

Waitakere Community Board Submission to the Waitakere City 2008/2009 Annual Plan and Budget

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The Waitakere Community Board would like to thank the Waitakere City Council for the opportunity to submit to the Annual Plan.

The Board welcomes Council's efforts to keep rates down by reducing expenditure however we believe that moderate delays in major works would be a better course of action rather than savage cuts to essential outer area activities.

Major Capital Works

The Board supports the Council in their plan to redevelop Lopdell House.

Urban and Rural Villages

The Board supports Council plans to upgrade Titurangi War Memorial Hall.

The Board is concerned at the planned reduction in the budget for community halls. These halls play a vital role in sustaining the communities in our ward and we ask that the budget be increased to \$63,000 (the 2007-8 figure).

Integrated Transport and Communications

The future development and sustainability of our Eco City will require the wise use of modern information and communication technology (ICT). All residents and businesses need access to ICT and the skills to use it effectively.

The Board requests that Council commit to making ICT access, training and use, a major platform for future projects.

The Board also requests Council fund planning, development and the following through the LTCCP (2006-2016):

Support the work of Council staff who are developing ICT based solutions.

Support the work of organisations who are seeking to improve the City's ability to take advantage of ICT.

To establish a PC Recycling initiative for Waitakere City residents and businesses.

To develop and support a telework information resource so that all commuters have the option of working at or near their homes instead of traveling into the city every day.

The Board also supports the installation of underground power and phone cables in sensitive areas. This is specifically important in isolated areas where overhead wires limit emergency helicopter access Eg Bethells Surf Club and Karekare Carpark.

The Board supports the development of a Swanson Rail Park and Ride and congratulates the Council on the excellent facility at Sunnyvale.

The Board supports the Upper Opanuku walk/cycleway and hopes that funding will be available to investigate similar initiatives elsewhere in the Waitakere Ward.

Strong Innovative Economy

The Board asks that provision in the budget be made to support cottage industries and other home based businesses.

In the light of the Heritage Area Act 2008 we ask that particular consideration be given to businesses undertaking food production within the Heritage Area.

Strong Communities

The Board supports the Lopdell House project.

The Board notes the Council's ongoing support for Community Houses and asks that an investigation of a Community House for Parau be undertaken.

The Board congratulates the council on completion of the Emergency Services Centre in Elcoat Ave but is concerned at proposed cuts in the budget for emergency services in the draft budget.

We ask that the proposed cut of \$100k in the budget for Rural Fire not take place.

Active Democracy

The Board is concerned by the proposed cuts in the Active Democracy budgets for Community Boards and asks that this be returned to 2007 levels.

Green Network

The Board congratulates the Council for its work in promoting the passage of the Heritage Area Act to protect the Waitakere Ranges.

The Board supports the proposed spending on a Waitakere Ranges Visitors Strategy.

Noting that the Heritage Area Act and the proposed Visitors Strategy will involve a considerable contribution from the West Coast Plan Liaison Group the Board is concerned at the proposed funding cut for managing strategic partnerships – west coast plan. The Board asks that this funding be reinstated.

The Board is concerned at the ward's infestation by exotic species, and welcomes the effort put in by volunteers and the ARC to control them in the bush and coastal areas.

The Board encourages Council to continue its active support of the efforts of groups in the Waitakere Ward (eg Beachcare, Landcare, Coastcare and Forest Restoration), as well as organisations such as the Waitakere Ranges Protection Society and the NZ Royal Forest and Bird Society, all of whom are working to eradicate plant, insect, and animal pests and restore native species.

As the main route for exotic weed species into the bush and coastal areas is via the roads, the Board requests that Council provide training in weed control to all of its staff and contractors who work on or alongside roads in the Waitakere ward.

The board asks Council to encourage the ARC to eliminate wild pigs and continue wasp control in the Waitakeres. As regards the latter, the Board supports the reintroduction of "Finitron" wasp bait, which proved effective in previous years.

The Board also asks the Council to continue to support local conservation initiatives, such as "Ark in the Park", to secure the ward's regional and national treasures for future generations to enjoy.

Three Waters

The Board supports continued funding for the Onsite Wastewater Systems Action Group and implementation of the Action Plan.

The Board also supports funding for the Local Huia-Cornwallis and Piha-Karekare Wastewater Groups.

The Board notes the environmental threat presented by the failure of the Piha domain Camp Ground wastewater scheme. The Board asks that \$60k be allocated in the current budget to investigate and plan for a combined wastewater scheme to serve the Camp ground and adjacent community groups.

Sustainable Energy

The Board supports Council promotion of sustainable energy and clean air initiatives.

Zero Waste

The Board supports the Waitakere City Zero Waste Strategy and is concerned that it is proposed that the budget for this strategy be cut by \$600k.

Democracy and Governance

The Board is concerned at the proposed \$28k increase in the budget for Civic functions.

Emergency Management

The Board is concerned that there is no level of service statement for Rural Fire and no separation of activity cost for Rural Fire in the Emergency Management budget.

Community Halls - Rates remissions/Community Accommodation Assistance Grant

The Board would like to bring to Councils attention that ARC has a policy of rates remissions available to qualifying community and sporting organisations. For community-owned halls there is 100% remission. This Board would like to see Council adopt a similar policy.

West Wave

The Board seeks the continuation of free training sessions for volunteer surf lifeguards.

Arts and Culture

The Board supports the continuation of the Lopdell House project.

Cemetery

The Board seeks continuing support for Eco-burials.

The Board notes the level of expenditure planned for cemetery roads and asks that some of this expenditure be delayed and the funding shifted to other roading and footpath projects.

Leisure

The Board seeks the funding be provided to assist with Community Hall upgrades.

Libraries

The Board supports the proposed \$65k for a fitout of the Titrangi Library and Learning Centre.

The Board asks that books discarded from City Libraries be offered to Community Libraries at no cost.

Parks

The Board supports Oratia R&R's request for Council to purchase land adjacent to the Settlers Hall for Community use as was proposed in the Oratia Structure Plan. We note that Oratia does not currently have a local park.

The Board is concerned that substantial cuts are proposed in the draft budget for Parks.

City Heritage

The Board supports the Lopdell House precinct development.

Transport and Roads

The Board notes that the levels of service stated on page 117 of the draft annual plan are routinely not met in Waitakere Ward.

The Footpath Construction Programme is supported by the Board where safety issues identify the need to construct new footpaths in areas where original sub-divisional standards did not require footpaths on either side of roads, and where footpaths are needed on one side of the road due to increased activity. The Board supports this programme being based on city-wide priorities.

The Footpath Maintenance Programme is supported by the Board as an essential part of the core functions of the Council, and complimentary to the footpath construction programme. We support this programme being on a City wide priority.

The Board would like a substantial increase in the budget for road and footpath repairs.

The Board supports the request from Parau R&R to ensure that funding is available to complete the footpath down Bunker Hill (Huia Road) .

The Board is pleased to support the continued initiatives of the Road Safety Committee in reducing speed and accidents in Waitakere City. The Board would like to see an increased budget for safety measures.

The Board supports the continuation of the introduction of 40kph zones around school.

The Board supports the Oratia Ratepayers and Residents Association request to have the open drains in front of Oratia School covered and improved parking provided.

The Board asks that the Council negotiate with ARTA to provide lifts rather than ramps to give disabled pedestrians access across the tracks at Swanson Railway Station. Further the Board asks that the Council consider allocating funding for the operation and maintenance of the lifts.

Waste Management

The Board opposes the proposed change. Organic waste collections have been provided by Council as a service to residents for many years. Without it illegal dumping will become rampant and the Waitakere Ranges will bear the brunt of this. By more efficient and prompt pick-up the service could be made more economic and less messy.

Community Board Wellbeing Fund

The Board requests the Council applies a formula that is not population based when distributing this fund between the 4 Community Boards.

Under the proposed formula there would be insufficient budget to undertake substantial projects within the Waitakere Ward with the Board having the ability to grant funds on a monthly basis.

The portion of the fund allocated to the Waitakere Community Board last year was based on the 2006 census figures and shows a substantial disadvantage to the Waitakere Ward based on current population.

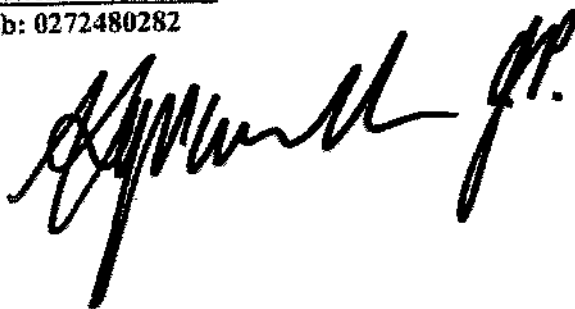
This allocation does not take into account the large geographical area covered by the ward or the fact that the costs of providing the requested services are the same, if not more, than in other parts of the city.

The Waitakere Community Board therefore requests that Council allocates equal amounts to all Community Boards.

The Waitakere Ward also asks that due to the potential cost increases in associated works of the order of 15-20% over the last year that the total pool for the Community Board Wellbeing Fund be increased accordingly.

Representatives of the Waitakere Community Board request to speak to some aspects of this submission and request an evening hearing so Board members are available to attend.

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Nominate an UNsung HERO for a 2008 Waitakere City Community Board Award

Waitakere's community boards want to hear about the "unsung heroes" of your community.

These awards are an opportunity for local people to celebrate and honour community volunteers at a grassroots level.

Nominees can be individuals or small informal groups who have got together to achieve something worthwhile – but not properly organised societies or clubs.

In about 250 words, describe who they are, what they have done, the length of time they have worked in the community and the impact they have made.

Send your nominations to:

Waitakere City Council
'Unsung Hero' Community Board Awards
Private Bag 93 109, Henderson
Waitakere City
Attn: Emma Joyce (Democracy & Support Services)
Or email: Emma.Joyce@waitakere.govt.nz

(Be sure to include your contact details and those of the person/group you are nominating).

Nominations open on May 16 and close on June 20.

There will be five awards per ward (Henderson, Massey, New Lynn & Waitakere) and an awards night will be held on 27 June, 2008.

www.waitakere.govt.nz



ARMOUR BAY GRAZING PROPOSAL RESULT OF CONSULTATION 2008

Infrastructure and Works Committee 4 June 2006

GLOSSARY

Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan	(the Plan)
Armour Bay Reserve	(the Reserve)
City Development Committee	(CDC)
Infrastructure and Works Committee	(IAWC)
Waitakere Community Board	(WCB)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Armour Bay Grazing Submissions and to obtain a decision from the Infrastructure and Works Committee (IAWC) on whether part of land on Armour Bay Reserve be made available for leasing for grazing purposes.

This report provides the results of the submissions received after public consultation notice was published 17 January 2008. Results reveal that 95% of the submissions received do not support (any) grazing on Armour Bay Reserve.

This report recommends the 'do nothing' option which will enable the park to continue to be available for use by the public as a whole and not by one select group of the community and will continue to comply with the current Reserve Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Infrastructure and Works Committee:

1. **Receive** the Armour Bay Grazing Proposal Result of Consultation 2008 report.
2. **Approve** that the land known as Armour Bay Reserve, Armour Road, Parau not be made available for grazing purposes and that no lease be granted on said land.
3. **Agree** that the Waitakere Community Board be notified that no grazing is to be permitted on land known as Armour Bay Reserve, Armour Road, Parau.

BACKGROUND

1. On 1 May 2007 a report was presented to the Waitakere Community Board (WCB) after Council was approached by a group requesting use of land at Armour Bay Reserve for the purpose of grazing horses.
2. The purpose of the report was for the WCB to consider making available approximately 1.5ha of Armour Bay Reserve, Armour Road, Parau for the purpose of grazing horses.
3. The report refers to the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2005) which states Council supports equestrian facilities / pony clubs in Waitakere City.
4. WCB carried resolution as follows:

"That the Grazing Land at Armour Bay, Parau report be received.

That Council owned parkland at the north-west corner of Armour Bay Reserve be tendered and made available for grazing purposes."

772/2007

5. However, it has since been established that the Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan (the Plan) adopted in 2001, which covers Armour Bay Reserve, Parau - does not include any developments that include grazing of horses or equestrian activities. It must also be noted that Armour Bay Reserve is classified as a Citywide Park therefore the delegated authority is the Infrastructure and Works Committee (IAWC) (previously known as the City Development Committee) (CDC).
6. Under Policy 8.8 within the Plan, the criteria for leases is based on the fact that leases will generally provide a benefit (or benefits) to the public which is greater than any adverse effect caused by granting a lease and that a lease will not cater to any one sector of the public, except where this is provided for and is appropriate in terms of the Objectives and Policies of the Plan, which in this case, the lease proposal does not meet that criteria.
7. Policy 8.8 was identified in Reports to the WCB on 4 September 2007 and the CDC on 6 September 2007 with resolutions carried as follows:
8. WCB
*"That the Grazing Land at Armour Bay Reserve, Parau – Registrations of Interest report be received.
 That it be recommended to the City Development Committee that public consultation be commenced regarding whether Armour Bay Reserve, Parau be used for grazing purposes"*
 3414/2007
9. CDC
"That approval be given to commence public consultation regarding whether part of Armour Bay Reserve, Parau be used for grazing purposes subject to the Reserves Act 1977."
 3065/2007
10. No lease has been approved by Council on part of land on Amour Bay Reserve, Armour Road, Parau for grazing purposes at this time.

DECISION MAKING

11. Under Local Government Act 2002 Section 77; Requirements in relation to decisions; Council acknowledged that there were groups who were interested in using Armour Bay Reserve for an alternative use which in this instance was for the purpose of grazing horses. On 6 September 2007 Resolution 3065/2007 by CDC approved commencing public consultation.

Issues

12. After Resolution 3065/2007 was carried in September 2007 a public notice was advertised 19 January 2008 (submissions closed 19 February 2008). IAWC are being asked to consider whether making part of the land at Armour Bay Reserve available for grazing purposes is in the public interest.
13. Of 38 submissions, 95% opposed the proposal, one was in support, one suggested partial use over summer only, 36 objecting to the land being used for

- (any) grazing purposes (main points raised being that the Armour Bay Reserve would not be available to all, and concerns about the damage and pollution the horses are likely to cause). See attachment [AXX].
14. The reason most stated is that currently the Reserve is frequented by the local residents and visitors who use the park for exercising, walking their dogs, play and running area for children and adults, plus access to the beach and walking tracks. See attachments [BXX] for some submission letters.
15. Issues raised include:
- (a) Land boggy/wet over winter months; animals left to graze may get trapped and/or injured in the bog – raising safety issues for the health and wellbeing of the animals.
 - (b) Animals grazing with only temporary fencing; concerns that animals may escape and may be injured and/or cause injury on roadways, plus escapees grazing on native flora and fauna.
 - (c) Tetanus in horse droppings; this claim is disputed by horse owners as they explained that all horses are vaccinated against tetanus – disputed risk.
 - (d) Public Access; if the land were grazed it would prohibit safe access by children, pedestrians, dogs could not be left to run – risk of public losing access to the Reserve.
 - (e) Droppings/manure from animals and/or fertilisers put on the land may impact on the quality of the land and possibly affect the native vegetation, as the area is prone to become boggy and waterlogged, there are no guarantees that this will not affect water quality – possible eco system damage risk.
 - (f) Some submitters are concerned that Council are being seen to want to graze the land as merely a money generating exercise and that there was not enough public consultation – this was addressed by Resolution 3065/2007 – effectively issue addressed.
16. Other concerns raised by submitters relate to safety/health issues. Horses/horse riders using roadways and the beach. Horse droppings on pathways and in the sea, these have been identified as operational issues which will be addressed separately. The point of contact for these issues is the Councils Customer Liaison Officer.
17. By allowing smaller areas of parks and reserves such as Armour Bay Reserve to be leased to only one section of the community it reduces the public's access, thereby contributing to the erosion of the City's 'Green Network'. Grazing of this piece of land is not in-line with the Long Term Council Community Plan Green Network Platform.
18. As the delegated authority the recommendations from IAWC on the Armour Bay Reserve Grazing Proposal Result of Consultation 2008 Report will be forwarded to the WCB.

Options Identified

19. The options being considered by this report are whether part of Armour Bay Reserve, Parau be made available for grazing land or whether the status quo remains.

Consideration of Community Views

20. The public notice was published in the NZ Herald and the Western Leader; Letters of notification were posted to those within 1.5kms of the Armour Bay Reserve. See attachment [DXX], [EXX], [FXX].

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

21. The Council's Strategic Platforms include that within the urban and rural villages it is to ensure that people have choices in recreation in their neighbourhoods. Within the Building Strong Communities platform the vision is for people to be active, healthy and content, and that they feel safe with a strong sense of community that 'connect' people with each other, the vision includes providing leisure facilities and services that people enjoy.
22. Within the Green Network platform it states that the Waitakere Ranges will be permanently protected, that there will be a network of bush and trees, this platform is about caring for natural areas. The City's parks, bush and streams form a 'Green Network' that provides homes and highways for wildlife, with recreational areas for people. Protection and enhancement is sought on both private and public land, community use is encouraged, as is the protection of landscapes, native plants, wildlife and ecosystems. These areas making up the 'Green Network' provide public access to waterways as does Armour Bay Reserve.
23. By making the land available to one group it will restrict use by other users which is not in-line with the Plan.

Preferred Option

24. Preferred option is to preserve Armour Bay Reserve as being available for public use.

CONSULTATION

25. Consultation has involved internal Council staff and the residents and ratepayers within 1.50km radius of Armour Bay Reserve, Parau.

RESOURCES

26. There are no resource implications except for staff time and public notice costs.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

27. There are no implementation issues.

Report prepared by: Margaret Groot – Tenancy Manager Community Leases.



WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

23 JAN 2008

3 Armour Road
Parau
Waitakere City 0604

21st January 2008

005973

Dear Ms Groot

I wish to object to the proposed leasing of land at Armour Bay Reserve for grazing purposes.

This area is used every day by a great many people exercising their dogs. Hopefully this means that many dogs defecate here rather than on the beach or surrounding grass areas. In the event of this land becoming unavailable even more dog excrement will end up on these areas.

I am guessing that the grazing animals involved are horses as there seems to have been a proliferation of horse riders in the area. It is surely their responsibility to ensure adequate paddock space before they obtain a horse rather than attempt to section off a large area of public reserve.

I live very close to this area and am not convinced that horses will not escape onto our, mostly bushed, land. This has occurred in the past with horses paddocked close to us.

We are constantly being urged to conserve our native forest and I am totally in favour of this. It seems most inappropriate to use our reserve for grazing purposes.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Kelly

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7 Selwyn Rd
Porirua
Wairakere City
26 Jan '08

WAIKERE CITY COUNCIL

31 JAN 2008

006448

Dear Wairakere City Council,
We would like to let you
know that we object to the
proposed grazing at
Armour Bay Reserve,
Parau Wairakere City.
We would like all of it to
be left for people to use.
Thank-you for your time
Best Regards
Liz Sumner & Kurt Ricketts
[Signature]

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PARAU
Waitakere 0604
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Margaret Groot
Property Manager – Tenancy
Waitakere City Council
6 Henderson Valley Road
Henderson

18 February 2008

Dear Council

**Re: Public Notice of Intent to Lease Land for Grazing at Armour Bay Reserve,
Parau**

I am writing regarding the above proposal and enclose a copy of my letter dated 10th August 2007 relating to the application by Muddy Creek Riders for grazing at Armour Bay.

I would reiterate the content of that letter and ask you to re-read my views in connection with the Public Notice of Intent and in particular my observations of the current use of this field.

Given the intensity of local public feeling on this issue, I note that many residents are vehemently opposed to the idea of grazing and thus losing a valued resource.

As a resident most affected by the use of the proposed field, I would be happy to see horses peacefully grazing there in the summer months, but I would not want to restrict the many locals who extensively use this field for dog exercising, walking, etc.

I most emphatically want to remove the cars and motorbikes repeatedly hooning noisily through the Reserve with total disregard for the community and the environment. I respectfully suggest that the fences all over the Reserve are maintained properly and more speed-bumps added to the roadway, and that the gates are shut promptly and daily (which is seldom the case, especially at weekends when the gate is often left unlocked). Far greater vigilance needs to be exercised to counter the increase of speeding traffic and unruly behaviour.

I am therefore fearful for the security of any horses being allowed to graze there given the level of anti-social behaviour I have witnessed in the last year.

With respect to the field proposed for grazing, I feel that a year on year lease is quite impossible because the land is sodden in winter and therefore unsuitable for any stock.

I am sympathetic to local feeling that this is a community space that must be preserved, and feel that all visitors should be able to enjoy the Reserve fully.

I therefore propose that this field remains as existing community use, and that riders are able to ride across the field in the drier months and enjoy the facility as do other residents, dog-walkers etc

Thus everyone can enjoy the field and Reserve safely and harmoniously, and maintain its peace.

There is however a desperate need for grazing in Parau as former grazing has been sold off and developed for housing, and the land at Owens Green necessarily limits the number of grazers to 10 horses.

Perhaps Council could consider that horses are allowed to graze informally at Armour Bay as on common land, ie, temporarily tethered or restrained by an electric fence on part of the field, only during daylight hours and removed at night.

I ask that Council supports the growing equestrian community by providing safe off road riding, and helps source further grazing sites in the area.

Above all I would like to see Armour Bay Reserve actively maintained as a tranquil community resource.

Yours sincerely



Korin Wegener

NB As a horse owner I would point out that the resident circulating a letter sensationally proclaiming the dangers of horses transferring tetanus to humans is misinformed and anyway, all our horses are vaccinated against tetanus. There are far more potent issues surrounding dog faeces which are potentially more harmful to humans!:

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

18 FEB 2008

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15-2-08

Waitakere City Council
Property Manager
c/o Margaret Grant 12 Devon Bay Reserve

Dear Margaret

I was shocked to receive your letter notifying us of your proposal to redevelop the reserve and after discussing this with my husband, we both strongly object, as lots of us have dogs and enjoy a country walk across the paddock, away from traffic and dust, also we enjoy a nice run without horses being time stopping in the area. I'm worried by the noise early January, some children were complaining about horse manure floating in the water when they were swimming, they must have just seen horse in the water, with riders taking no notice of the manure left behind. 50 RIDERS, NO HORSES.
Yours Mary Fox 34 Raukura Cove, Parau 8173374

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Mr Stan BURWELL
22 RAUHA CRES
PARAU AUCKLAND
WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL 12.2.08.

19 FEB 2008 007757

Dear Margaret Groot

I would like to make a submission objecting to part of the land at Armour Bay Reserve being made available for HORSE grazing. My family and I go down to Armour Bay quite a lot, 3 weeks ago I took my grand children down, the HORSES were in the water, the Children were all shouting about all the HORSE Poo in the water, and the grass area getting damaged by the HORSES when they were getting cleaned, also the horses were placed under the Longa Shower for a rinse. Surely you can't say this is right. They seem to go from one field to another till they get to a prime position, and put on a small Shed then later a larger Shed so on. I think if it goes ahead it will cause a lot of friction between the Council and the Residents. Keep PARAU at it is, that's why come to live here. Don't let them put their HORSES on the Reserve and destroy it, let them go somewhere else.

Margaret
Stan Burwell

COMMUNITY SERVICES	
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WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

13 FEB 2008

J.A. Bayly
50 Sylvia Valley
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T. Hrang.
Auckland

Chief Executive Officer
Attn: Margaret Curren
Waitakere City Council
Private Bag 93109
Henderson
Waitakere City 0602

10 - Feb - 2008

00733r

Re: Public Notice of Intent to Lease Land for
Crazing Purposes at Armour Bay Reserve
Park.

I wish to register my opposition/objection to
allowing grazing of Armour Bay Reserve
Reserve for this objection includes, but
are not restricted to:-

- 1 Erosion of public access to public property
- 2 See no need to use this public land for
commercial gain.
- 3 Land is used extensively by walkers and
dog walkers
- 4 Sooner or later there will be tension between
dog walkers and sheep.
- 5 Potential degradation of water quality
due to animal excrement and fertilisers
- 6 Forcing people into a smaller area of the
park, reducing enjoyment gained from wide
open spaces & extensive walk.
- 7 Already seeing increasing urbanisation
of the Waitakere. There is an increasing
need to protect designated parks from
any commercialisation or development.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose the council allowing grazing at Armour Bay Reserve. Leave the reserve as is, for the pleasure of the local residents.

Yours faithfully
DA Maglin
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WAIKARE CITY COUNCIL 677 Huia Road
Parau
- 7 FEB 2008 Auckland
0604

4th February 2008

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I am a Parau resident and I am writing to object to the proposed lease of land at Armour bay for grazing purposes.

I feel that there is enough land in the local area already being using for grazing and I don't want the beautiful area at Armour Bay tainted by horses and the mess they make.

I have a dog and there are so many restrictions on walking dogs in the area, another paddock for horses would be unfair. Why not make it into an 'off leash' dog area?

The horses already tear up the beach (and they are not supposed to be on the beach) and leave large piles of mess down there.

I think it would be a real shame to have another field of horses in Parau. At the moment it is such a beautiful field to look at and run in. It would definitely spoil the Armour Bay area.

Yours Truly



Josephine & Michael Woods

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WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL
18 FEB 2008

Keith Millar
13 Staley Rd.
Parau

15/2/08

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The Chief Executive Officer
Waitakere City Council

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to Council's intention to lease public reserve land at Armour Bay for grazing purposes.

My property borders the proposed site. Having horses grazing there would restrict my access and use of the reserve. There would also be an increase in the noise levels as well as a potential problem with flies breeding in the manure. Horses also carry the Tetanus bacillus in their gut and their droppings can carry the Tetanus spore which can lay dormant in the soil for up to 80 years. This area would be contaminated for a long time even after the horses have gone. I also feel that the horses will be ridden around the proposed site and it will become a defacto pony club. There would be a strong temptation to ride the horses down to the beach as well. Muddy Creek horse riders currently take their horses to the beach now and foul the area with their droppings even though this is against the bylaws of the park. So much for being responsible members of our community! Will they ride the horses through Parau to get to the pony club? They already do. I once counted 10 piles of horse droppings on our sole footpath. It is too dangerous to ride on the road so they use the footpath. Isn't this also against City bylaws?

A lot of people currently exercise their dogs on the proposed site or often just stroll enjoying the peace and solitude of a large grassy area. By leasing this area to a select group would deprive the greater majority of Parau residents of their right to enjoy and utilise public reserve land. Horses are already being grazed on land opposite the dam. Is that not sufficient enough?

I also have an issue with the lack of public consultation. I have only received one notice and it states that council INTENDS to lease the land. Surely there should have been much wider community involvement before it had reached this stage. I feel there is an element of skullduggery here. The public notice only states grazing purposes. Why doesn't it state it will be for horse grazing specifically for the Muddy Creek Riders pony club? After all, it clearly states this in the minutes of the Waitakere Community Boards meetings. Why the secrecy? Is this in the interests of the greater community or will it benefit a select few who know how to pull a few strings?

This intention also is contrary to Waitakere City's agreed and accepted city plan to have 3 main horse riding centres in designated areas. The Armour Bay Reserve is not one of these areas. In fact, it is designated as public reserve land only. What is the point of having a city plan that can be overridden so arbitrary. If this plan goes ahead I am prepared to challenge your decision.

Yours sincerely

Keith Millar



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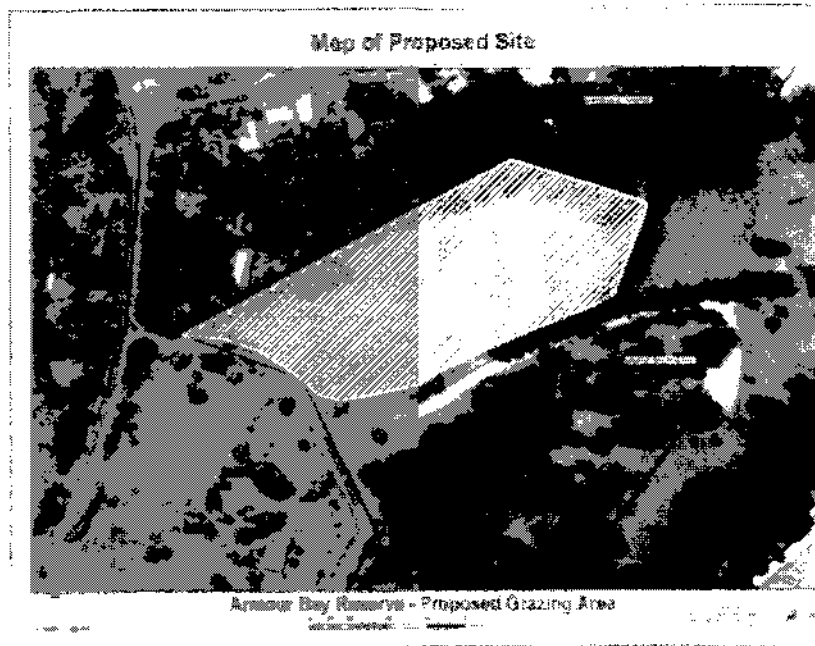
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The Residents

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE LAND FOR GRAZING PURPOSES AT ARMOUR BAY RESERVE, FARAU

Notice is hereby given of Council's intention to make available by way of leasing part of land known as Armour Bay Reserve, Farau for grazing purposes.

Council has received expressions of interest for a grazing lease of Armour Bay Reserve.



The lease on the land will make available 1.5 hectares on the northern side of the entrance to Armour Bay Reserve for grazing purposes. There are no services connected to the land and as such the lessee would provide their own water. The lessee would be required to provide temporary stock proof fencing to ensure that grazing activities are contained within the grazed area thereby protecting boundaries which will protect native plantings.

The terms of any lease would be subject to the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 and will comply with the Council's Community Leasing Policy, including requirements that the lessee is a not-for-profit community group run by volunteers.

Any person wishing to make a submission in support of the application for part of land at Armour Bay Reserve being made available for grazing purposes must do so in writing.

All submissions must be received by 5.00pm Tuesday 19 February 2008 and be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer (attention Margaret Groot) Waitakere City Council, Private Bag 20100, Henderson, WAITAKERE CITY 0650.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Groot
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