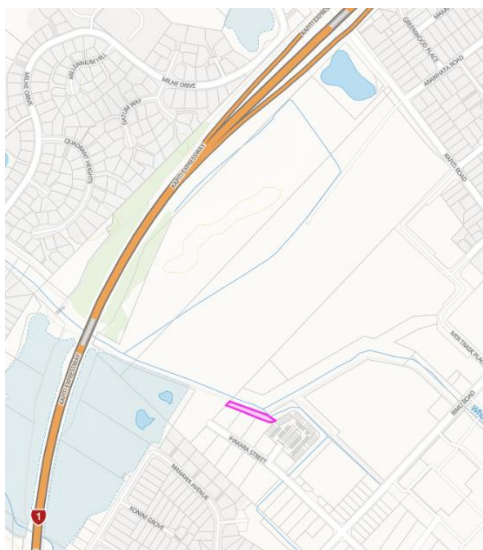


Figure 4: Location of Lot 13 Deposited Plan 361734

Each of these parcels are Local Purpose Reserves under s.23 of the Reserves Act 1977 and are administered by the Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC).

Summary of advice

- The Project site includes land administered under the Reserves Act 1977.
- While the reserves are public conservation land, they are administered by KCDC.
- The applicant has indicated in their referral application that:
'At this stage, works that may be required within the reserve parcels are expected to be limited to three waters and utility connections, associated earthworks, and potentially some minor path upgrades. The exact nature and extent of any works remain uncertain given the current stage of design.'
- Activities across land administered under the Reserves Act 1977 fall under the definition of a concession in Schedule 6, clause 1(b) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).
- DOC has consulted with KCDC on the ownership, classification and use of the relevant reserves. KCDC notes that the reserves are an important part of the stormwater drainage system for Paraparaumu and enable drainage from the Wharemauku Stream, its tributaries, and the corresponding floodplain. KCDC is open to enhancement activities on or near these reserves, as long as their ability to provide drainage is maintained and any works do not limit KCDC's ability to maintain the reserves or access the Wharemauku Stream.

Assessment

DOC has used the requirements set out in section 19 of the Act as a framework for providing advice on this application.

Existing arrangements for the public conservation land (s19(2)(a))

DOC reached out to KCDC to better understand the use, administration, ownership and management of the identified reserves on the 27th of July 2026. KDC responded on the 30th of July that the reserves are used for drainage purposes, with some recreational use. They enable drainage from the Wharemauku stream, its tributaries and the corresponding floodplain. KCDC mechanically clears aquatic weeds, gravel and sediment from these reserves with the use of a digger in order to maintain their drainage function. KCDC considers the reserves as a fundamental component of KCDC's stormwater drainage network and notes that KCDC must be able to actively maintain the ability of the Wharemauku Stream to convey water. In respect to this, KCDC notes that the Project must consider any impacts of proposed activities on the capacity and velocity profile of the stream and the drainage network represented by the reserves. KCDC would like to maintain the ability to access the Wharemauku Stream corridor for the purposes of vegetation and sediment clearance. It is further noted that Lot 7 Deposited Plan 342714 also includes a man-made treatment wetland. All sections of open channel drain a significant area of urban catchment. KCDC is open to enhancement activities, provided that it doesn't limit the ability of the reserves to provide drainage and KCDC's ability to maintain the reserves and access the Wharemauku Stream.

Risks and potential liabilities to the Crown (s19(2)(b))

As the application indicates these reserves are not Crown-derived, DOC considers there is no risk or liability to the Crown posed by this application that wouldn't otherwise exist for any project on or off PCL.

Section 19(2)(c)

Section 19(2)(c) relates to information required to be provided under paragraph (q) or (r) of section 13(4). This is not relevant for this application.

Section 19(3) consultation

Section 19(3) of the FTAA requires that reporting on matters under sections 19(2)(a) and 19(2)(b) be prepared in consultation with every owner, administrator, or manager of the affected public conservation land who is not the Crown.

In accordance with this requirement, DOC has consulted with KCDC, the relevant administrator of the land. The information they provided is summarised above.