DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

SUBMISSION TO REGIONAL CONSERVATOR

Our Ref: DOC 00300

Case No: 1992/93-159

Auckland Conservancy

Proposal

To classify several areas of reserve land on Kawau Island as historic reserves and add them to the Kawau Island Historic Reserve.

Land and Area

- 1. Part Kawau Island shown on DP 7674 as "cemetery reserve" comprising 4047 m².
- 2. Lots 64, 121, 122, 123, 156, 157 and 184 DP 6975 comprising 9887 m².
- 3. Transferred road adjoining Lots 39 to 44, 79 to 84 DP 6975, Lots 57 to 76 and 89 DP 56999, part Lot 232 DP 7674, Sections 2, 3 and 8 Block VI Kawau Survey District comprising 1.4660 hectares.
- 4. Section 8 Block VI Kawau Survey District comprising 3.9550 hectares.

Status

1 and 2. Transferred to Her Majesty the Queen as and for a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 on 3 June 1975. Subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

3 and 4. Formerly unformed legal roads, declared Crown Land by NZ Gazettes 1990 page 3171 (as to Area 3) and 1988 page 4179 (as to Area 4). Set apart as historic reserves subject to the Reserves Act 1977 by NZ Gazette 1991 page 1968.

Location

All areas are enclosed by the existing Kawau Island Historic Reserve as shown on the plan attached.

Conservation Values

- 1. Natural values exotics including pine, and natives including regenerating kanuka.
- 2. Historic values all these areas are part of the former estate of Sir George Grey and contain historic places and vegetation survivals associated with Grey's period of ownership.

The cemetery dates from the period 1843 - 1883. The graves are of individuals associated with the historic coppermine industry or with Sir George Grey. There are three later (20th century) graves of members of the Reeves family, former owners of Mansion House. The cemetery has not been used since 1957 and its current status of recreation reserve is inappropriate.

Explanation

The two areas of former legal road (areas 3 & 4) are contained within the physical boundaries of the Kawau Island Historic Reserve and in view of this the Rodney District Council agreed some years ago to transfer them to the Crown for addition to the adjoining reserve at nil consideration.

This has been completed and their classification and addition to the existing reserve by formal gazette notice is now required pursuant to Section 16 of the Reserves Act.

The land shown as "cemetery reserve" (area 1) was transferred to the Crown as a recreation reserve in 1975 but should now more properly be classified as reserve for historic purposes.

Area 2 was gifted to the former Department of Lands and Survey by the Official Assignee in Bankruptcy as part of the estate of the late A J Farmer who formerly owned much of Kawau Island. The area was never formally classified.

Advertising

Not required for Areas 3 and 4 pursuant to Section 16 (5)(c) of the Reserves Act, i.e., the classification proposed is a condition subject to which the land was acquired for reserve purposes.

For areas 1 and 2, advertising was carried out in the Rodney Times in early November 1992 and no objections or submissions were received.

Plan

Attached plan shows areas 1 to 4.

Costs

To be absorbed by the Department.

Recommendation

That pursuant to Sections 16 (1) & (10) of the Reserves Act 1977, and under delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation you consent to the classification of the above reserves as historic reserves and their addition to the Kawau Island Historic Reserve.

Decision

Provided you agree with the above recommendation, the attached gazette notice is in order for your signature.

Approved/Declined

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