

Baring Head Scenic Reserving: Summary of objections and comments received

Submitter	Summary of their submission	Comment
1. Colin Ryder	Support. Precondition of purchase	Agree
2. Paula Warren on behalf of Friends of Baring Head	Support. Qualities of the landscape accord with the suggested Scenic Reserve 19 (1) (a) category.	Agree
	Suggests that adjacent land (lighthouse complex) should have reserve status altered – considers recreation reserve inappropriate for nationally important values.	
3. Tom Barber	Support. Important that this is reserved for public enjoyment.	
	Dogs should be permitted if on a lead, and if grazing, only restricted when sheep are lambing.	Interim policy being applied is the same as Parangarahu Lakes (East Harbour Regional Park) which does not allow dogs. In fact, dogs are not allowed on any farmed areas of GW Parks. This comment will be considered in the development of a management plan.
4. Lisia Grocott	Support. Good to protect this area for public enjoyment. One of the top rock climbing areas in Wellington.	Agree
5. Lee Hunter (Tupoki Takarangi Trust)	Oppose. Want to be informed of any potential changes, legal, physical or otherwise.	Have organised to meet these landowners to discuss issues but expect that these issues can be addressed through a management plan.
6. Helen Beaglehole	Support. Qualities of the landscape accord with the suggested Scenic Reserve 19 (1) (a) category.	
	Ask Council to consider making the lighthouse complex (currently	Section 17 (Recreation Reserves) also provides for protecting scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, geological, or other

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	<p>recreation reserve) a historic reserve.</p> <p>Most complexes no longer exist. Baring Head is nationally important, being NZ's first automatic, electrically powered lighthouse.</p>	<p>scientific features or indigenous flora or fauna or wildlife are present. By deciding to change the reserve classification to Section 18 (Historic Reserve) however, there would be a much greater emphasis on maintaining these features (which would include the light house keepers houses and associated buildings).</p> <p>It is important that further discussion and decisions be made on the future of the houses is had first.</p>
7. Jane and Michael Curtis	<p>Support. On condition it (a) does not affect landowners and what they do with their land and (b) does not interfere with future use of the road e.g. for civil defence.</p>	<p>The landowners in question are not adjacent to the property and are not expected to be affected by the scenic reserve classification.</p> <p>The road refers to is only available to those who have an easement (namely NIWA, Police, the private land owner whose property is only accessible through the reserve and GW). It is expected that the road will continue to be used in the future.</p>
	Baring Head should be farmed (with sheep and cattle).	This comment will be considered in the development of a management plan.
8. Doug Mercer for Mainland Island Restoration Operation (MIRO)	<p>Support. Scenic Reserve gives appropriate level of protection.</p> <p>Provide motorised access to some parts of area (e.g. terraces) but not to the beach.</p> <p>Re establish natural and native ecosystems, with a possible exception of the iconic terraces visible from Wellington city.</p> <p>Happy to present in person if required</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>These comments will be considered in the development of a management plan.</p>

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9. Pat van Berkel	Support. Was a condition of purchase. Protects the land from commercial uses, ensuring it is for conservation and passive recreation	Agree. Scenic Reserve status only gives very limited ability for concessions (e.g. guided tours would be allowed but not a go-kart raceway).
10. Nick Mackin	Oppose. Believes it will restrict access for people who want to use the park for recreational activities such as hunters, horse riders, campers	All submissions had similar issues with the scenic reserve status.
11. Nic Cudby, Wellington Fish and Game Council	Oppose. On grounds that the reserve status will limit game-bird hunters and trout fishing. Notes that Wainuiomata River has a brown trout fishery.	Neither camping nor horse riding is prohibited by a scenic reserve purpose and indeed some scenic reserves around New Zealand specifically provide for horse riding. These activities will be considered as part of the management plan. A scenic reserve (1)(a) classification requires that exotic flora and fauna shall as far as possible be exterminated except where the Minister otherwise determines. In the case of Baring Head pest plant plans will be prepared to guide extermination of exotic flora. It is expected that the only animals allowed on the area would be grazing stock (such as sheep, cattle or horses) in confined areas. It is highly unlikely that any other hunting will be required on the block other than for animal control purposes.
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12. Simon Muckley (Wellington Wildfowlers)	Oppose. Has potential to limit the activities (hunting, game bird hunting and freshwater fishing) the submitter can participate in.	
13. Michael Judd (Wellington Wildfowlers)	Oppose. Has potential to limit hunting and fishing activities. Would like to ensure these can continue for future generations.	
	Wainuiomata River provides a valuable freshwater angling, white-baiting and waterfowl hunting resource for Wellington.	Game-bird hunting and freshwater angling is not ruled out by scenic reserve status but it is likely that some kind of authorization through the plan or through permits would need to be issued by the Council. Note that this does not include surf casting as the reserve extends only as far as the road reserve boundary along the coast.

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14. n/a	n/a	Submission relates to the management plan rather than the Scenic Reserve status.
15. Alastair Smith (Great Harbour Way)	Support. Qualities of the landscape accord with the suggested Scenic Reserve 19 (1) (a) category. Has potential to connect with the Great Harbour Way at Pencarrow.	Agree. Connection to the Great Harbour Way will require access across private properties in the Fitzroy Bay area. Hutt City Council are working with landowners on this possibility.
16. Gordon Brailsford, NIWA	Support. Qualities of the landscape accord with the suggested Scenic Reserve 19 (1) (a) category.	Agree