
MINUTES
of the
SUBMISSIONS HEARING MEETING

held
**9.32 am - Draft Lakes Murchison & Baigents Bush Reserve
Management Plan Hearing and Deliberations, Wednesday, 9
July 2025**
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel

Present: Deputy Mayor S Bryant, Councillors J Ellis (Chairperson), C Mackenzie and Ursula Passl (Ngāti Rārua)

In Attendance: Group Manager Service & Strategy (J Ridd), Group Manager Community Infrastructure (R Kirby) and Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean)

1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 HEARING OF SUBMISSION

3.1 Submitter: Paula Donaldson and family (34825)

Topic: Ms Donaldson spoke (via Zoom) about locations, gas stations, shops and that she felt the Tapawera Hub would serve the wider community.

Questions and Responses:

- Preferred location? – behind the Four Square.

3.2 Submitter: Roger Frost (35096)

Topic: Mr Frost spoke (via Zoom) about the recent weather event and impacts, the Council's leadership, the importance of reserves and natural areas and suggested 'confined to the forest margin' be changed to 'control on the forest margin and vegetation areas'.

Questions and responses:

- The Robert Muldoon memorial toilet - Mr Frost explained why the toilet was named after Mr Muldoon.

3.3 Submitter: Gillian Pollock (34842), on behalf of Nelson Tasman Forest and Bird

Topic: Ms Pollock asked that the reserve planting be extended. She did not support cyclists or dogs through the middle track.

Questions and answers:

- Would you support dogs on-lead through the reserve? – it would be best that dogs were banned, especially off-lead.
- Did you submit on the Dog Bylaw? – yes.

3.4 Submitter: Paul Baigent (35147), previous family that vested the Bush to the Council

Topic: Mr Baigent thanked the Council for its considered draft proposal that acknowledged their feedback. He noted that, at a minimum, dogs should be on-lead and did not support the track being used for cyclists.

Mr Baigent felt there would be benefit in bike racks and a seating area, he offered to donate a picnic table in recognition of his late family.

Questions and answers:

- Would you support dogs on-lead through the reserve? – we would compromise with dogs on-lead, with off-lead at the front of the bush, but supported that dogs were banned on the walking track.

3.5 Submitter: Janine Leeden (34784)

Topic: Ms Leeden spoke about her community involvement and that there was not a building fit for purpose to host events or hold meetings for the community. She noted she had been involved in the recent weather event and wanted to amend her preferred location from her submission to behind the Four Square as it was elevated but felt that good signage would be required.

Questions and answers:

- What were the limitations with the current community centre? – no hot water, cockroaches, mice, no heating, bad odour, the room layout was limited, it was dirty and not safe.
- What were her thoughts on the location behind the Four Square to increase visibility? – she had not thought about signage and noted that she had left that to other people in the team to consider but confirmed that Tapawera needed a community hub.

3.6 Submitter: Warwick Newman (35151)

Topic: Mr Newman noted that he was a relative of the family that gifted the Owen River Recreation Reserve land to the Council and felt he had inherited the responsibility to ensure

the land was well used.

He spoke about the amenities, low cost, facilities, low maintenance, water supply and animal grazing.

Questions and answers:

- Management of the facilities - Mr Newman felt that the Motor Caravan Association would be interested in using the campground area.

3.7 Submitter: Kim Siu (35081)

Topic: Ms Siu spoke about her involvement managing the Owen River Reserve Campground and asked that the Council continued to keep local management and funding.

Questions and answers:

- Would she prefer a gate or cattle stop? – cattle stop, as the gate was always shut and visitors thought they weren't allowed to access that area.
- Was the hotel for sale? – everything was for sale for the right price.

3.8 Submitter: Mr Higgins (35154)

Topic: Mr Higgins spoke about his support for the ongoing management by the Council for Poplars Recreation Reserve and discussed location options for the Tapawera Hub and the potential in the future to include club rooms and sport courts.

Questions and answers:

- Did the location behind the Four Square flood in the recent weather event? – no.

3.9 Submitter: Maurice Taylor (35157)

Topic: Mr Taylor spoke about the Tapawera hub and felt that the village did not need this and that it would be a waste of ratepayers money.

There were no questions.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Submissions Hearing on Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Reviews

**Moved Councillor Ellis/Deputy Mayor Bryant
SH25-07-1**

That the Reserve Management Plan review Hearing and Deliberations Panel:

- 1. receives the Submissions Hearing on Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Reviews Report; and**
- 2. receives and considers [all submissions](#) on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve; and**
- 3. accepts and considers the late submission from Katherine Dewar, received at 8.00pm on 20 June 2025, Attachment 5 to the agenda report.**

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41am. and reconvened at 10.59am.

3.2 Deliberations on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve

Senior Community Policy Advisor, Anna Gerraty, Reserves and Facilities Manager, Grant Reburn and Group Manager Community Infrastructure, Richard Kirby, presented the report and answered questions.

Tracked changes were made to Attachments 2 and 3 to the agenda report that reflected the panel's preferred wording in the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan (Attachment 2) and Draft Reserves Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve (Attachment 3).

The meeting made changes to clauses 2 and 4 of the motion to include the Panel's agreed amendments made within Attachments 2 and 3 to the agenda report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.10pm and reconvened at 12.30pm.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Mackenzie
SH25-07-2

That the Reserve Management Plan review Hearing and Deliberations Panel:

- 1. receives the Deliberations on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and Draft Reserve Management Plan Section for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Report; and**
- 2. in response to matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan, notes the points and requests staff amend the Draft Reserve Management Plan, set out in Attachment 2 of the agenda report, to present to the Tasman District Council for its consideration when making its decision on final Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan, subject to the agreed amendments made at the meeting within Attachment 2; and**
- 3. agrees that staff give effect to the recommendations referred to in clause 2 above when preparing the amended Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan; and**
- 4. in response to matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, notes the points and requests staff amend the Draft Reserve Management Plan section, set out in Attachment 3 of the agenda report, to present to the Tasman District Council for its consideration when making its decision on the final Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve, Pigeon Valley (for inclusion in the Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan), subject to the agreed amendments made at the meeting within Attachment 2; and**
- 5. agrees that staff give effect to the recommendations referred to in clause 4 above when preparing the amended Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve; and**
- 6. agrees that the Hearing Panel report that includes the recommended final versions of both the Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan and the Reserve Management Plan section on Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve be presented to the Tasman District Council for consideration and adoption at the 14 August 2025 meeting.**

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 12:56pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .

Unconfirmed