

# Ruahihi Power Station Reserve Concept Plan Decision Story

Thank you for taking part in the Concept Planning for Rui Power Station Reserve. We have completed the Plan and this document contains information on some of the key issues, themes of community feedback and the decisions.

## What's the story?

Council looks after more than 200 reserves in the Western Bay. Our Reserve Management Plans set the rules for each reserve and provide a vision for how we use and develop public spaces for, and with, our communities. The Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan was prepared in October 2003, reviewed in October 2008, and again in August 2016. During the latest review it was agreed that a new concept plan would be prepared for Ruahihi Power Station Reserve.

## Creating a draft plan

The draft concept plan was prepared from community feedback during the Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan review, information held on Council files and from the collective knowledge held by Council staff. Opportunities to provide feedback to the concept plan was available during the Long Term Plan Community Conversations held at Omokoroa on 6 May and 6 June 2017 and at Te Puna on 27 May 2017.

## Engaging with the community

Community engagement for the draft plan commenced started mid-August 2017 with advertisements in local newspapers, written invitations to hapū, marae and stakeholders and a notice on Council's web page. Consultation ended on 15 September 2017. People were able to give feedback on the draft plan through our website, as well as by filling out submission forms at our libraries and offices.

A drop-in day to allow elected members and staff to provide information about the draft plan was held at Maramatanga Park on Saturday, 2 September 2017.

Those who wished to discuss their feedback on the draft concept plan with elected members attended a meeting held in Council Chambers on 5 December 2018.

## Our response to your feedback

We received positive feedback about the key features of the Ruahihi Power Station Reserve draft plan. A copy of the approved plan is provided in this decision story and if you are interested, all approved concept plans will be posted on our webpage for the next two months.

Entering Ruahihi Power Station Reserve off State Highway 29, or parking nearby on State Highway 29, are major issues from a safety perspective, State Highways are the responsibility of the New Zealand Transport Agency. The subdivision consent creating the reserve and the other lots, limits the reserve's use to river-based activities on days when the Ruahihi Power Station releases water. In addition, the reserve can only host four organised events per year and the gate is required to be locked at all times when the reserve is not in use.

Due to the restricted public access, Council will not be installing seats and picnic tables, although the Kaimai Canoe Club may wish to. We will be installing the bollards shown on the plan, once the site layout has been finalised.

We propose to work with Trustpower, the Kaimai Canoe Club and any other interested parties to achieve the best outcome for the reserve including other issues raised in this feedback process e.g. tree planting, debris on the reserve, overhead transmission line, safe access to the river.

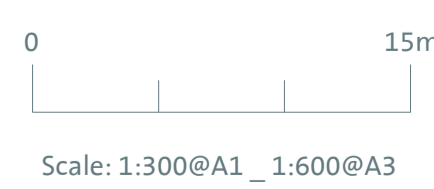
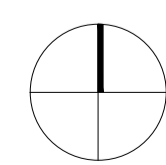
## Implementation of concept plans

Following adoption of the concept plans, implementation estimates will be prepared and referred to Council for consideration to allocate funds. This will also include the allocation of funds from cancelled projects or projects deferred indefinitely.





- Proposed future Development:**
1. Potential access to river (gravel)
  2. 6m minimum tall Trees
  3. Formalise parking (gravel) when required
  4. Formalise access road (gravel) when required
  5. Gate with padlock
  6. Canoe Club Facility  
Install bollards as appropriate



**Legend**

- Gravel road and carparking
- Lawn
- Low amenity planting
- Bund / Bank
- Site Boundary
- Small tree
- Existing tree
- Power Poles
- Overhead power lines
- Proposed small tree

**RUAHIHU POWER STATION RESERVE**

Reserve Concept Plan

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