

**SUBJECT:** Waipapa Street Accessway & Beach Access - Kuratau

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## BACKGROUND

This report provides the background for the stopping of Lot 26 DP 52469 Block III Pukeiti Survey District (Plan below) the access way between 25 and 27 Waipapa Street in Kuratau and the purpose to which the stopped road will be put to meet the requirements of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.



The access way was vested in the Taumarunui County and dates back to the original development of Kuratau and provided access from Waipapa Street to the lake front via a stairway and track across a steep escarpment.



Access Way

The access way leads to a wooden stairway and track that traverses the escarpment to arrive at the lakeshore immediately west of the Kuratau water supply intake pump station. The slope of the escarpment is typically 50 degrees and the grade of the track varies but is as steep as 24 degrees in places

The escarpment was planted in Australian Blackwoods (*Acacia Melanoxylon*) up until late 2010/early 2011 when the trees were removed at the request of residents in Waipapa Street. The slope was subsequently planted with small native shrubs (*Hebe* spp).

In 2013 a slip occurred on the escarpment just beyond the access way that undermined a section of stairway making the track unusable. It was determined at that time that it was not practicable to repair the stairway and track. The access way was thus closed at both ends to prevent further access. It has been closed since that time.



Slip Escarpment 2013

There is another beach access way 195metres to the west (from Pihanga Road, Hinerangi Place and Te Ara Hori Road) as well as access from Pihanga Road Boat Ramp (260metres east) and Omori Road Boat Ramp (750metres) west.



## **PROPOSAL**

Council has received a request from a landowner adjoining the closed access way at #27 Waipapa (to the left of the access way in the above photo) to purchase the land that forms the walkway and amalgamate it with their own land parcel.

Council's reserves planners have advised that the access-way serves no purpose as a lake access due to it terminating in a steep drop off which is unusable as a means to get to the lake. It is therefore considered appropriate that the land be disposed of.

The access way land is defined as road therefore prior to disposal the road must be stopped in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.

The access-way is shown as Lot 26 on Deposited Plan 52469. A copy of this plan, together with this report, is to be made available for public inspection at Council's offices. Council will, at least twice over a period of 2 weeks or more, give public notice of the road stopping proposal and of the place where the plan may be inspected. Persons objecting to the proposal may lodge their objections in writing at Council's office on or before a specified date, being a date at least 40 days after the date of the first public notice. Council will also serve a notice in the same form on the owners and occupiers of all land adjoining the access-way after that first publication.

Council must then fix a notice of the proposed stoppage in a conspicuous place at each end of the access way, which is to be maintained there for the duration of the notice and objection period.

If no objections are received within the specified time period, Council may declare by public notice that the road is stopped. Thereafter Council must transmit two copies of that stopping notice and the plan to the Chief Surveyor for their record. Notice of the road stoppage does not take effect until that record is made.

Subject to the completion of the road stopping process, the Council will then transfer the former access way to the adjoining landowner who will arrange for it to be amalgamated with their land in exchange for payment of the agreed consideration as established by a Registered Valuer appointed by Council plus all legal and survey costs and disbursements in connection with the road stopping and disposal process.