

Memo: Te Tai o Poutini Plan Commissioner – Designations Topic Dean Chrystal
From: Te Tai o Poutini Plan – Principal Planner, Open Space Zone s42A Author Lois Easton

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Re: Designation of Reserves Lands

It has come to my attention that a number of parks and reserves have been recommended by s42A author for the Designations topic to be included as Designations in the Plan.

As s42A author for the Open Space Topic I would like to draw the commissioner's attention to the s32 analysis and approach to management of open space and reserves in Te Tai o Poutini Plan.

Within the three operative plans, there is no open space zone, and parks and reserves have an underlying zone the same as the surrounding area and are designated by the local Council. This has created issues for ongoing management and development of the reserves where third parties other than the requiring authority (eg a sports club) want to do work on the park or reserve.

With the development of Te Tai o Poutini Plan, a decision was made by the three Councils and the TTPP Committee to change the approach for managing parks and reserves through the use of an Open Space Zone, and to not roll over or continue the designation approach. This is discussed with the s32 report for Open Space Zones.

The s42A author for the Designations topic appears not to have been aware of this decision and approach and has therefore supported submissions seeking to roll over designations for a number of parks and reserves in Buller and Grey Districts.

I consider this is an error and not consistent with the agreed and consulted on approach for managing parks and reserves.

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