

Date: Tuesday 10 December 2024
Time: 9.30 am - Proposals to Classify Reserves
Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber
Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Submissions Hearing

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Addendum to Reserves Submission 34578 in the name of Susan K Cook.

Madam Chair and Councillors,

I would like to add to my submission my specific concern over the ongoing, rampant spread of woolly nightshade throughout the Richmond area and beyond. The Tasman District Council is responsible for protecting its reserves from invasive plant species as well as removing such plants from reserves.

Existing designated reserve areas, Easby, Lodestone / Dellside and the Jimmy Lee contain a significant remnant of rare, lowland, native forest.

I acknowledge the TDC's involvement with volunteers in endeavouring to keep reserves and the Kingsland block clear of pest plants, a task that will become more difficult as plantings mature, camouflaging woolly nightshade.

I realise that you will know this plant but the points I wish to emphasise are:-

- The spread of woolly nightshade.
- The toxicity of woolly nightshade.
- The control of woolly nightshade on private land.

The Spread of woolly nightshade.

The prolific seeds are spread by birds enabling it's rapid and widespread advance. Being adjacent to Kingsland Forest for fifty-four years, our property has been subjected to the spread of this plant onto our property. We know from experience how virulent, widespread and invasive the seeds are. It thrived within the forest, and so the felling of the pines has left seed in the soil.

(More on this later)

Woolly nightshade now features in urban Richmond.

The toxicity of woolly nightshade.

Woolly nightshade plants and trees produce a toxin which inhibits the growth of other plants. It forms dense stands which outcompete native plants. The TDC information pamphlet omits to mention that the plant spreads aggressively or that

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