

Reference Number: 2022/907

9 November 2022

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Email: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 28 October 2022. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Information regarding initial or continued planning for Ferry Reserve

Please find attached as Appendix A, an excerpt from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan, a strategic document that Horowhenua District Council compiled in 2017. The excerpt specifically relates to Ferry Reserve within that document.

Information regarding the vegetation present in the reserve

Please find attached map from Ferry Reserve Forestry valuation June 2022, which details:

- 11.9 hectares of this reserve as planted in Pinus Radiata;
- 2.9 hectares of this reserve planted in Poplar.

In terms of this forestry valuation, the Pinus Radiata is the only tree species included. Other points to note include:

- The Ferry Reserve forest was established in 2006, making the current crop of Pinus Radiata approximately 16 years old;
- The forestry valuation assumes that harvesting the stand will occur when the tree are aged 28 years;
- Other vegetation works within the reserve include pest plant control, which is undertaken at this site as part of the Districtwide Pest budget that HDC manage.

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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Executive Sponsor

Appendix A: Excerpt from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan 2017

Ferry Reserve

17.5 hectares

Flagstaff Reserve is one of the least used reserves, as per all discussion and input that has informed this project. Of those who did discuss its use, people described walking, cycling and horse trekking through the reserve. Due to its limited use and demand, the option to sell this land and reinvest in the other Foxton Beach reserves must be discussed. If that scenario does not engender support, Ferry Reserve could be developed as a dedicated horse trekking reserve, in order to reduce the conflict / perception of conflict between trekking and cycling or walking etc identified in other reserves.




Recommendations for Investment:

#	Actions	Funding	Type	Priority
16	Investigate demand for dedicated horse trekking reserve - if demand identified, Ferry provides a possible location for this	FCB	Decision	4
17	If trekking reserve not supported / sufficient priority (see actions #7 and 16), investigate sale of reserve and reinvestment of sale income into improvements to other reserves	HDC OPEX	Legal	5

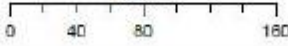
Appendix 2: Map of Ferry Reserve vegetation (Ferry Reserve forestry valuation 2022)





HDC Forests
Ferry Reserve
A4 Map Scale: 1:3,000
Mapping Date: 8/09/2022

Meters



Legend

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Parcels LINZ Roads Ferry Reserve - Tracks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ferry Reserve - Pine Ferry Reserve - Poplar Ferry Reserve - Flax
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