

NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Sheryl Bainbridge (Te Hiku Community Board) give notice that at the next Te Hiku Community Board meeting to be held on 25 August 2020, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That the Te Hiku Community Board recommends to Council that it investigates the process of divesting the ownership of Rangitoto Recreation Reserve Mangonui to the Crown.

RATIONALE

The Rangitoto Recreation Reserve is a headland of an area of 5.26ha. on the eastern entrance to the Mangonui Harbour. A historic fortification trench and pa site form part of the reserve.

It was reserved for purposes of defence in 1878 due to concerns with the Russian war. In 1962 the Ministry of Lands changed the purpose of the reserve from a reserve for defence to a reserve for recreation purposes and vested it in the Chairman, Councillors and inhabitants of the County of Mangonui.

The reserve can only be accessed through private property, by sea, or by walking around rocks when the tide is suitably low. Its lack of accessibility means that the reserve has limited value to ratepayers. It also has a significant weed problem which is currently adversely affecting neighbouring properties and potentially causing damage to the historic pa site. The site has been visited by archaeologist James Robinson who has reported on the wider local area for the Department of Conservation. A copy of his report is held within the council (objective number A2 9 3 9 8 0 0) and other relevant information can be provided if required.

From a regional or national perspective, the Rangitoto Recreation Reserve is a significant site, but it is not considered that 'recreation reserve' is the correct status. Given the requirement for extensive and ongoing vegetation control that does not damage the pa site, it is more appropriately owned by an entity such as the Crown, which has the means to manage it more effectively than the council does. There has been informal discussion with local iwi.

I commend this Notice of Motion to the Te Hiku Community Board for consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 **Gazette notice 1878**
- 2 **Gazette notice 1962**

Signed: Sheryl Bainbridge Te Hiku Community Board



Adele Gardner, Chairman Te Hiku Community Board



John Stewart Te Hiku Community Board

