

District-wide Reserves Management Plan Review

Workshop 1

Regulatory Committee

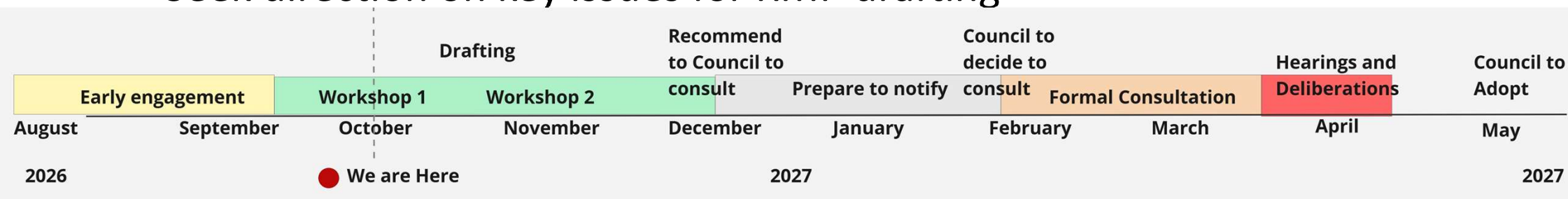
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Introductions

Purpose of Workshop 1

- Recap engagement process and feedback received
- Highlight key management plan issues raised to consider in the RMP
- Not discussing merits of projects (that is for LTP discussions)
- Recreation Reserves
- Seek direction on key issues for RMP drafting



Summary of Engagement

- 1 August to 30 September
- 30 public engagement sessions and meetings
- 290 feedback forms received
- 100 additional comments collected
- Thanks to all staff, elected members, and asset managers who supported engagement

Overall Feedback

Key themes that will guide the RMP review:

- Overall support for meeting diverse recreational needs across the district
- Recognition of cultural values and heritage – maintain and reinforce where deemed appropriate
- Preference for balancing recreation facilities with natural environments
- Greater clarity on public access and leased areas requested
- Improve planning of future open spaces network

Five Key Topics

- Key topics we'd like to talk more about
- Simplifying RMPs without losing local community aspirations
- Accessibility and Safety in multi-use areas
- Clarity for Sports Clubs inclusion / relocations
- Freedom Camping at Hipapatua Reserve
- Dog Exercise Areas

Topic 1: Simplify the RMP

- Currently:
 - Overly detailed actions & project-specific proposals.
 - Many actions dependent on future funding & decisions.
 - Detailed operational matters become outdated.
- Suggest:
 - Focus on long-term vision, objectives & policies.
 - Move short-term actions & operational detail to supporting docs, AMPs & service-level plans.
 - Concept plans and priorities to Community Led Plans

Topic 2: Accessibility and Path Safety

- Around 20% feedback
- Need for more mobility accessible areas and concerns with safety particularly Acacia Bay and Two Mile bay to Wharewaka path.
- Key feedback:
 - Acacia Bay: Difficult to access the beach for wheel chairs, prams
 - Wharewaka / Lions Path: Heavy use of the path, congestion, need for safety improvement, boat ramp (around 30% of safety feedback)
 - River Road Esplanade – difficult to access pathways
 - Rangatira Drive Mangakino – mobility scooter access to lake difficult

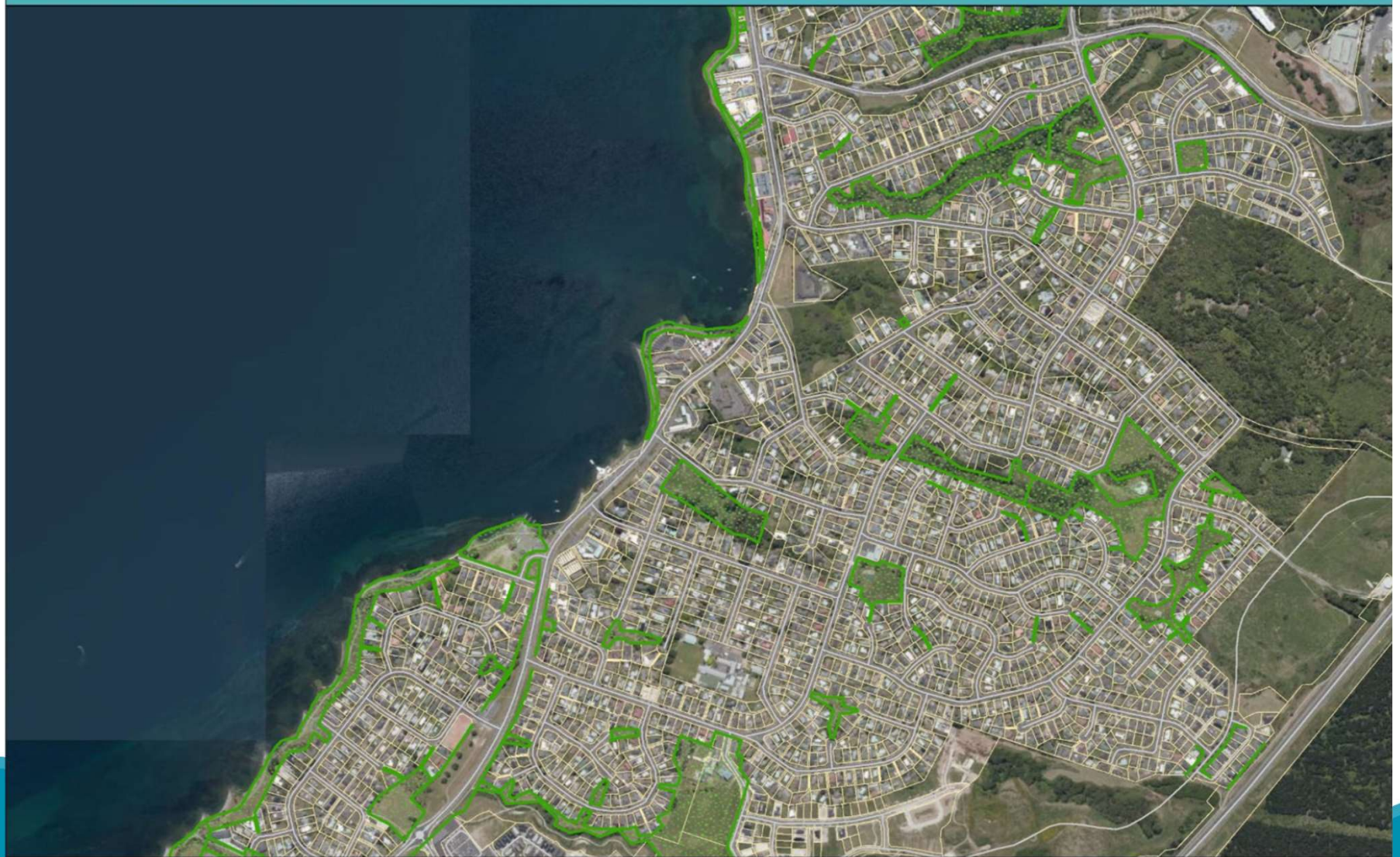
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Map Acacia Bay Reserves



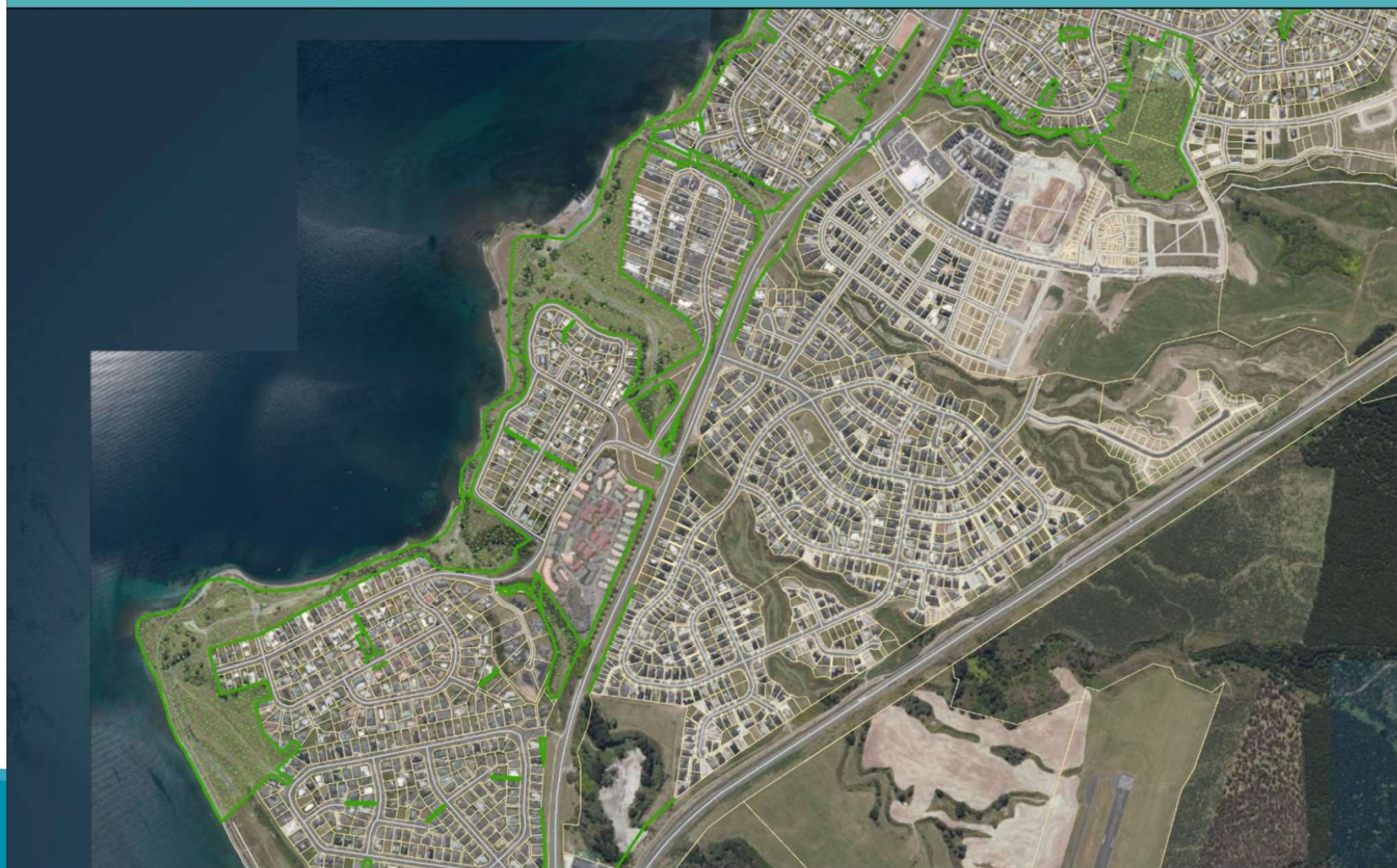
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Map Waipahihi Reserves

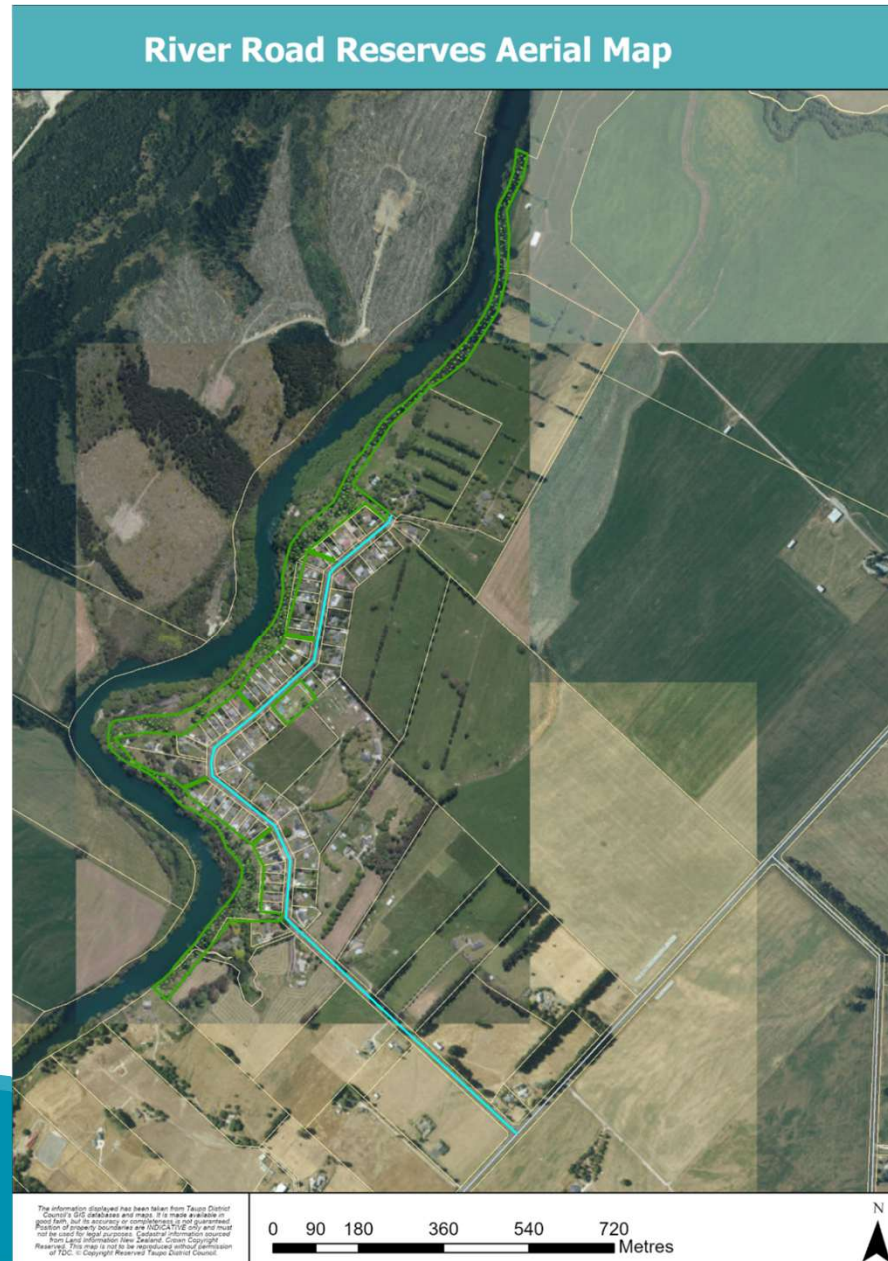


Map Wharewaka Reserves

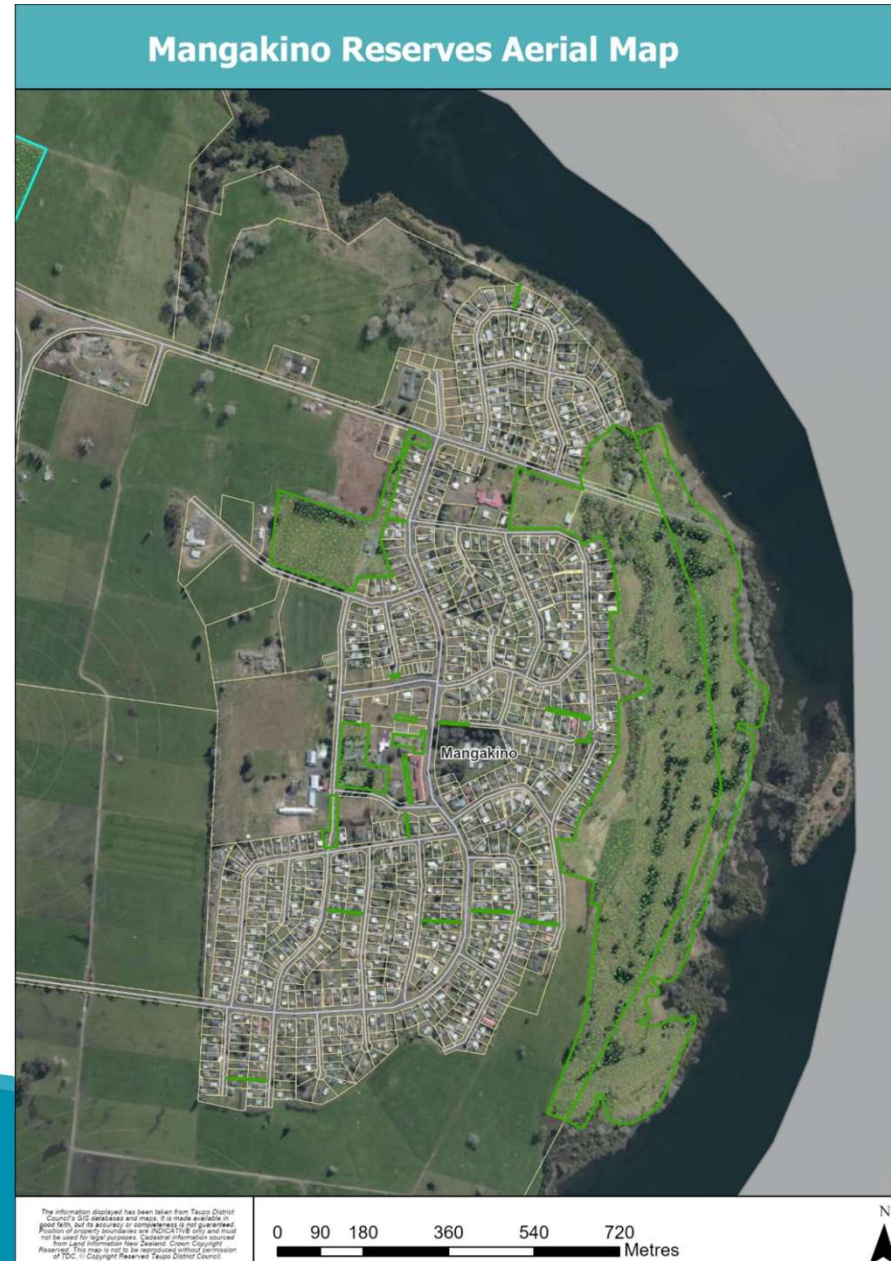
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Topic 3: Improve Certainty for Clubs

- Club relocation proposals create uncertainty for clubs.
- Many relocation actions are outdated, unsupported by clubs, lack justification.
- Examples

Suggest:

- Remove club relocation actions from RMP
- Manage club arrangements through leases and a register.
- Move club information to supporting documents – context summary

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Map Hickling Park



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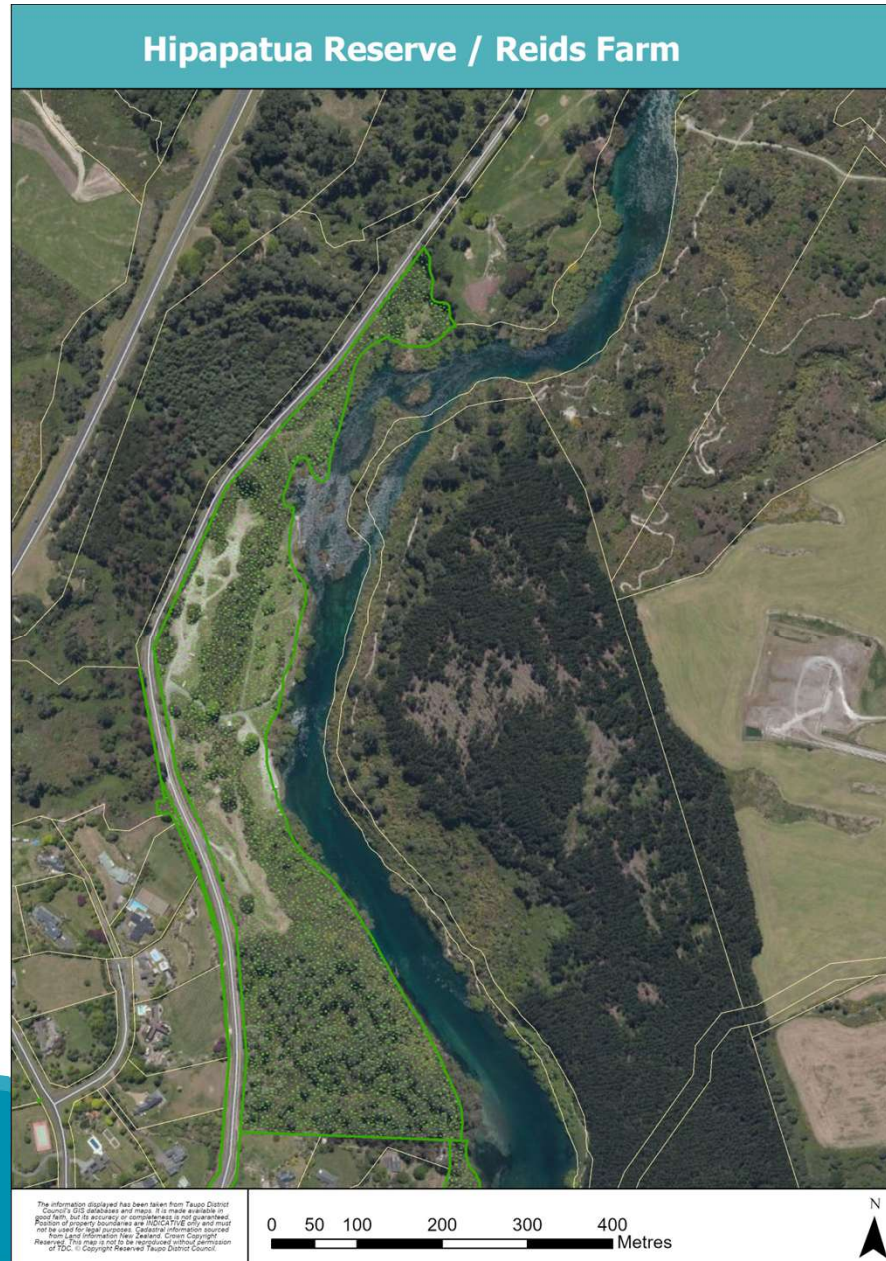
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Topic 4: Hipapatua Reserve Freedom Camping

- Overall support for freedom camping at Hipapatua Reserve
- However, operational challenges due to lack of reticulated services and facilities for non-self-contained campers
- Difficulties managing stay durations and associated operational costs with non-self contained
- Consider restricting camping to self-contained vehicles only
- Would require an amendment to the current Freedom Camping Bylaw

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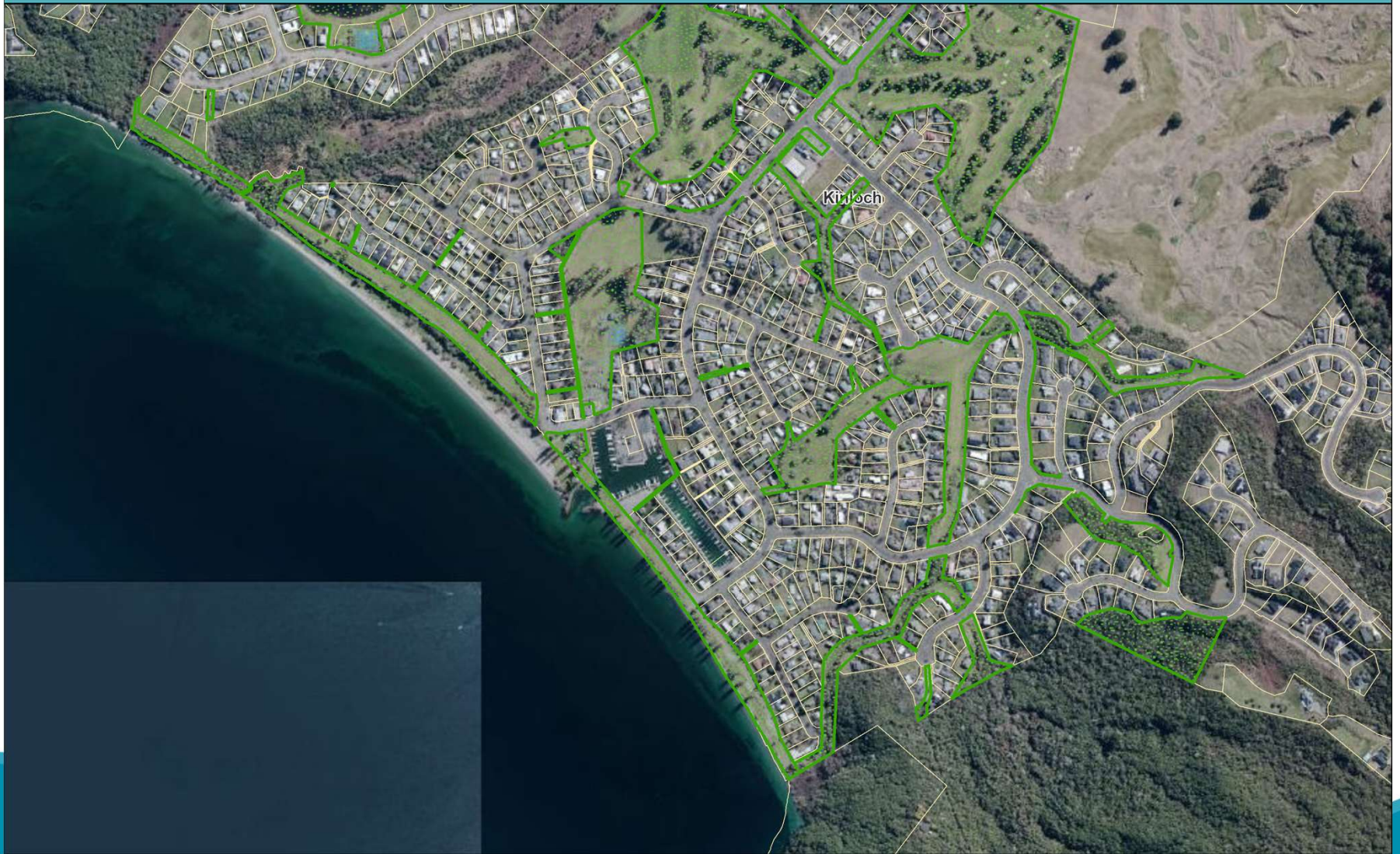


Topic 5: Dog Exercise Areas

- One of the most popular uses of reserves, with strong support for existing dog exercise areas (30%).
- Requests for fenced dog exercise area (10%)
- Kinloch has limited summer swimming opportunities for dogs compared with other settlements.
 - Consider establishing a dog swimming area east of Kinloch Beach.
 - Any changes would require an amendment to the current bylaw.

Map

Kinloch Lakefront Reserve



Other Topics Raised

- Encroachment issues – there is an existing policy and reserve bylaw enforcement, due for review.
- Erosion – support to continue erosion works balancing built structures vs natural character
- Five Mile Bay, concerns raised. These relate to land outside Council-administered recreation reserves.
- Facility requests and levels of service - these are considered through AMPs, LTP, and other funding processes.

In Summary:

- Strategic, long-term focus for RMPs
- Remove outdated and unimplemented actions
- Refer them to Community Led Planning
- Manage operations through supporting plans and leases
- Improve clarity on access, leases, and reserve management
- Balance recreation with environmental and cultural values
- Address operational matters through policies, bylaws, and asset management processes

Next Steps

- Next workshop on draft wording of the RMP – 3 November
- Consider any further information requested by the committee