

GISBORNE LAND DISTRICT

COASTAL RESERVES INVESTIGATION

REPORT ON
OPOTIKI COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

The Opotiki County is situated in the North West of the Gisborne Land District and has an area of approximately 347,000 hectares and has 160 kilometres of coastline extending from the Ohiwa Harbour to Cape Runaway. Approximately 130 kilometres of this coastline is adjacent to, or within sight of State Highway 35.

The landscape is fairly rugged, the road traversing the easiest route along the coast. There are broad rivers which quickly flood with heavy rain and the hinterland which rises steeply from the coast is mainly bush covered. Farming is practised on the coastal strip and up some of the river valleys. Tenure is about 95% Maori, with the majority of the blocks in multiple ownership.

The coastline is particularly rocky for a greater part of its length and where beaches do occur these almost invariably comprise shingle with large unsightly quantities of driftwood. Good and safe swimming beaches are disappointingly few. One exception is Oruaiti, some 4 kilometres east of Waihau Bay. This is a flat stretch of pale sand with a shallow shelving beach which is particularly safe for children. Apart from sheer enjoyment of the scenery as one drives along, fishing is the predominant attraction along the coast but mention should also be made of the Pohutukawa trees which, at Christmas, splash the coast with brilliant colour. This survey has endeavoured to preserve wherever possible these attractive species not only for the shade they give but for their beauty which everyone can enjoy.

CLIMATE

Rainfall varies from 1250-1500 mm along the coastal flats to over 2500 mm in the Raukumara Ranges. The area is subject to short term, high intensity storms originating from the north west which is the direction of the prevailing winds. With a mean temperature of 18°C in January and a mean daily maximum of approximately 25°C during the same month, the climate over the December - February period is ideal for camping, swimming and coastal recreational activities.

POPULATION

The provisional Report on Population, prepared from the 1971 Census, gives the population of the County as being 3940 of which 44.8% are Maori.

Since reaching a peak of 5152 in 1956, there has been a steady decline in the total population. This trend has been attributed to a big movement of Maori people from the County to urban centres. The trend is likely to continue in the future since there is little prospect of new industry of sufficient size to change this pattern.

It is therefore apparent that with a declining population the demand for additional reserves and recreation facilities from within the County itself will be small, and the ability of the County to provide these for the seasonal influx of visitors from the major urban areas will be limited.

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

It is expected that changes of the usage of land within the County during the next 20 years will occur mainly in coastal areas.

A favourable climate could encourage market gardening, orcharding, particularly of tropical fruits, with some forestry development on land more suited for that type of development.

Holiday and tourist facilities are expected to develop because of the increasing awareness of the natural beauty of the coastal areas and the continuing improvement of the coast road, S.H. No.35.

URBAN AREAS

Opotiki is the largest urban area and is the business centre for the district. Te Kaha, some 65 kilometres eastward, serves the immediate need of the locality, while several smaller communities have developed in suitable areas, viz. Ohiwa, Omaio, Waihau Bay, Whangaparaoa.

LAND TENURE

The coastal strip is held in the following land tenures:-

	<u>Maori</u>	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Crown</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Road</u>
<u>Kilometres</u>	130	10	3	5	12

The length of coastline where the public has right of access, by means of roads or reserves, is only 11% of the total.

RESERVES AND OPEN SPACE

There is little need for active or passive recreation reserves or open spaces for the residents of the county. The main need in the national interest is to preserve the priceless asset of a magnificent coastline and unparalalled views; to give access to beaches and foreshore and to provide camping and picnic sites for the numerous visitors to the district.

Existing reserves within the County are as follows:-

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Area</u> (approx.)	<u>Comments</u>
County	Scenic	205 ha	S.H. No.2
"	"	1845 ha	"
"	"	519 ha	"
"	"	65 ha	"
"	"	1005 ha	"
"	"	142 ha	"
"	"	196 ha	"
"	"	65 ha	"
"	"	297 ha	Pakahi Road
"	"	4 ha	Woodlands Road
"	National Park	4714 ha	Part Urewera N.P.
Ohiwa Harbour	Recreation	73 ha	Uretara Island
" "	Wildlife Refuge	7 ha	Motuoto Island
" "	Scenic	11 ha	Patawa Island
Ohiwa South	Esplanade	0.2 ha	Ruatuna Road
" "	"	0.4 ha	" "
" "	Landing	8 ha	-
Ohiwa North	Esplanade	2 ha	-
" "	"	0.5 ha	-
" "	Domain	13 ha	-
" "	Recreation	6 ha	Waiotahi River
" "	Embankment	13 ha	Waioeka River
" "	Domain	8 ha	" "
" "	Recreation	11 ha	" "
" "	Domain	15 ha	" "
Tirohanga	Recreation	0.6 ha	-
Opape	Scenic	19 ha	-
Maraenui	Scenic	2 ha	-
"	Recreation	1 ha	Whitianga Bay
"	"	9 ha	" "
Omaio Bay	"	0.3 ha	-
Te Kaha	Scenic	3 ha	-
" "	Recreation	2 ha	School House Bay
Ohinemango Point	Scenic	4 ha	-
Opotiki	Domain	4 ha	-
"	Riverbank	1 ha	Riverbank

DISTRICT PLANNING SCHEME

The Opotiki District Planning Scheme became operative on 1 August 1972.

The scheme makes adequate provision for future reserves and it has been the Council's policy in defining these reserves to obtain as much protection as possible for the land between the coast road and the coastline. A foreshore reserve 20 metres wide has been provided along the whole length of the coastline except where it widens into larger reserves and in a few places where it is not practicable to do so. Land which has scenic value or is required to protect a view or has potential for camping or picnic sites or adjoins a good beach, or where access to the foreshore is

required or where the balance of the holding is small or narrow, has been shown as a reserve. In many localities there is land between the proposed reserve and the coast road which may satisfactorily be zoned Rural provided that it remains in farming and is not used for other purposes which could impair the views or appearance of the countryside. For this reason such land has been given a restrictive zoning as Rural A.

A total area of approximately 720 hectares has been designated as proposed reserve.

COASTAL PHYSIOGRAPHY .

OHIWA HARBOUR.

This harbour represents the western limit of the County, with the County boundary running roughly through the centre of the harbour from the mouth of the Nukuhou River in a straight line through the harbour entrance.

Situated 16 kilometres west of Opotiki, the Ohiwa Harbour is extremely picturesque and is renowned for the quality and quantity of its shell fish which can be gathered in large numbers at low tide. Although the harbour is safe for swimming and boating, the entrance can be extremely dangerous and great care is necessary when making the passage to the open sea.

The area also has considerable significance in terms of wildlife and is the habitat for nesting shore birds. These include colonial nesting White Fronted Terns, New Zealand Dotteral, Banded Dotteral and Oyster-catchers. Small islands in the harbour are also important as high tide roosts for migrating birds such as the Godwit, Knot, Golden Plover and Pied Shag.

From the Ohiwa Township a road runs around the edge of the harbour until it meets State Highway No. 2 approximately 1 kilometre east of Kutarere. The route is extremely beautiful and results in some magnificent scenic views of the harbour.

On the Ruatuna Road there are small pieces of freehold land between the road and the harbour. Some of these have been subdivided for bach sites. It is contended that the remainder should be bought into public ownership to protect and give access to the harbour.

From the Kutarere Landing Reserve to the Nukuhou River the land is mainly in Maori ownership with, at present, no public access. A new road has been partly formed by the County through the block which does not give access to any particularly attractive stretches of the harbour except at one point at which a Recreation Reserve is proposed.

From the Nukuhou River to the County boundary the harbour edge is protected in places by old Crown grant roads and strips of Crown land reserved from sale. The legal roads giving access are unformed to the waters edge and it is felt that the one chain strip gives ample protection and access.

All islands in the Opotiki County portion of the harbour are in some form of public ownership except Hokianga Island which is recommended for a Scenic Reserve.

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OHIWA HARBOUR -TIROHANGA.

This is an extensive and somewhat exposed length of coast but contains the popular Waiotahi and Hikuwai Beaches as well as the Waiotahi River Estuary and the Opotiki Harbour.

The Waiotahi River Estuary is an extremely popular recreation area and is used extensively by campers and picnickers in the summer months. The Waiotahi Domain which adjoins the State Highway near its junction with Ohiwa Road is used to capacity during the season, with the safer waters of the estuary being preferred by families with young children.

Waiotahi Beach is used extensively by surf casters as well as swimmers and picnic parties, including the local Opotiki people who regard it as their local beach. Unfortunately the beach consists of black sand and shelves steeply and can be dangerous for swimming. The Opotiki Harbour is the centre of local boating activities and contains a small wharf once used by coastal shipping but its use is now limited to fishing boats and pleasure craft. The adjoining Hikuwai Beach is similar in both nature and use to Waiotahi Beach.

For the most part existing reserves in this area are adequate in that the majority of the coastal land is either legal road or Crown land. However, there is a need for additional public access points to the coast in the vicinity of the Tirohanga Settlement.

This settlement, which is located between the State Highway and the sea approximately 6 kilometres east of Opotiki, consists of a small cluster of beach cottages, a store and camping ground.

The camping ground is very well used but the beach subdivision is poorly planned and should not be permitted to extend.

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TIROHANGA -MOTU RIVER MOUTH.

Beyond Tirohanga and the Waiaua River there is a marked change in the character of the coastline. The highway leaves the coast at regular intervals as it climbs around prominent bush clad headlands which become a prominent feature of the landscape. These headlands break the coast into a number of clear defined units, as well as providing shelter not found on the more extensive coastline to the east. In general the change is pleasing and adds interest and variety to the coastal trip.

From the Waiaua River mouth to Opape the coast is merely an extension of the Hikuwai Beach but at Opape itself the coastline changes from grey sand beach to rock outcrops and inlets backed by steep cliffs. The result is a number of sheltered bays very popular with fishermen and swimmers alike. The opportunity also exists to launch small boats in the more accessible of the sheltered bays.

Between Opape and Haurere Point is one of the finest beaches on the Opotiki Coast, consisting of white sand and sheltered water. Unfortunately there is no public access to this beach but there is no physical reason why a public road cannot be provided some time in the future and, provided this bay is kept in its natural state and free from urban type development, it is most desirable that this access be provided.

Beyond Haurere Point, Torere Beach is typical of this coast, being an extensive grey sand beach exposed to the open sea. Hawai and Maraenui Beaches to the east are somewhat similar and all are extensively used during the summer season by campers and fishermen.

The Motu River mouth is very wide and contains extensive shingle and gravel banks. The northern bank is very popular with fishermen and some extremely good catches have been recorded here.

A number of picnic and recreation areas exist along this bank of the river and large numbers of campers are common in the main fishing season.

Because of the importance of the bush clad points as structural elements in the landscape on this section of the coast, every endeavour should be made to ensure the existing bush cover is retained and, where appropriate, these areas are suggested for possible Scenic Reserves.

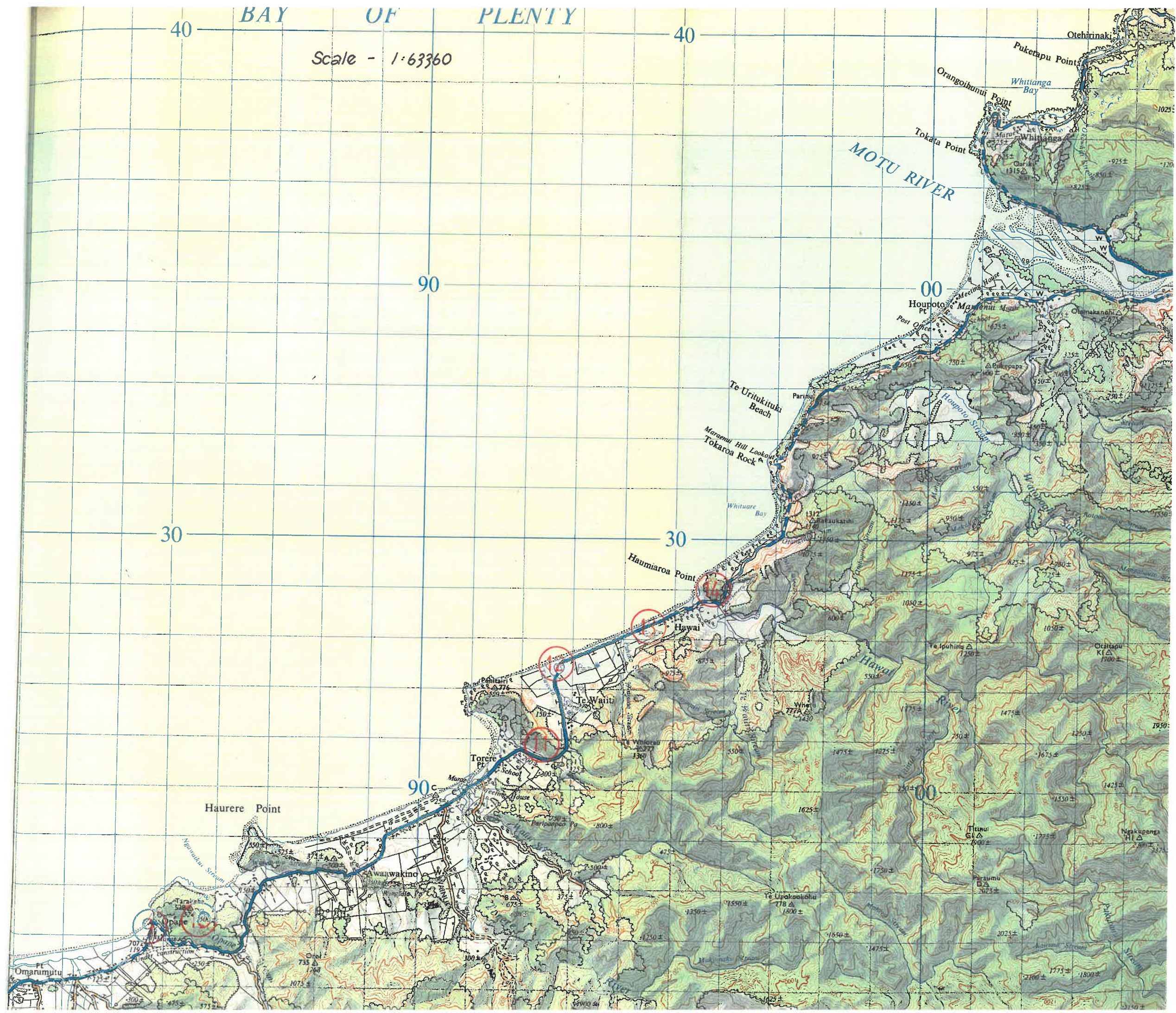
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MOTU RIVER MOUTH - TE KAHA.

North of the Motu River the character of the coastline undergoes a second major change. Extensive beaches and bushy headlands give way to a rocky coast with frequent bays and inlets, but much smaller than those found to the south.

Pohutukawa are extremely prominent along this length of coast and in summer are a most striking feature of the area, with camping among the trees, which provide excellent shade, being very popular.

In contrast to the generally rugged and rocky nature of this coast is Omaio Bay where there is a long gravel beach similar to those to the south.

Because of its popularity with fishermen and campers, a number of areas have been proposed for reserves and recently Orangoihunui Point was leased by the Crown for development by the Opotiki County to meet the recreational needs in this locality. However, other reserves will be required in the future and, where possible, these will be acquired to meet the anticipated demand but in the meantime they are protected by the District Planning Scheme.

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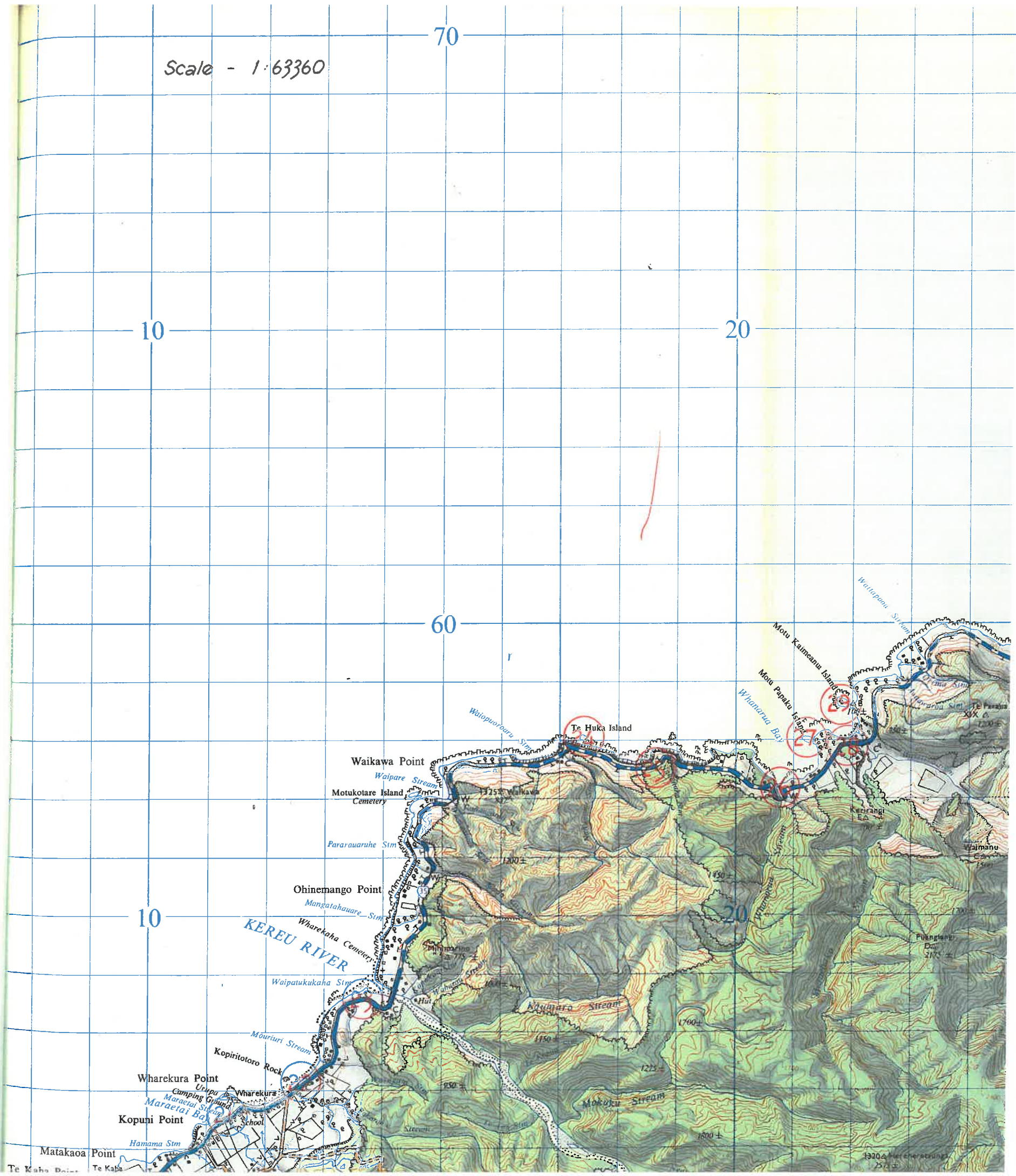
TE KAHA -WHANARUA BAY.

Te Kaha is the rural service centre of the coast and is developing rapidly as a holiday and resort area and as such is becoming increasingly popular. The settlement includes a hotel, motel and commercial camping ground, while a County Reserve at Maraetai or School-House Bay is used to its maximum capacity by campers each year and to meet this demand the County intend installing modern public facilities in terms of a toilet block, showers, etc.

Beyond Te Kaha the coastal strip is fairly closely settled as far as Waikawa Point. Between Waikawa Point and Whanarua Bay the coast is extremely beautiful, with its characteristic rocky bays and inlets with over-hanging Pohutukawas which are a feature of this area.

Whanarua Bay has already been developed for resort housing but, fortunately, buildings have been sited in such a way as not to detract from the coastal landscape. However, the reserves provided at the time of this subdivision were very limited and the general result has been to discourage public use of what is probably one of the most scenically attractive bays on the coast. Despite this, Maraehako Bay which adjoins Whanarua Bay and is still undeveloped is very popular with campers and has an excellent beach, adequate shade and an attractive fresh water stream. In the past Maraehako Bay has been considered as being suitable for resort development but this has been abandoned because of site limitations. Because of its intrinsic natural qualities Maraehako is ideally suited for recreation and camping and is considered the site most suited to development as a major regional reserve.

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WHANARUA BAY -CAPE RUNAWAY.

From Whanarua Bay to Orete Point there are a number of large grey shingle beaches separated by small rocky headlands and outcrops with the road running beside the sea at frequent intervals.

Beyond Orete Point the settlement of Waihou Bay is sheltered from the prevailing N.W. winds and is a delightful place, popular with large numbers of holiday makers. Although not as large as Te Kaha, Waihou Bay is nonetheless an important coastal settlement and is the centre of regional activities.

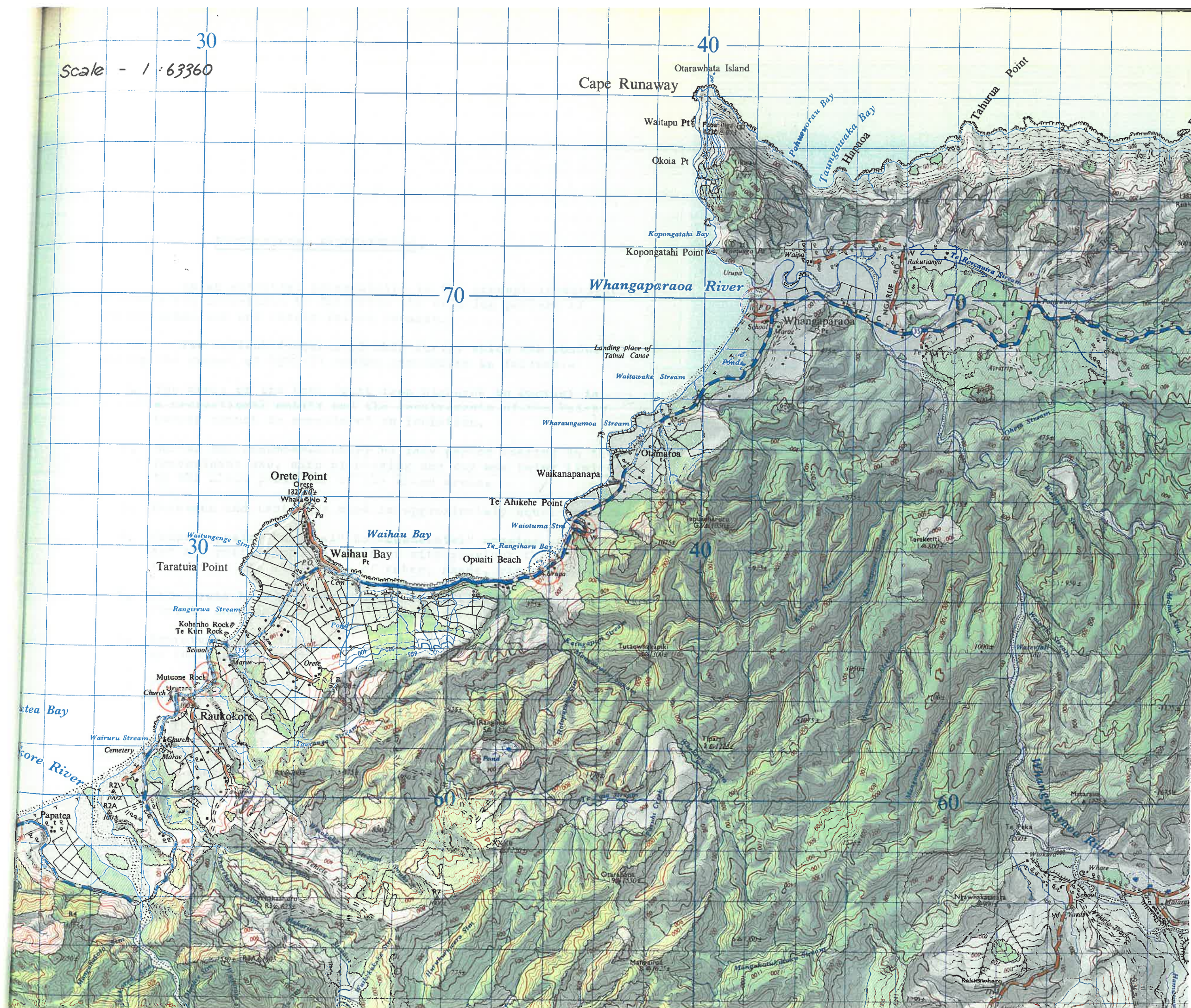
The bay itself is extensive, with the area adjoining the settlement being rocky but at the eastern end of the bay Oruiti Beach is generally considered the best and safest swimming beach on the coast. Unlike most of the adjoining beaches, the sand is white and clean, making it very popular with visitors.

By comparison, Whangaparaoa Beach to the north is grey shingle and sand, covered in drift wood and exposed to the north westerly. Around Cape Runaway the coast is rocky with steep cliffs running down to the sea, making access impossible in most places.

Despite this, fishing is very good and the demand for public access is considerable. However, the topography prohibits this and as a result access is limited to those fishing from boats and the situation is likely to remain this way in the foreseeable future.

The greatest requirements for public reserves, therefore, are in the Oruiti Beach-Waihou Bay area and in the vicinity of the Whangaparaoa River mouth.

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RECREATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

As an essential prerequisite to the present investigation, a survey was undertaken to determine the existing pattern of recreational use and likely future demands.

The salient features of this survey which was conducted during the summer of 1970/71 can be summarised as follows:-

1. The whole of the East Coast from Gisborne to Opotiki is a recreational entity and the requirements of the Waiaapu County cannot be considered in isolation.
2. During the December-January holiday period camping is the predominant use, with picnicking and day use being limited to the close proximity of the urban areas.
3. Caravans and tents are used in approximately equal numbers.
4. Campers prefer "natural" to "commercial" camping grounds and the pattern of use conforms with previous theory with respect to the attraction of water, shade, etc.
5. Some areas have already reached saturation point and any further increases could result in a potential health hazard.
6. Improvements to the coastal highway will probably result in an increase in recreation demand in the future.
7. Further "natural" camping areas are urgently required to satisfy the expected increase and to reduce health hazards.

It is clear, therefore, that the existing pattern of recreational use on the East Coast is somewhat unique in that the region itself has a comparatively small urban population which can usually find adequate recreational opportunities on the extensive beaches adjoining the urban areas. As a result there is not the usual demand for day use areas further afield.

The need for Regional Reserves of the Wenderholm type that have become established in the Auckland district is not apparent. The local urban population being too small and the main centres of population being too remote to justify this concept. Against this, however, is a large seasonal influx of campers looking for the type of experience that can only be gained from camping in a national park or similar "natural" area.

In the past these campers have found suitable sites on the narrow strips of land that occur between the highway and the coastline and on private land when permission of the land owners can be obtained.

However, the stage has now been reached where few such sites remain during the summer period. Along the coastline between Opotiki and Cape Runaway and in the vicinity of Gisborne any further increase could result in a potential health hazard and a definite downgrading of the quality of the experience through overcrowding.

The principal need is for a number of large "Natural" camping areas at intervals along the coast. These areas which would satisfy a national demand rather than regional should be in areas having inherent natural beauty and attraction and should be the responsibility of Government rather than the local authorities.

Such camping areas would have only minimum facilities for public health and safety and would be very similar both in concept and use to Totaranui in Abel Tasman National Park and Tapotupotu Bay, Spirits Bay and Matai Bay in North Auckland.

Such reserves should be located at about 80 km intervals along the coast but actual sites to be selected on physical features and environmental quality rather than a predetermined distance. A series of small scenic reserves and local reserves could and should be located between the major areas to establish the entire system.

Investigations indicate that School-House Bay at Te Kaha and Maraehako Bay would be the suitable localities for "Regional Reserves" in the Opotiki County. This concept has been adopted in the approach to this investigation. To ensure the achievement of the objectives, areas selected as being suitable for future reserves have been assigned a significance rating. However, it should be noted that the entire coastal area from Opotiki to Cape Runaway is important as a single recreation entity of national importance and it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to assign a satisfactory rating to individual areas.

SIGNIFICANCE RATINGS.

Areas have been classified on one of the following three bases in accordance with the importance and attraction attached to each in relation to other areas.

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| <u>Local</u> | Where the use of the area will in the main be by residents of the County or immediate locality. |
| <u>Regional</u> | Where a significant amount of use is or will be from outside the County or immediate locality. |
| <u>National</u> | Where the area is of such importance and attraction that it will be used by people from throughout New Zealand; or so unique or possessed of such historic or other values that its preservation is in the national interest. |

As a general rule the classification of an area as being of national significance may be interpreted as an indication of the Crown's acceptance of the major responsibility for ultimate purchase of the land. Classification as regional or local significance, however, indicates that local authorities are regarded as having paramount responsibility for ultimate purchase.

In the case of areas classified as local, the Crown accepts no responsibility, and this will be mainly the position with areas classified as regional, although in these latter cases, acceptance of some responsibility might be entertained. This will depend on the overall circumstances.

RESERVE PROPOSALS

OPOTIKI COUNTY

COASTAL STRIP

OHIWA HARBOUR - CAPE RUNAWAY

A general objective of this investigation has been the provision of a continuous strip of reserve land around the entire coast and along the bank of major rivers to ensure permanent public access to the coast and inland waterways with the Opotiki County.

Although this proposal is not illustrated on the planning maps and not described in detail, the intention is to ensure that any such reserve contains a minimum of 20 metres of stable and negotiable ground, including cliff tops where appropriate.

PROPOSAL NO.1

OHIWA HARBOUR

Aerial Photograph: 5229/49.

Map Sheet: N78.

Legal Description: Pt Allotments 127, 128 and 129 Waimana
Parish, Block VI, Whakatane Survey District.

Land Tenure: Freehold.

Area: 30 hectares.

Location: Ohiwa Harbour.

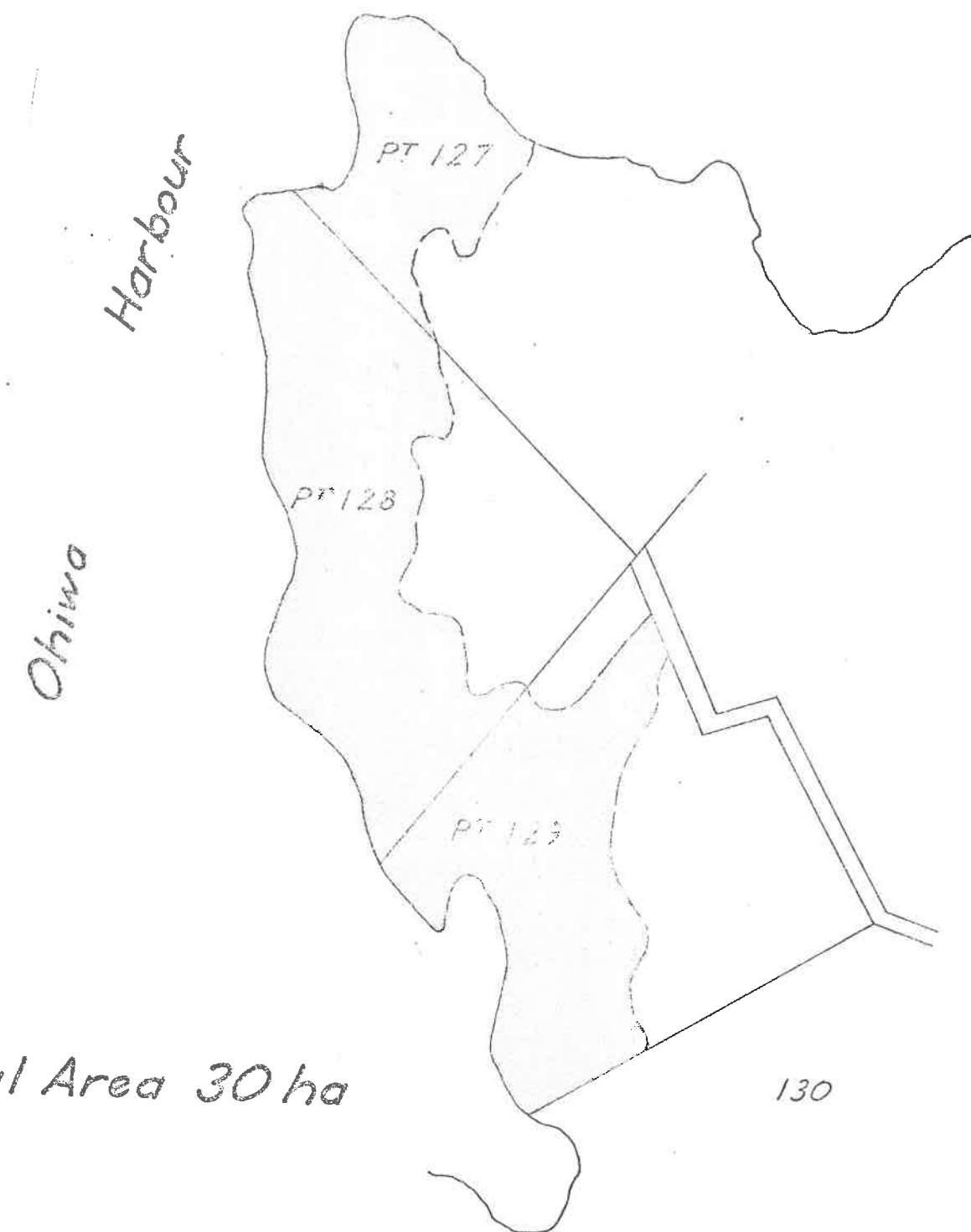
Physical Description: The area is at present unfarmed, farming operations being confined to the easier country and it is not anticipated that it would be cleared and farmed in the immediate future. This bush can be viewed across the harbour from a long section of the Ohope-Opotiki road and adds considerably to the scenic beauty of the area. Its reservation as a Scenic Reserve is recommended because it adds much to the scenic beauty and character of the Ohiwa Harbour.

Zoning: Designated "Proposed Reserve", underlying zoning Rural 'A'.

Purpose: Scenic Reserve.

Significance: Local.

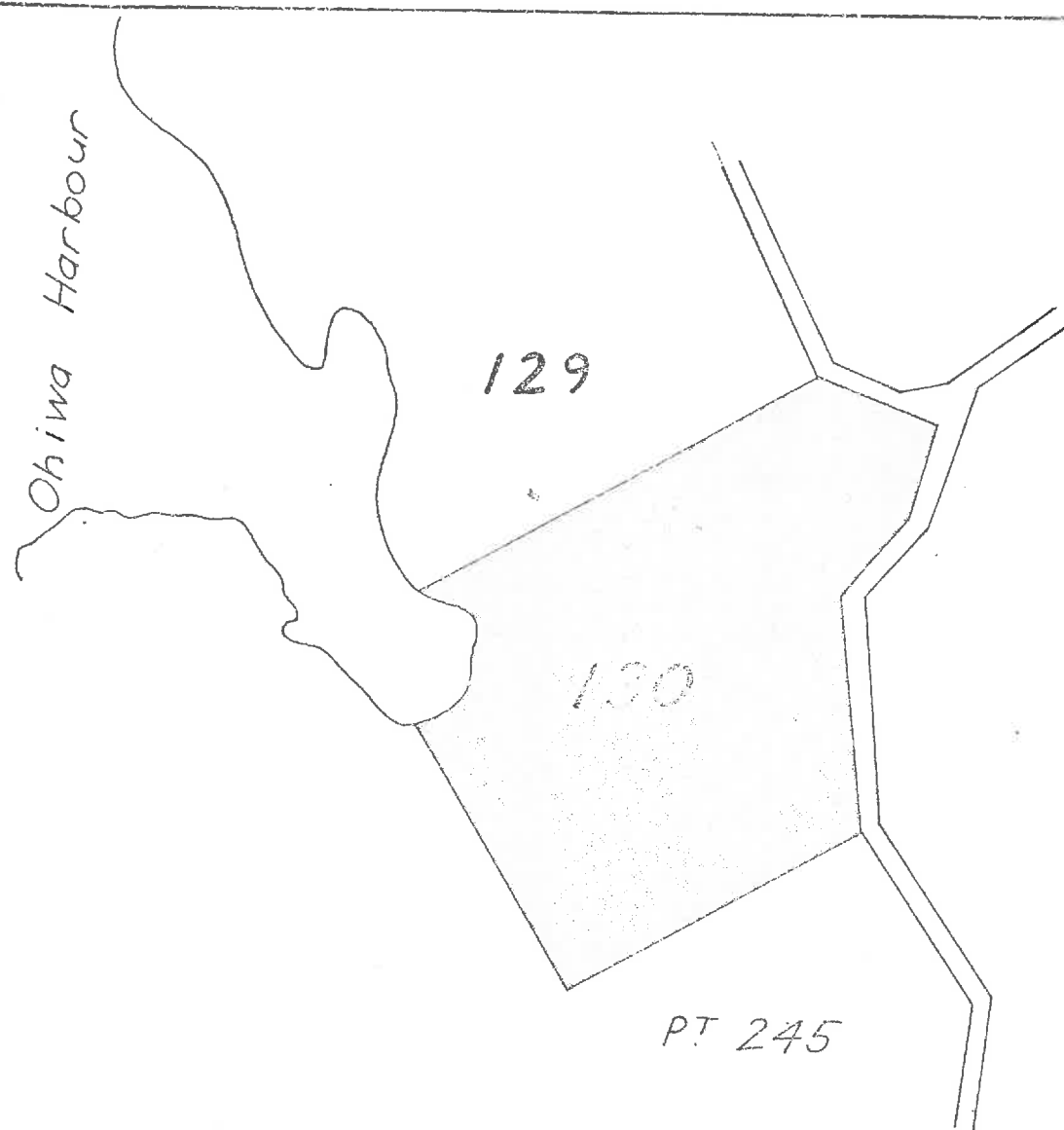
Priority: Low.



Total Area 30 ha

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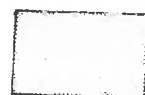
Proposal N^o 1
Ohiwa Harbour - Scenic Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blk VI Whakatane S.D.
Proposed Reserve ☐



Total Area 20.2 ha

Proposal N^o 2
Ohiwa Harbour - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blk VI Whakatane S.D.

Proposed Reserve



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PROPOSAL NO. 2

OHIWA HARBOUR

Aerial Photograph: 5229/49.

Map Sheet: N78.

Legal Description: Allotment 130 Waimana Parish, Block VI,
Whakatane Survey District.

Land Tenure: Maori.

Area: 20.2 hectares.

Location: Ohiwa Harbour.

Physical Description: An area of steep sided gullies covered in
regenerating bush and fern similar to proposal No.1 to which it
would be a natural addition.

It has a north-westerly aspect and provides a very pleasing
visual back-drop to the harbour as viewed from the Ohope-Opotiki
Road.

Zoning: Designated "Proposed Reserve" with underlying zoning
of Rural 'A'.

Purpose: Scenic Reserve.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Low.

PROPOSAL NO. 3

OHIWA HARBOUR

Aerial Photograph: 5230/49.

Map Sheet: N78.

Legal Description: Pt Hiwarau A Block, Block VII, Whakatane Survey District.

Land Tenure: Maori.

Area: 1.26 hectares.

Location: Ohiwa Harbour.

Physical Description: This area slopes gently from the formed road to the harbour. It is grassed and provides excellent access to the harbour for fishing and boating. Fresh water from a small stream is also available for picnic parties.

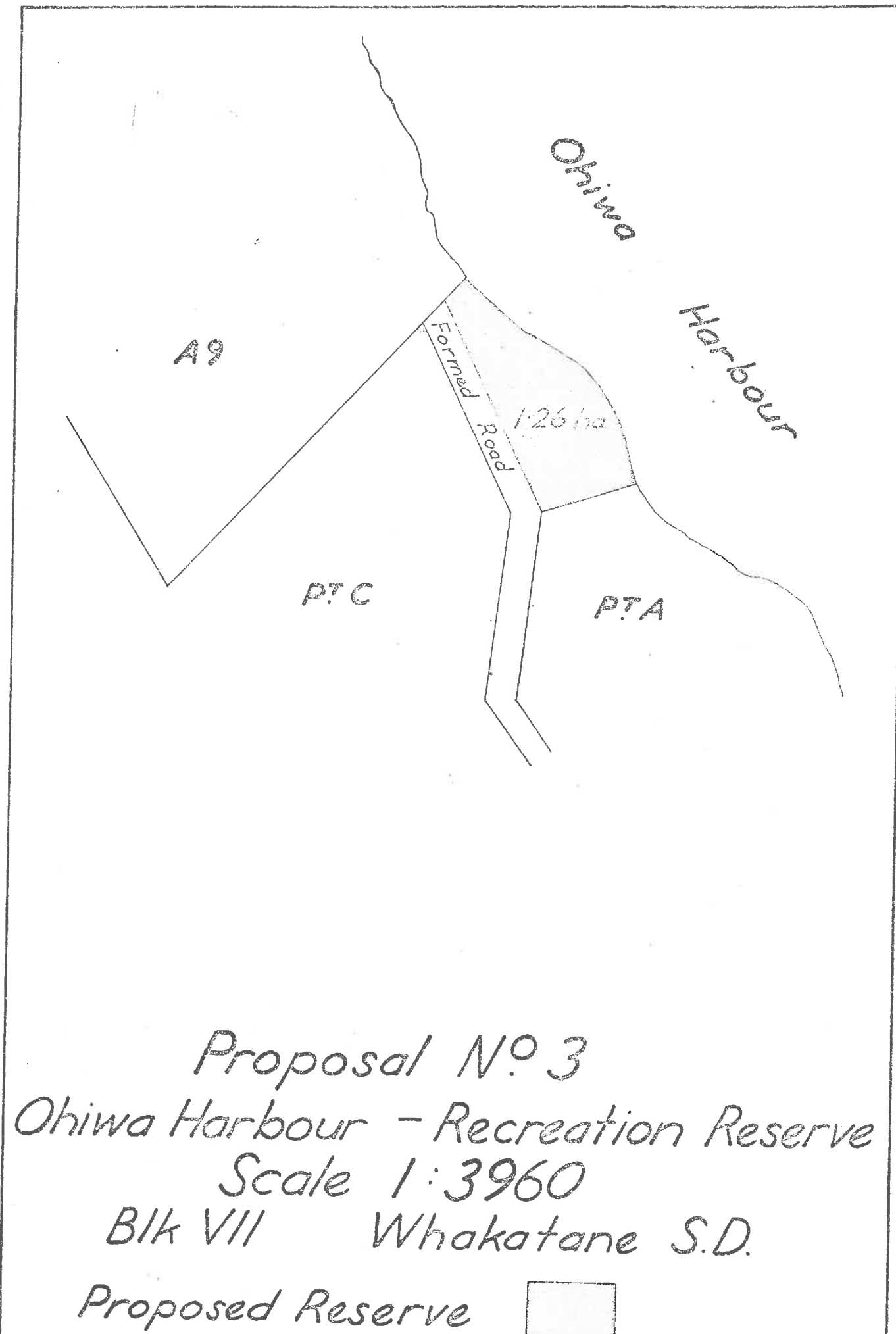
The main value of the area is however as access to the harbour itself.

Zoning: Designated "Proposed Picnic Ground".

Purpose: Recreation Reserve.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Medium.



PROPOSAL NO. 4

OHIWA HARBOUR

Aerial Photograph: 5230/50.

Map Sheet: N78.

Legal Description: Allotment 191B Waiotahi Parish, Block XI,
Whakatane Survey District.

Land Tenure: Crown Reserve.

Area: 7.68 hectares.

Location: Ohiwa Harbour.

Physical Description: This area which is already an existing "Landing Reserve" in Crown ownership, is more suited as a "Recreation Reserve" in that the Kutarere Wharf is no longer used by coastal shipping, and the potential of the area lies in terms of recreation.

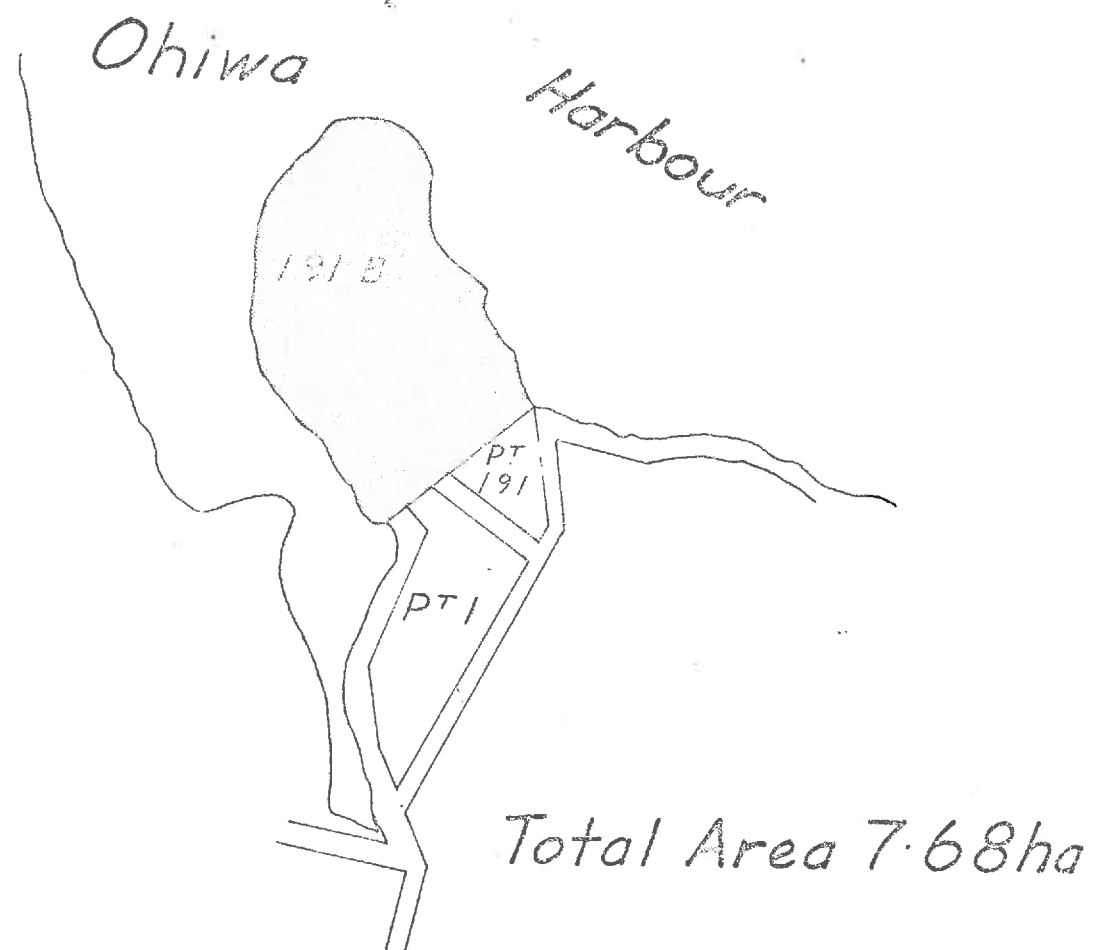
Surrounded by the harbour, except for the south boundary, the bulk of the reserve is flat to undulating pasture which rises steeply from the coastline. The area commands excellent views of the harbour and is beside the Kutarere Causeway and wharf. At present the area is grazed under a temporary tenancy. Access would not be easy but is by no means impossible. Unfortunately the reserve does not provide a large flat area immediately adjacent to the harbour. When future demand requires its use as a camping ground, the status of the area should be changed from Landing Reserve to Recreation Reserve.

Zoning: Landing Reserve.

Purpose: Recreation Reserve.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Low.



Proposal N^o 4
Ohiwa Harbour - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blk VII Whakatane S.D.
Proposed Reserve ☐

PROPOSAL NO. 5

OHIWA HARBOUR

Aerial Photograph: 5230/50.

Map Sheet: N78.

Legal Description: Pt Allotments 127-131 Waiotahi Parish, Block XI, Whakatane Survey District and Pt Allotment 125 Waiotahi Parish, Block VII, Whakatane Survey District.

Land Tenure: Freehold.

Area: 5.66 hectares.

Location: Adjoining Ruatuna Road, western side of Ohiwa Harbour.

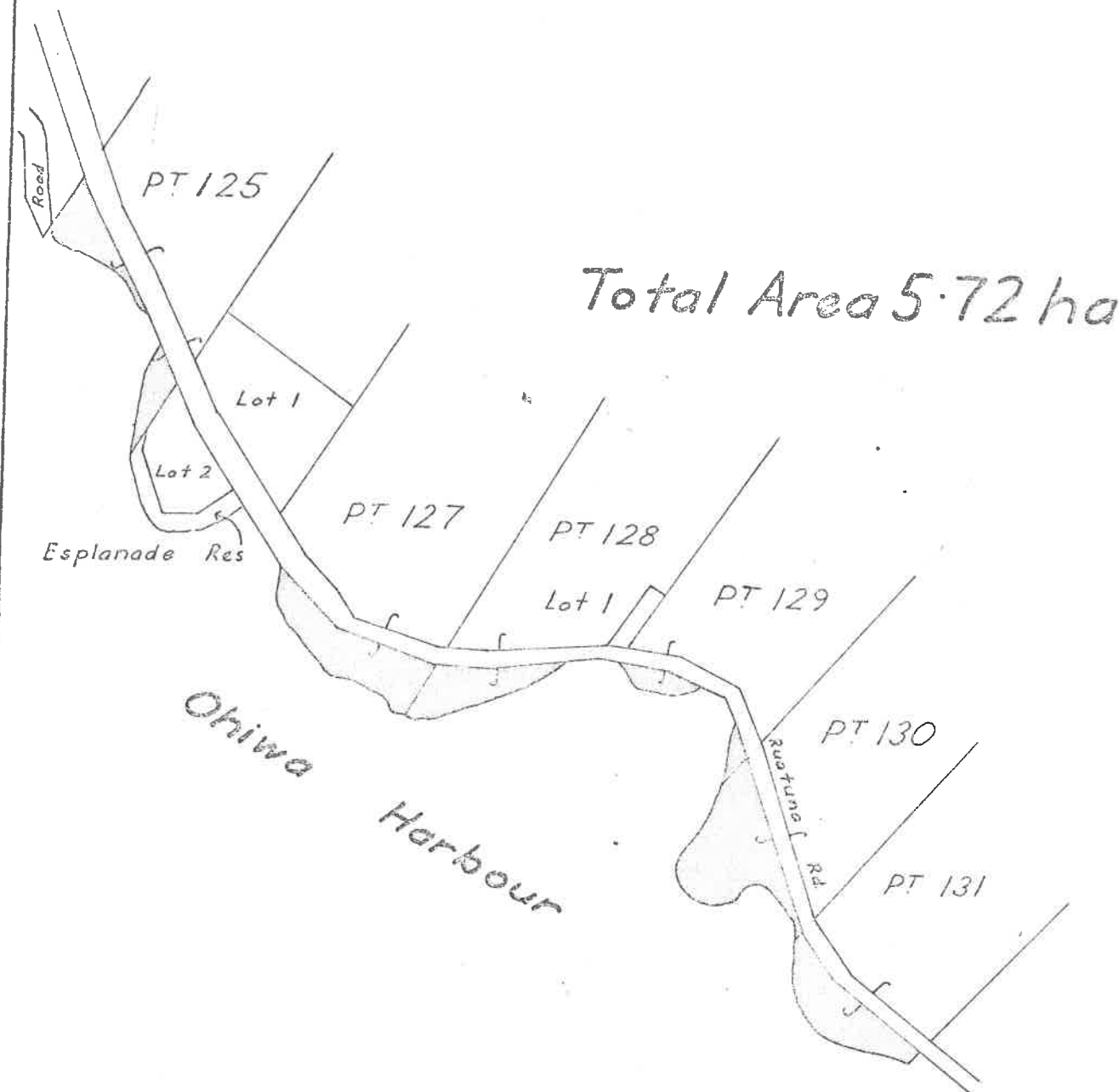
Physical Description: This land lies between the Ruatuna Road and the Ohiwa Harbour. It is generally a level area covered in rank pasture, native bush or scrub. The area is considered suitable for recreation reserve in the form of picnic spots and roadside parking areas with harbour views and access strips to the harbour itself. The northern end of the proposed reserve would permit public access to Patawa Island which is already a Scenic Reserve.

Zoning: Proposed Reserve.

Purpose: Recreation Reserve.

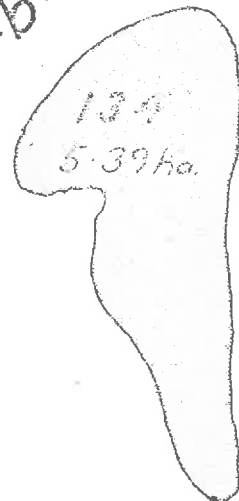
Significance: Local.

Priority: Medium.



Proposal No 5
Ohiwa Harbour - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blks VII & XI Whakatane S.D.
Proposed Reserve

Ohia Harbour



Proposal N°6
Hokianga Island-Historic Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blk VII Whakatane S.D.
Proposed Reserve ☐

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PROPOSAL NO. 6.

HOKIANGA ISLAND.

Aerial Photograph : 5229/52

Map Sheet : N.78

Legal Description : Allotment 134 Waiotahi Parish, Block XI,
Whakatane Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 5.39 hectares.

Location : Ohia Harbour.

Physical Description : The northern end of the island is almost sheer cliff face while to the east, south and west the island rises to a high centred ridge. 25% is rough grass, the balance is light mixed regenerating native bush. The northern promontory is faced with Pohutukawas. Although situated only 400 metres from the mainland, access, even at low tide, is only possible by boat as a deep channel runs parallel with the eastern shore. The island is of historical significance to the local people. There was an old Pa on the island and Te Kooti once frequented the area and a church of his religion was once erected on the southern end of the island. It is also stated by locals that there are a number of Maori graves on the island but there was no evidence of these found during an inspection. This island shows up well from the mainland and its reservation as an Historic Reserve would be appropriate.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose : Historic Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority : Medium.



Total Area 2.36 ha

Proposal No 7
 Ohiwa Harbour-Recreation Reserve
 Scale 1:3960
 Blk VII Whakatane S.D.
 Proposed Reserve

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PROPOSAL NO. 7.

OHIWA HARBOUR.

Aerial Photograph : 5229/52

Map Sheet : N.78

Legal Description : Allotment 336 No. 1 and Allotment 336 No. 2
 Waiotahi Parish, Block VII, Whakatane Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 2.36 hectares.

Location : Eastern side of Ohiwa Harbour.

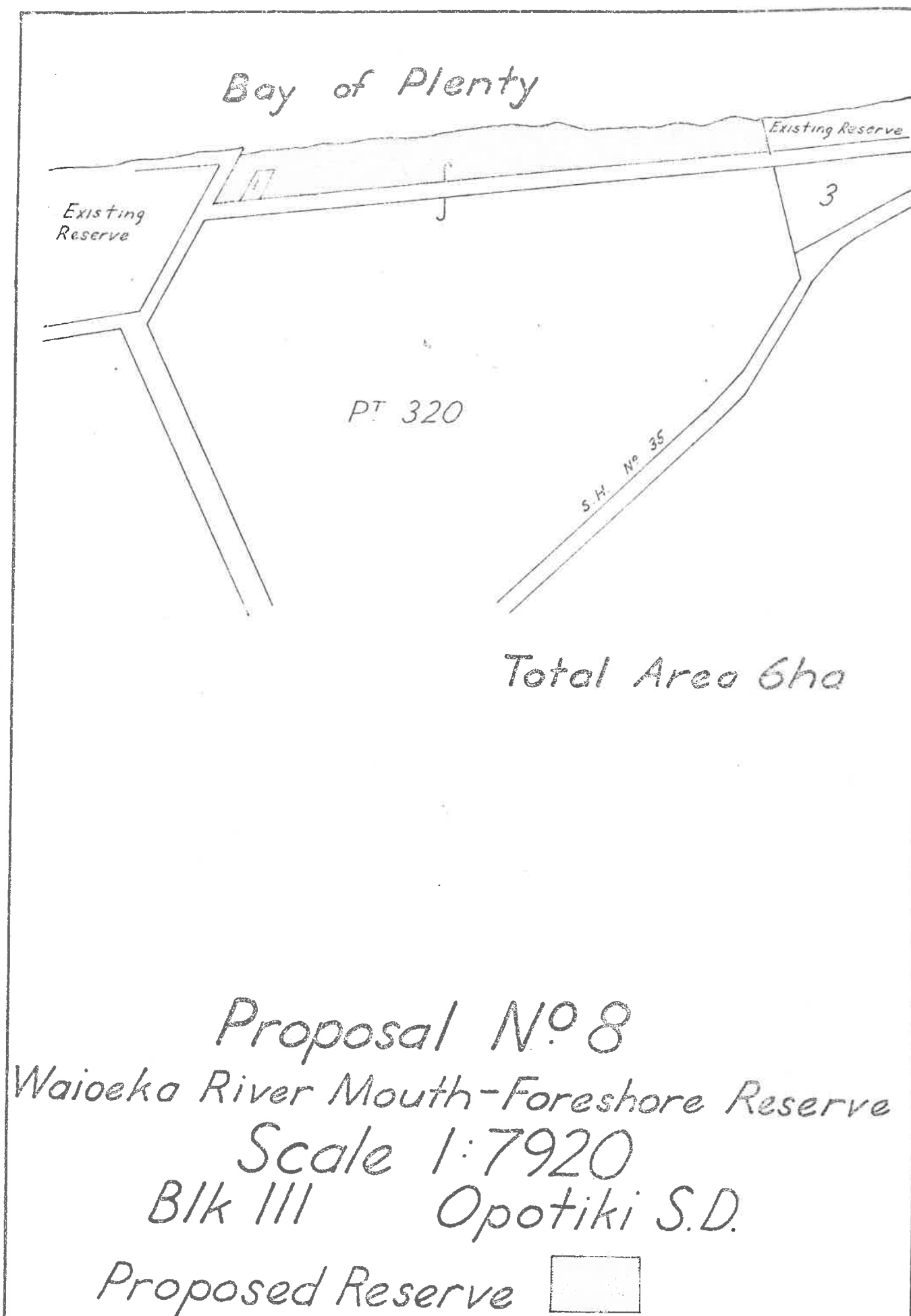
Physical Description : This is a narrow fringe of flat land fronting the harbour and rising steeply to a high ridge. The area is covered in tall wattles and manuka but the principal value of the area from a recreation point of view is that it provides access to the harbour and will provide a scenic back drop to that part of the harbour shoreline and Hokianga Island as well as acting as the constraint to further residential development.

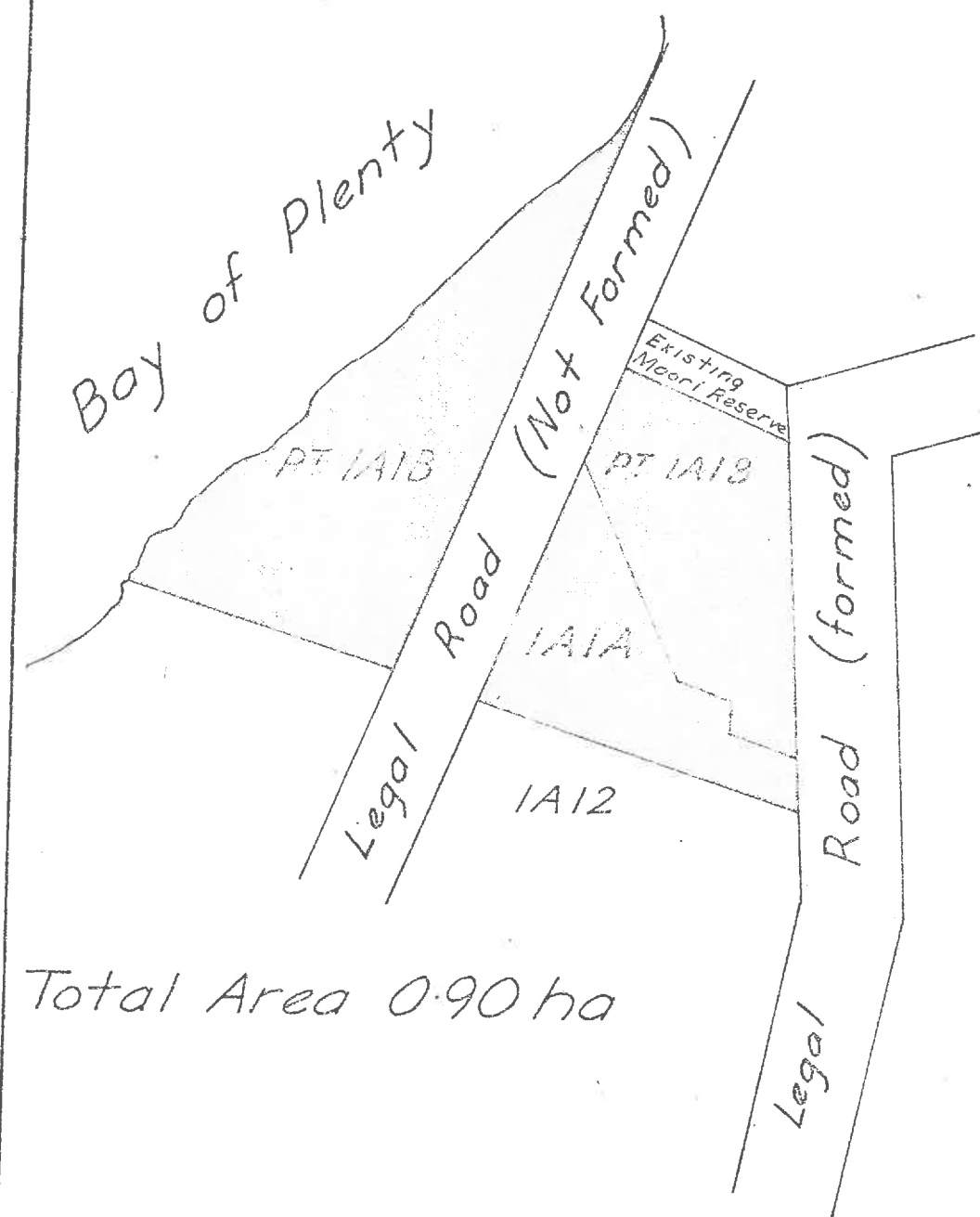
Zoning : 336 No. 1 - Rural 'A'.
 336 No. 2 - Designated 'Proposed Reserve'.


Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

Significance : Local.

Priority : Low.

WAIOEKA RIVER MOUTH.Aerial Photograph : 680/72.Map Sheet : N.69.Legal Description : Pt. Allotment 320 Waioeka Parish and Lot 1
D.P. 5183 AK., Block III, Opotiki Survey District.Area : 6 hectares.Location : Waioeka River Mouth.Physical Description : A strip of land between the unformed legal road and the sea, between the Opotiki and Hukuwai Domains. The area is unoccupied and consists of lupin covered sand hills. Since the early surveys the area has been eroded, until now only 3.5 hectares remain. The mean width of the strip is just under 40 metres and its reservation to preserve access between the two Domains and along the sea shore appears logical.Zoning : Designated "Proposed Foreshore Reserve".Purpose : Foreshore Reserve.Significance : Local.Priority : Low.



Proposal No 9
 Opape-Recreation Reserve
 Scale 1:1584
 Blk 1 Waiaua S.D.
 Proposed Reserve 

23.

PROPOSAL NO. 9.

OPAPE.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/C3

Map Sheet : N.70.

Legal Description : Pts. Opape 1A1A and 1A1B Blocks, Block I, Waiaua Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 0.90 hectares.

Location : 12 kilometres east of Opotiki.

Physical Description : This is an area of flat land which could provide an excellent picnicing area, car park and access to the sea for boat launching. The buildings shown on the aerial photograph have been removed and the whole area, which was formerly boggy, filled with surplus material from adjoining highway reconstruction. The track just to the north of the area is at present used by the public to gain access to the sea for bathing and boat launching. The sea and beach at this point is excellent for these purposes. The track and the land north to the stream is Maori Reserve. The land shown on the seaward side of the roadline has been eroded away and the M.H.W.M. actually runs along the roadline. The adjoining beach is popular for fishing and shell fish.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

Significance : Local.

Priority : High.

OPAPE.Aerial Photograph : 1902/C3-C5.Map Sheet : N70.Legal Description: Part Opape 1A19 Block, Block I, Waiaua Survey District.Land Tenure : Maori.Area : 23 hectares.Location: 13 kilometres east of Opotiki.

Physical Description: This is a prominent bush covered headland area situated approximately 13 kilometres east of Opotiki and extends from the highway to the coast. It adjoins Opape Beach which is known for its fishing, swimming and boating, for which purposes it receives extensive public use.

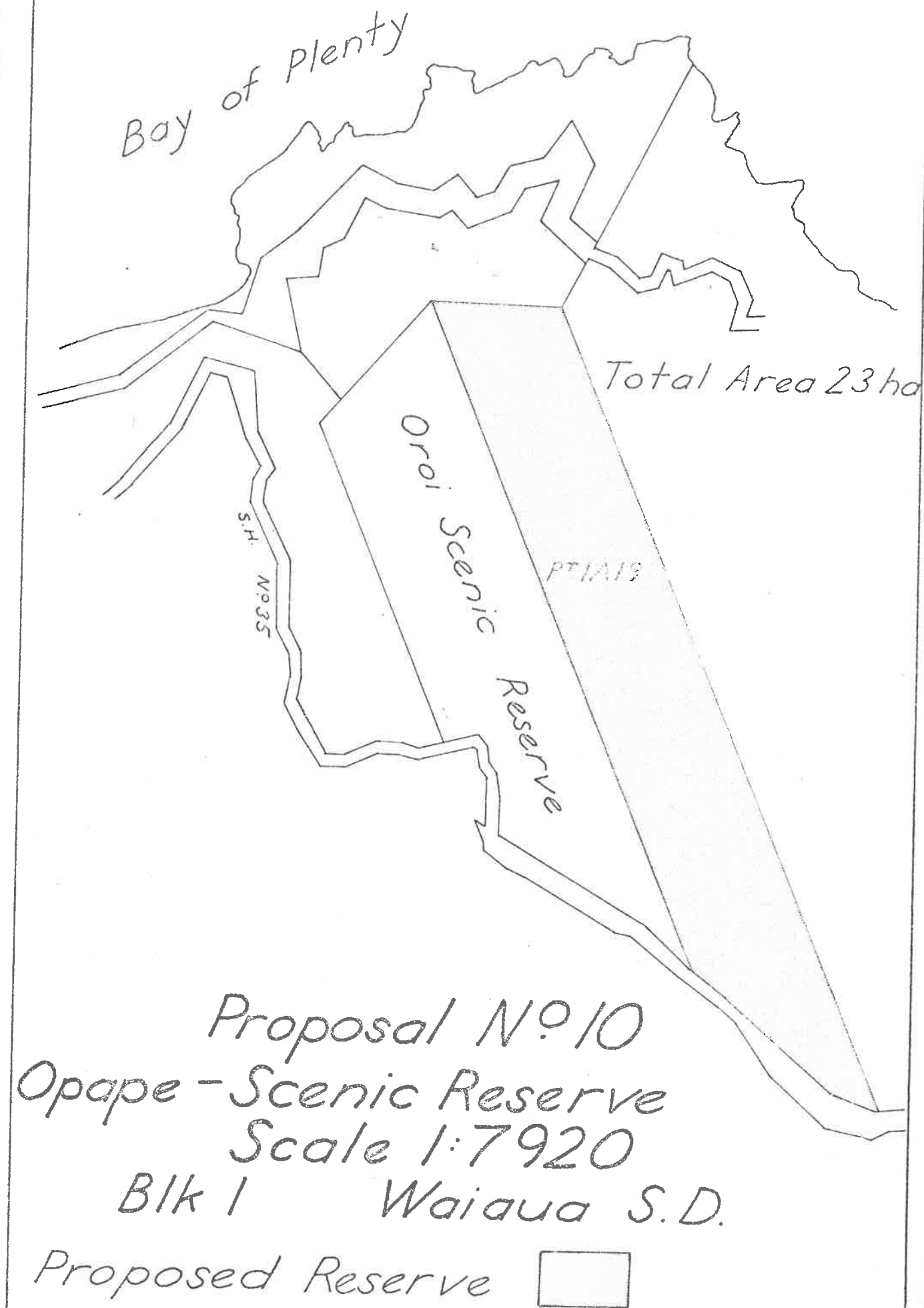
The headland is plainly visible when travelling in either direction and makes an excellent scenic backdrop to the recreational activities on the adjoining beach.

Completely surrounded as it is by the highway on one side and the sea on the other, it is an important structural element in the coastal landscape.

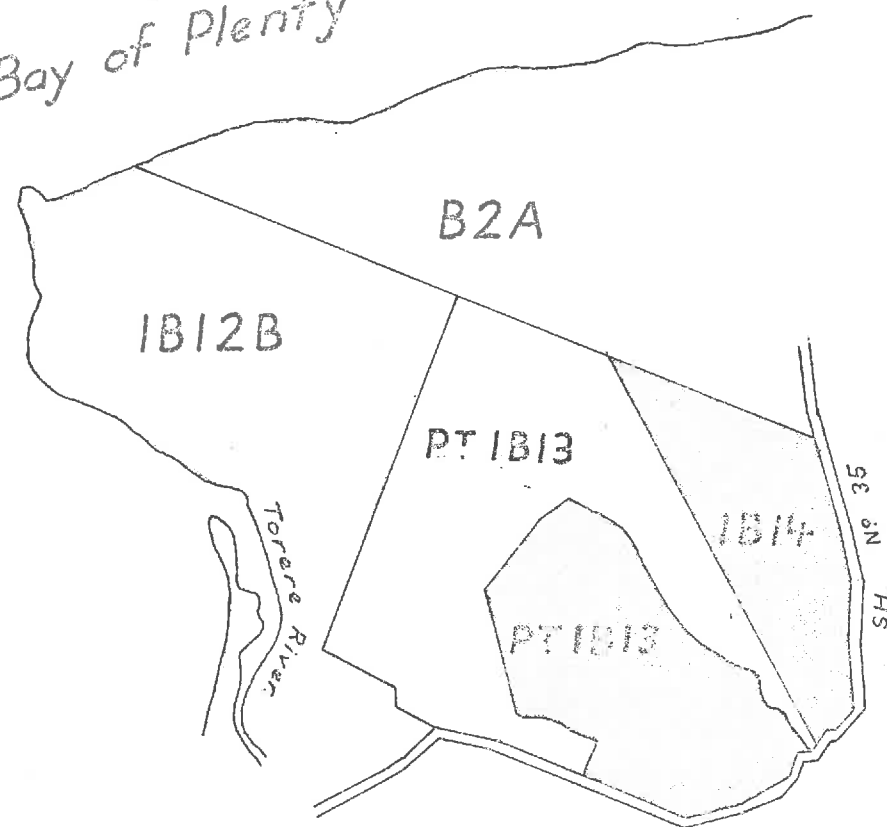
The actual bush cover in itself consists for the most part of Tawa, Rewa Rewa, Puriri, Treefern and Nothopanax.

Being adjacent to the existing Crown owned Oroi Scenic Reserve, Opape 1 would make a natural and worthwhile addition.


Zoning : Designated "Proposed Scenic Reserve" with an underlying zoning of Rural 'A'.

Purpose : Scenic Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Low.

Bay of Plenty



Total Area 19 ha

Proposal N°11
Torere - Scenic Reserve
Scale 1:15840
Blk III Waiaua S.D.
Proposed Reserve 

25.

PROPOSAL NO.11.

TORERE.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/D13.

Map Sheet : N70.

Legal Description : Pt. Torere 1B13 Block , Block III, Waiaua Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 19 ha.

Location : Torere.

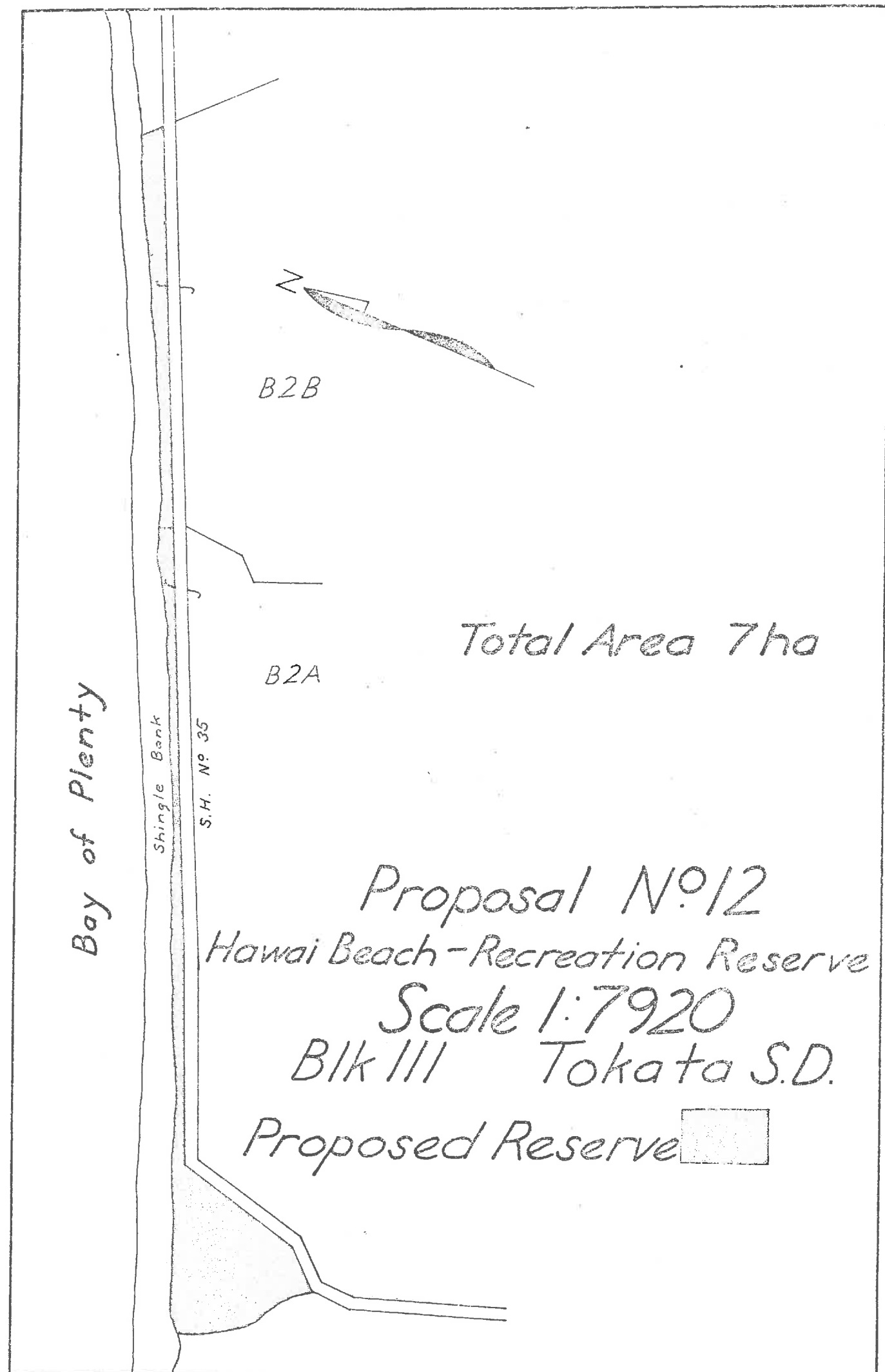
Physical Description : Steep southerly facing slopes rising from the road with complete bush cover of several species and ferns. The area is unfenced and inaccessible but has scenic value in that it can be viewed to advantage by passing motorists. A small flat area adjacent to the road is suitable for further development as a picnic area.

Zoning : Designated Proposed Scenic Reserve with an underlying zoning of Rural 'A'.

Purpose : Scenic Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority : Low.



26.

PROPOSAL NO.12.

HAWAI BEACH .

Aerial Photograph : 1902/F3-6.

Map Sheet : N70.

Legal Description : Pts. Tunapahore B2A and B2B Blocks, Block III, Tokata Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 7 ha.

Location : Western end of Hawai Beach.

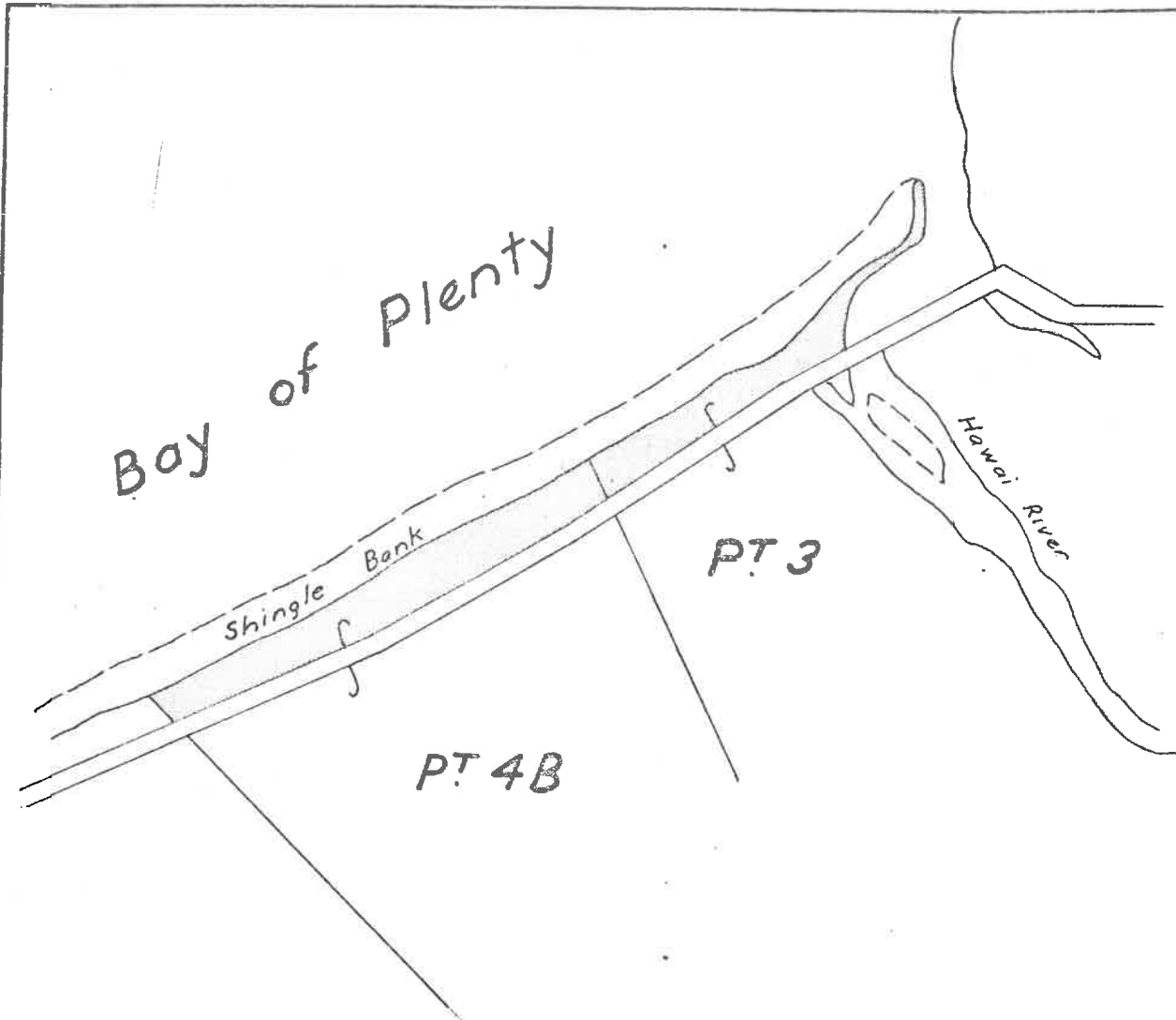
Physical Description : Area comprises a long narrow strip of land between the road and the coast which is mostly a shingle bank with sparse lupins, native grasses and drift wood. On the western end lie approximately 4 hectares of elevated flat in good pasture. This area particularly is suitable for acquisition for camping and picnicing purposes, being adjacent to the highway, overlooking the beach and giving extensive coastal views eastward.

Zoning : Designated Proposed Reserve, underlying zoning Rural 'A'.

Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

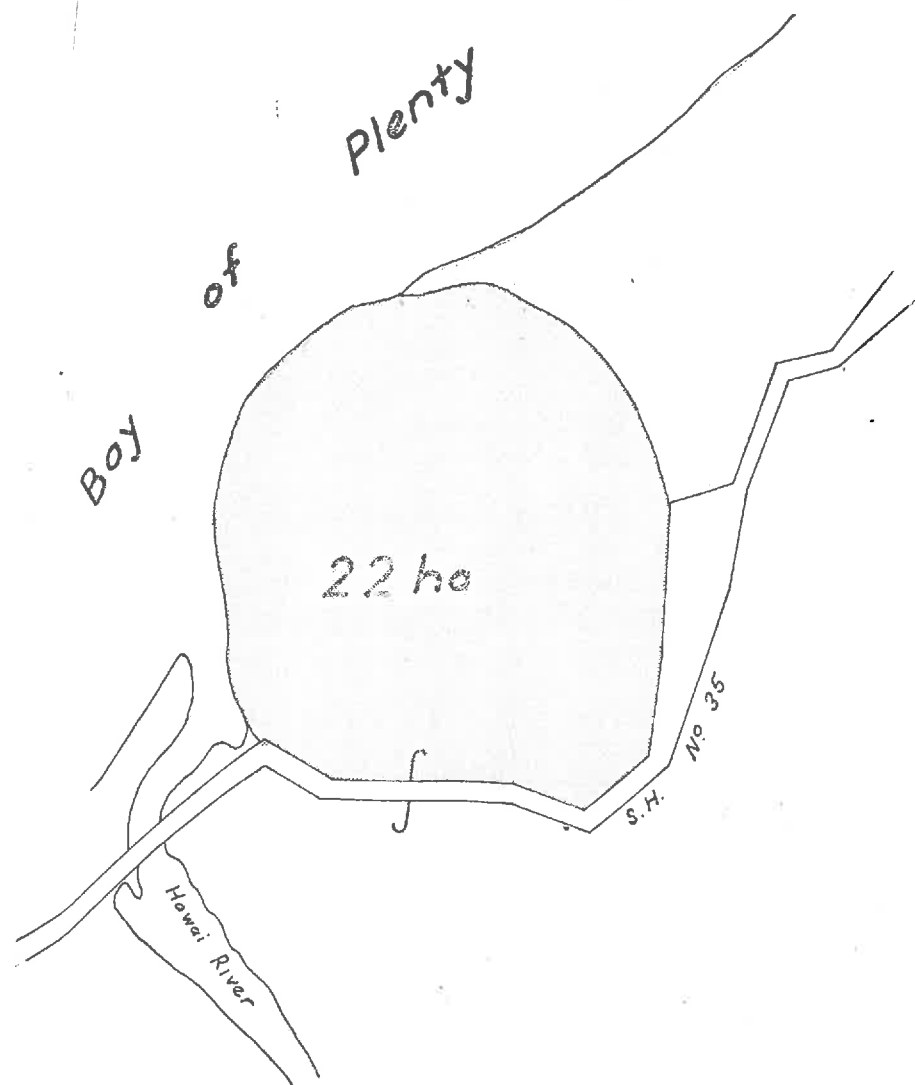
Significance : Regional.

Priority : Low.

PROPOSAL NO. 13.HAWAI BEACH.Aerial Photograph : 1902/F5-F6.Map Sheet : N70.Legal Description : Pts. Tunapahore 3 and 4B Blocks, Block III, Tokata Survey District.Land Tenure : Maori.Area : Tunapahore 3 - 1.3 hectares.
Tunapahore 4B - 2.7 hectares.Location : Eastern end of Hawai Beach adjoining the Hawai River mouth.Physical Description : Similar to and a continuation of the land contained in Proposal No. 12. It is at present used by the public for camping and picnicing.Zoning : Designated Proposed Reserve, underlying zoning Rural 'A'.Purpose : Recreation Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Low.

Total Area 4ha

Proposal NO 13
 Hawai Beach - Recreation Reserve
 Scale 1:7920
 Blk III Tokata S.D.
 Proposed Reserve ☐



Proposal N^o 14
Hawai River Mouth - Scenic Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blk III Tokata S.D.
Proposed Reserve

28.

PROPOSAL NO. 14.

HAWAI RIVER MOUTH.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/F7.

Map Sheet : N70.

Legal Description : Pt. Tunapahore 4B Block. Block III, Tokata Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 22 hectares.

Location : Hawai River Mouth, 30 kilometres east of Opotiki.

Physical Description : An area of mature native bush adjoining the Hawai River mouth and S.H. 35. The area has a southerly aspect and is unfenced. A small grassed area near the highway is suitable for picnicing and a starting point for bush walks. Because of its prominence from the highway, this area is an important element in the coastal landscape and for this reason the retention of the bush cover is important. The area is generally suited for recreation and scenic purposes.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Scenic Reserve" with an underlying zoning of Rural 'A'.

Purpose : Scenic.

Significance : Regional.

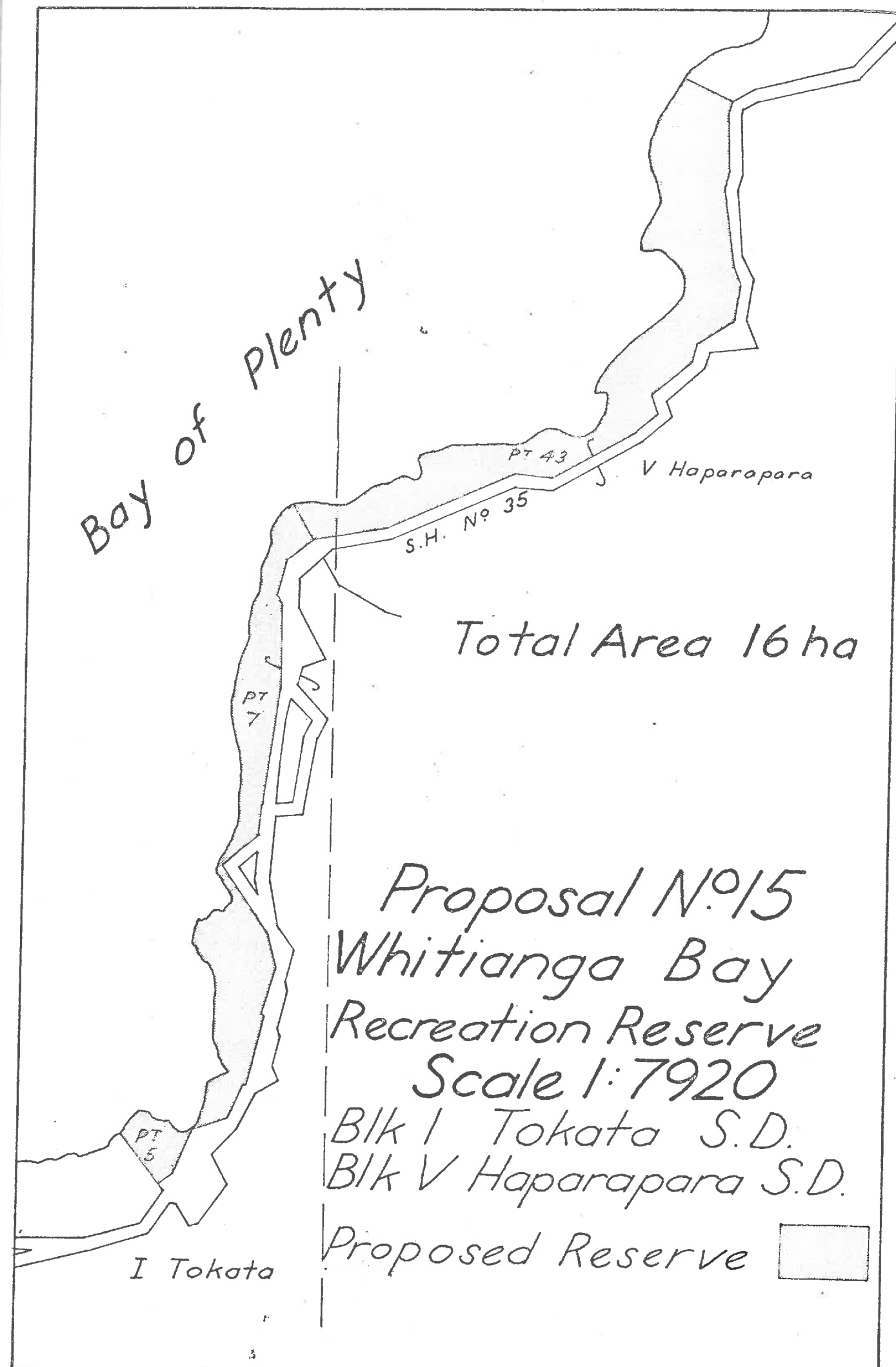
Priority : Low.

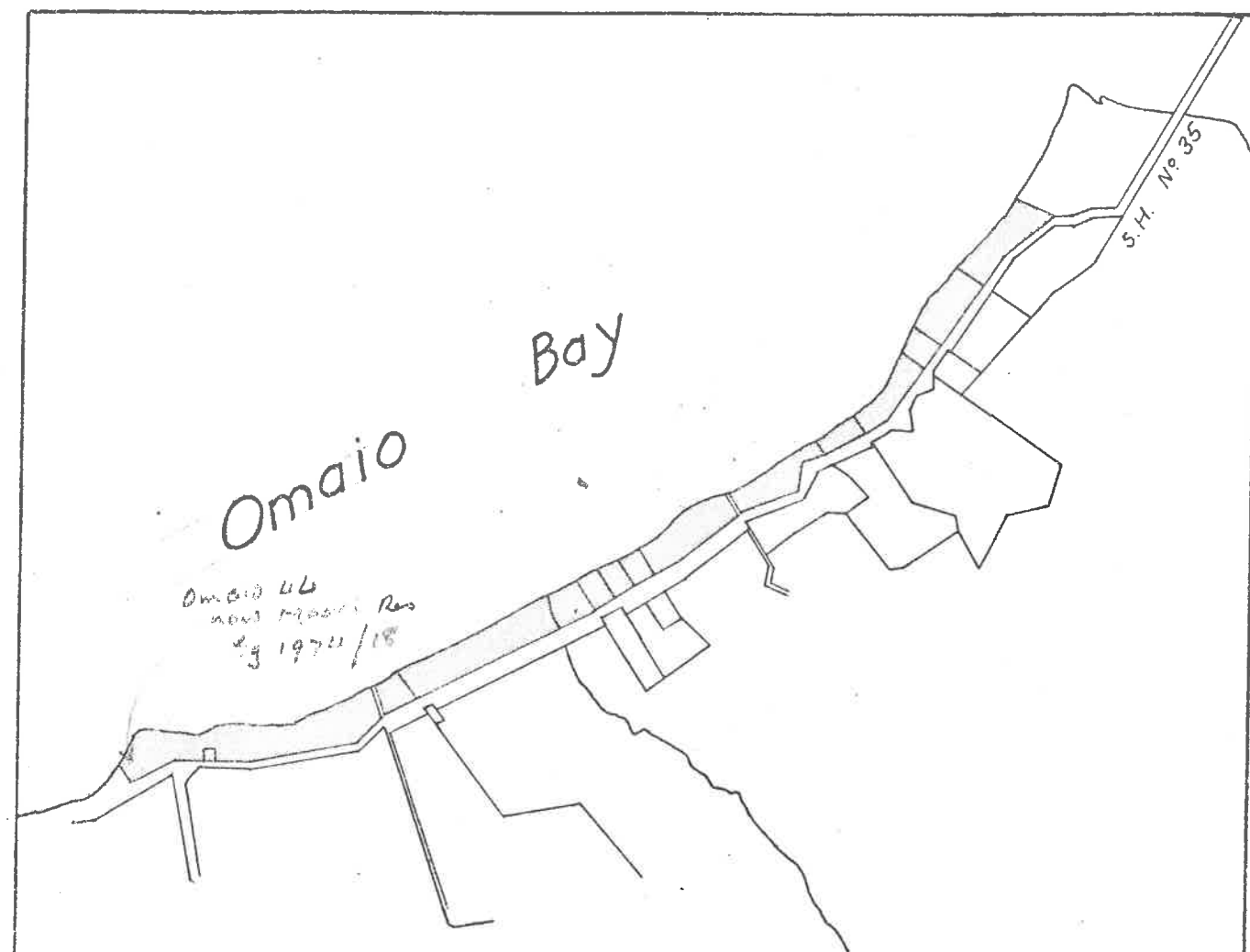
PROPOSAL NO. 15.WHITIANGA BAY .Aerial Photograph : 1902/J4-7.Map Sheet : N70.Legal Description : Pts. Whitianga 5 and 7 Blocks and Pt. Omaio.Land Tenure : Maori.Location : The northern end of Whitianga Bay.

Physical Description : This is an extremely attractive section of coast and consists of a long, narrow strip between the State Highway and the sea. The coastline is rocky, with small bays and inlets and mature Pohutukawas overhang the cliff tops and provide shade and shelter throughout the entire area.

Although too narrow for development, the area is very popular with fishermen and campers. During the summer months almost all available level sites are used by caravan parties. The area has the typical qualities of the Opotiki coastline and in many respects its scenic value is equal to or exceeds its recreational value. In terms of the general coastal landscape this is a very important area.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve" with an underlying zoning of Rural 'A'.

Purpose : Recreation Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Medium.



Total Area 14.5 ha

Proposal N^o 16
 Omaio Bay Recreation Reserve
 Scale 1:3960
 Blk V Haparapara S.D.
 Proposed Reserve

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PROPOSAL NO. 16.

OMAIO BAY .

Aerial Photograph : 1902/K3-6.

Map Sheet : N70.

Legal Description : Foreshore between Omaio 44 Block and Wharawhara 2 Block, Block V, Haparapara Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 14.5 hectares.

Location : Omaio Bay.

Physical Description : The area is shingle beach with pockets of alluvial silt loam with poor quality native pasture. Tree planting would improve the appearance of this land which is at present unattractive and barren. The provision of a proposed camping ground nearby (local body) leaves this area available for open space and picnicing.

The retention of this area as undeveloped open space is essential for the preservation of the character of Omaio Bay. Because of the narrowness of the area involved and its high use by the public in terms of general recreation, building on this area would be an unacceptable intrusion on the landscape.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve" with an underlying zoning of Rural 'A'.

Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

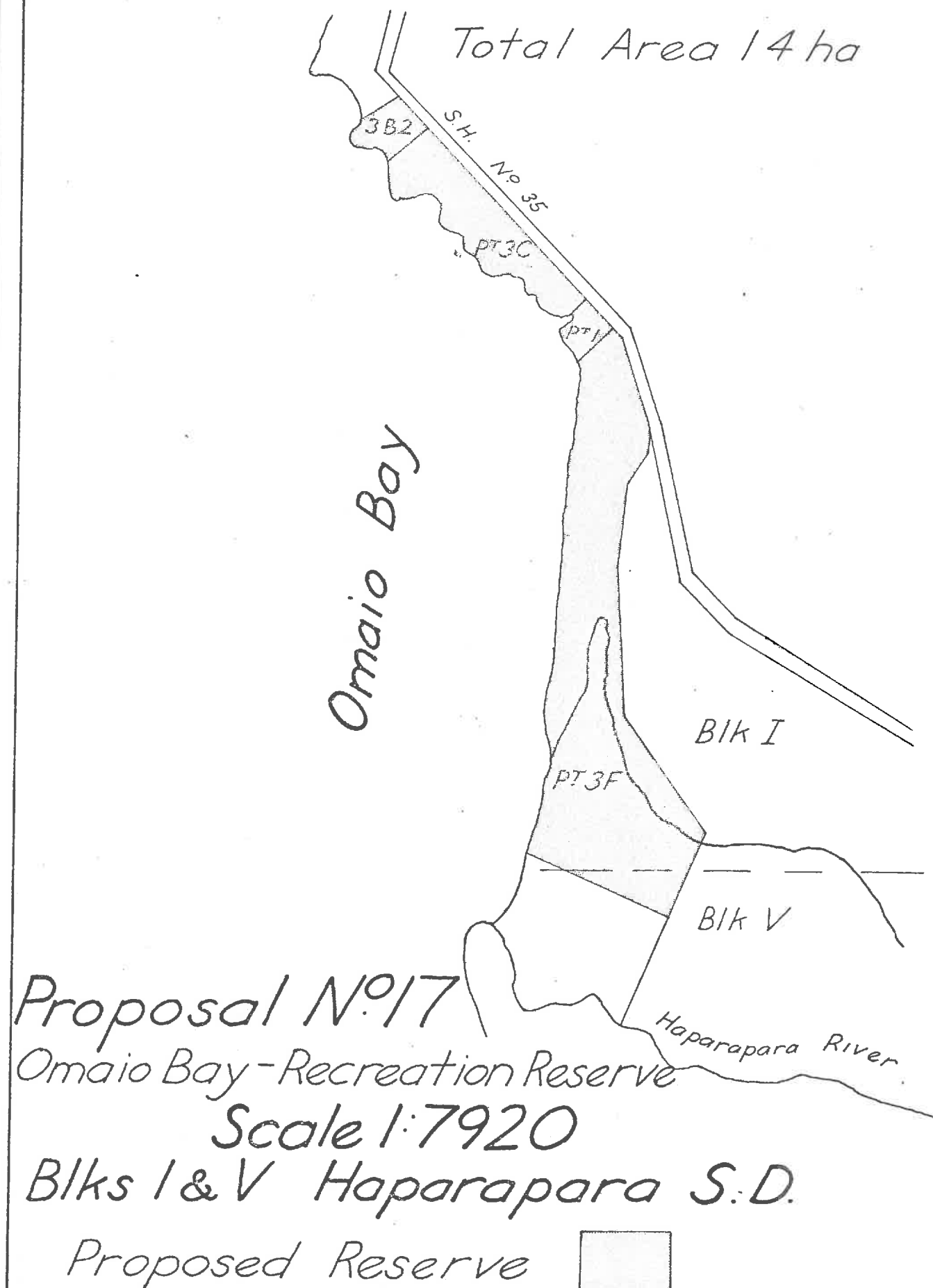
Significance : Local.

Priority : Low.

OMAIO BAY.Aerial Photographs : 1902/L4 and 5.Map Sheet : N70.Legal Description : Pts. Awanui Haparapara 3F, 3C, 1 and 3B2 Blocks, Block I, Haparapara Survey District.Land Tenure : Maori.Area : 14 hectares.Location : Northern extremity of Omaio Bay adjoining the Haparapara River.Physical Description : The land lies between the road and sea and cover comprises mature Pohutukawas and fair pasture. The coast is rocky and not suitable for swimming but this attractive area lends itself for development for picnicing or camping. The land opposite Motunui Island is a practical boat launching site and is already used for this purpose and the small beach at this point is a very definite attraction.

The southern end of this area is far less attractive but its importance is that it gives access to the beach at the mouth of the Haparapara River and to the river itself.

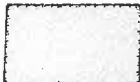
However, the river has already eroded into the southern extremity and will continue to do so. However, this will in no way reduce the importance of this area for access purposes and should the northern more attractive and better contoured area be developed as a camping ground, for which purpose it is well suited, the entire area could be developed into an important reserve complex.

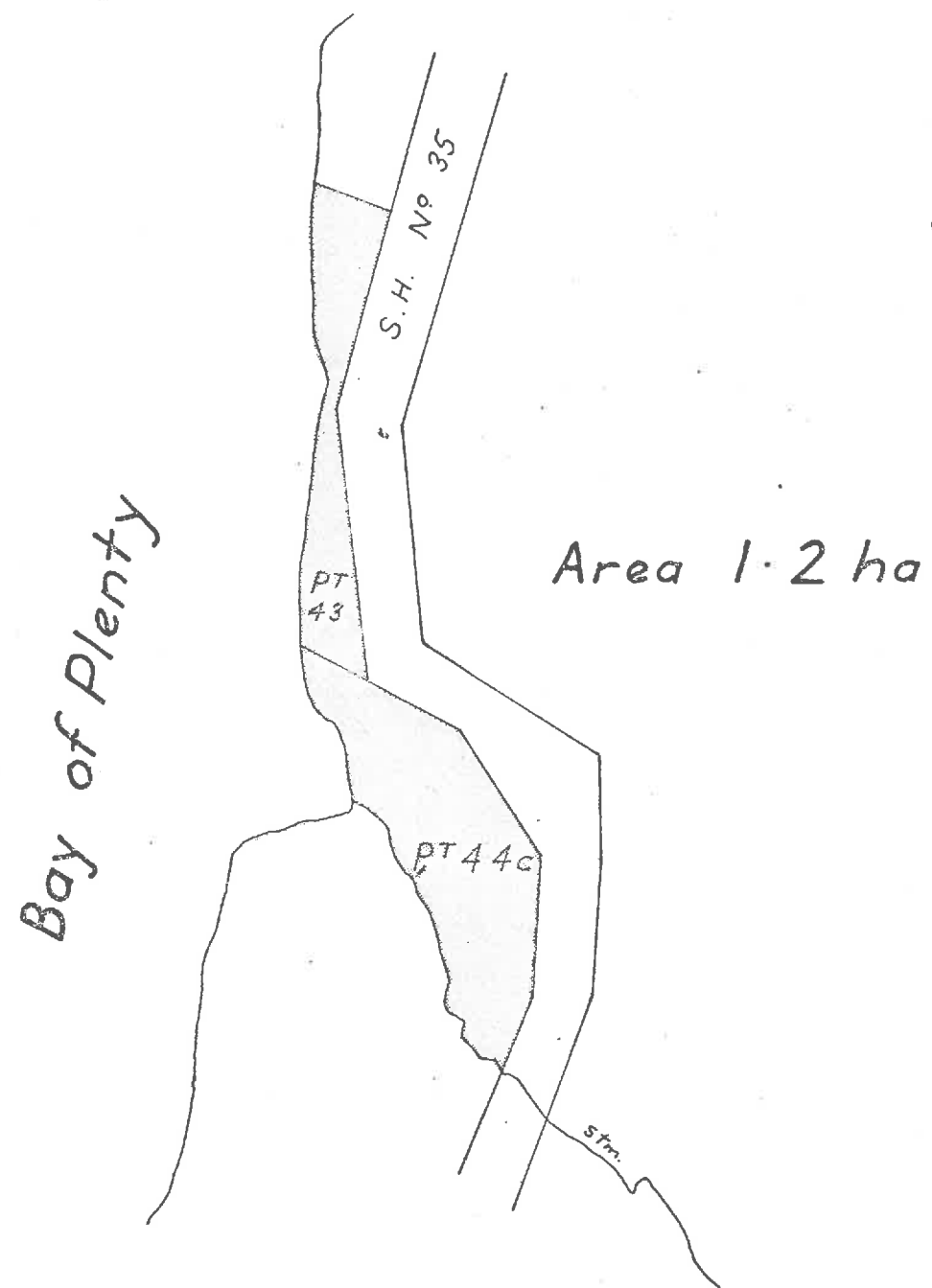
Zoning : Part "Proposed Reserve" and part Rural 'A'.Purpose : Recreation Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Low.

PROPOSAL NO. 18.MOTUNUI ISLAND.Aerial Photograph : 1902/L6.Map Sheet : N70.Legal Description : Pt. Awanui Haparapara 1 Block, Block I,
Haparapara Survey District.Land Tenure : Maori.Area : 0.91 hectares.Location : Off Omaio Bay.Physical Description : A small, steep sided island covered in
pohutukawas and at present unoccupied. The island is an important
landscape element and it would detract considerably from the area
as a whole if buildings were ever erected on the island. It would
appear to have no great recreational value.Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".Purpose : Scenic Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Low.

Motunui Island

0.91 ha.

Proposal N^o 18
 Motunui Island - Scenic Reserve
 Scale 1:7920
 Blk I Haparapara S.D.
 Proposed Reserve 



Proposal N^o 19
 Hariki Beach - Recreation Reserve
 Scale 1:7920
 Blk V Haparapara S.D.
 Proposed Reserve

33.

PROPOSAL NO. 19.

HARIKI BEACH.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/N3.

Map Sheet: N70.

Legal Description : Pts. Te Kaha 44C and 43C Blocks, Block II, Haparapara Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 1.2 hectares.

Location : 2 kilometres south of Te Kaha.

Physical Description : A small area of shingle beach backed by mature pohutukawas. Although scenically attractive, the main advantage of this area is to ensure public access to the beach.

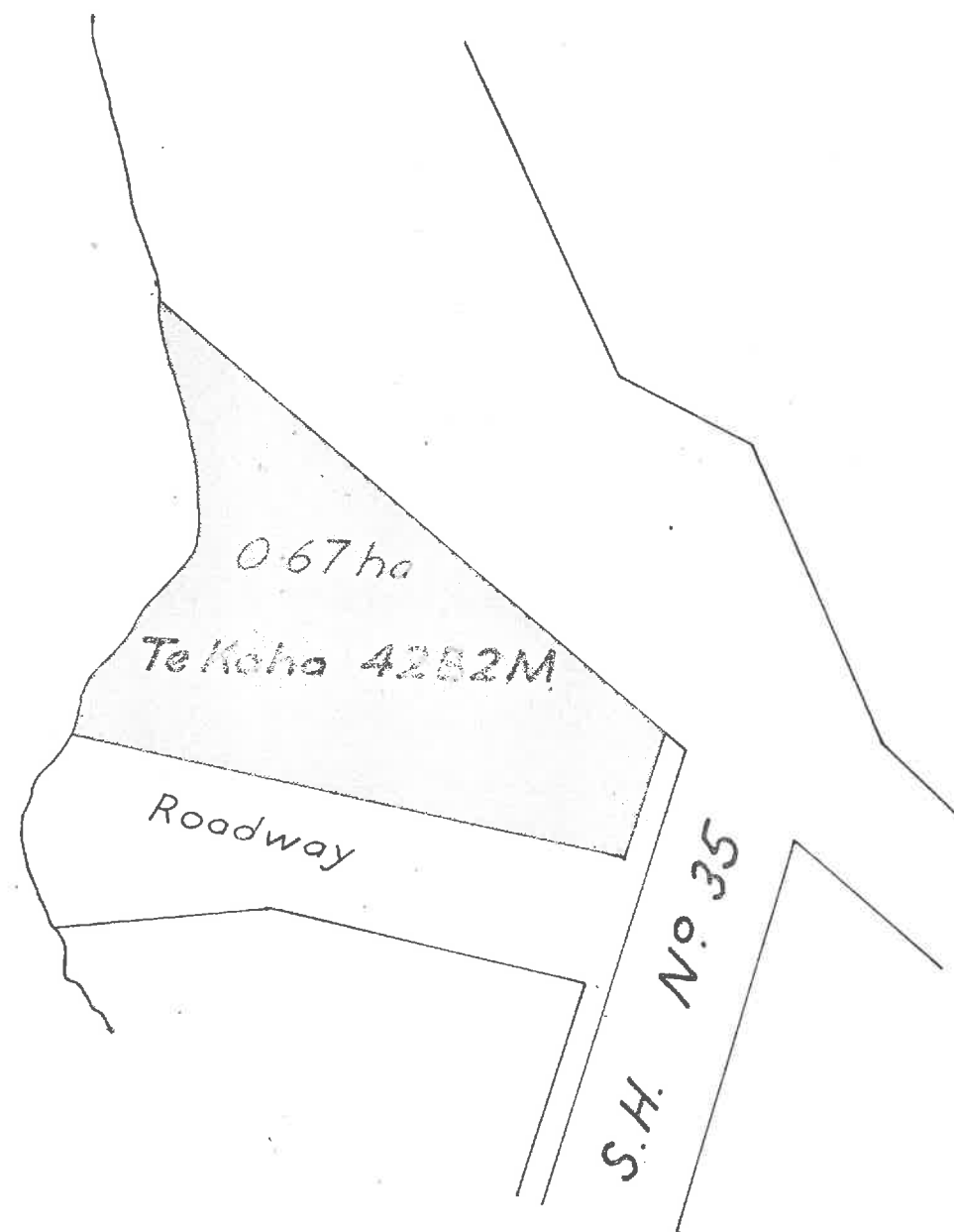
Zoning : Designated "Proposed Foreshore Reserve".

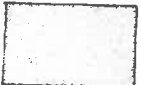
Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

Significance : Local.

Priority : Low.

Bay of Plenty



Proposal No 20
Hariki Beach - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:1584
Blk II Haparapara S.D.
Proposed Reserve 

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PROPOSAL NO. 20.

HARIKI BEACH.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/N4.

Map Sheet : N70.

Legal Description : Part Te Kaha 42B2M Block, Block II, Haparapara Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 0.67 hectares.

Location : Northern end of Hariki Beach one kilometre south of Te Kaha.

Physical Description : Gently sloping from the road to the sea, this sand and shingle covered area is roughly between the Waikanae Stream and the tree fringed main road to the north. This gives good access to a popular boating and swimming beach. Access from the State Highway is not good because the access to the beach begins not far from a corner at the bottom of a slope.

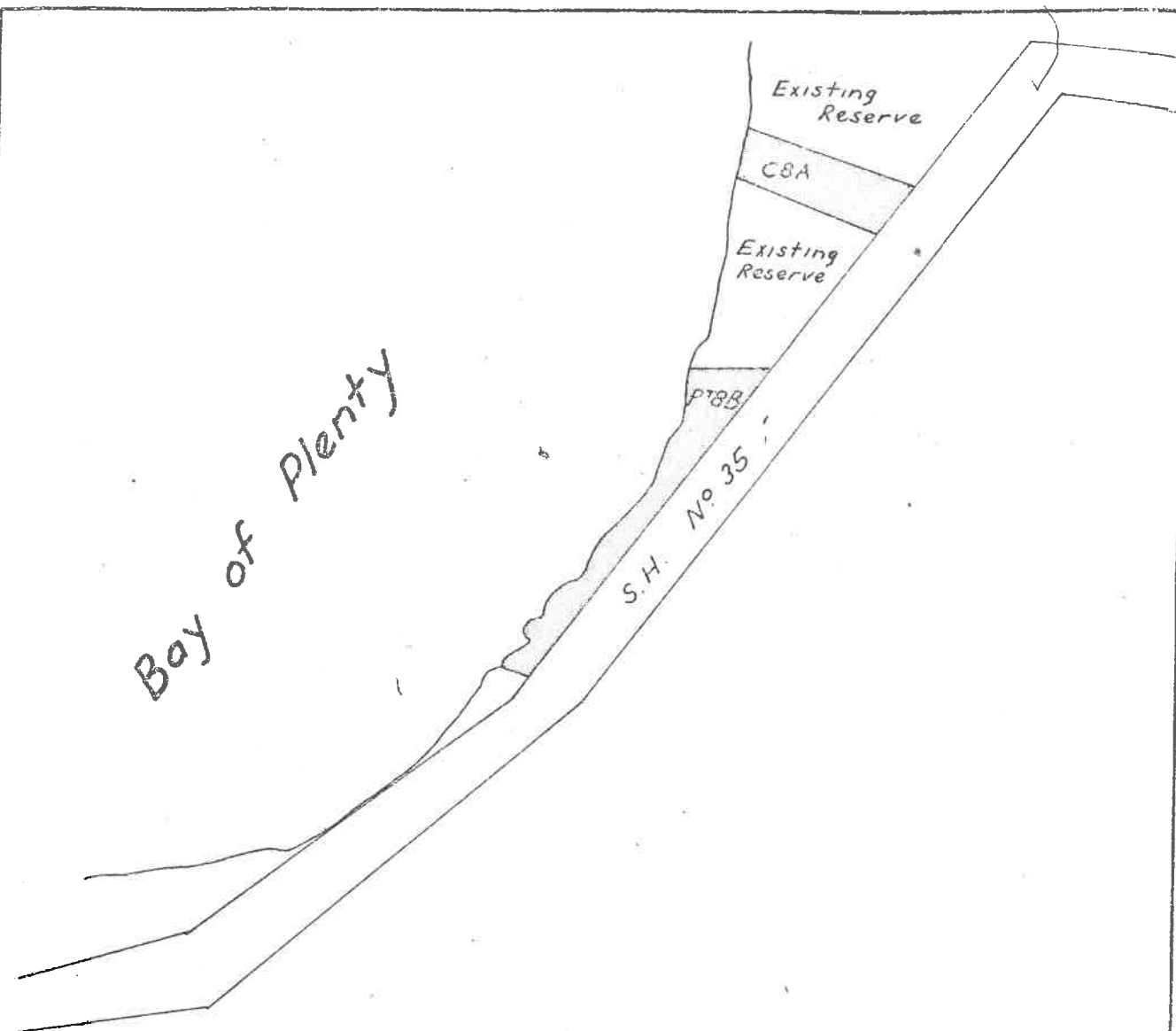
This area is already extensively used by the public to gain access to Hariki Beach.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".


Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority : Medium.



Total Area 0.25ha

Proposal N^o 21
Te Kaha - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:2670
Blk V Te Kaha S.D.
Proposed Reserve 

35.

PROPOSAL NO. 21.

TE KAHA.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/05

Map Sheet : N61

Legal Description : Part Te Kaha 8B and C8A Blocks, Block V, Te Kaha Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 0.25 hectares.

Location : Schoolhouse Bay 1 kilometre north of Te Kaha Post Office.

Physical Description: A narrow foreshore strip adjoining S.H.35. The area is generally flat and in poor grass with some lupin and is already used by campers and picnic parties.

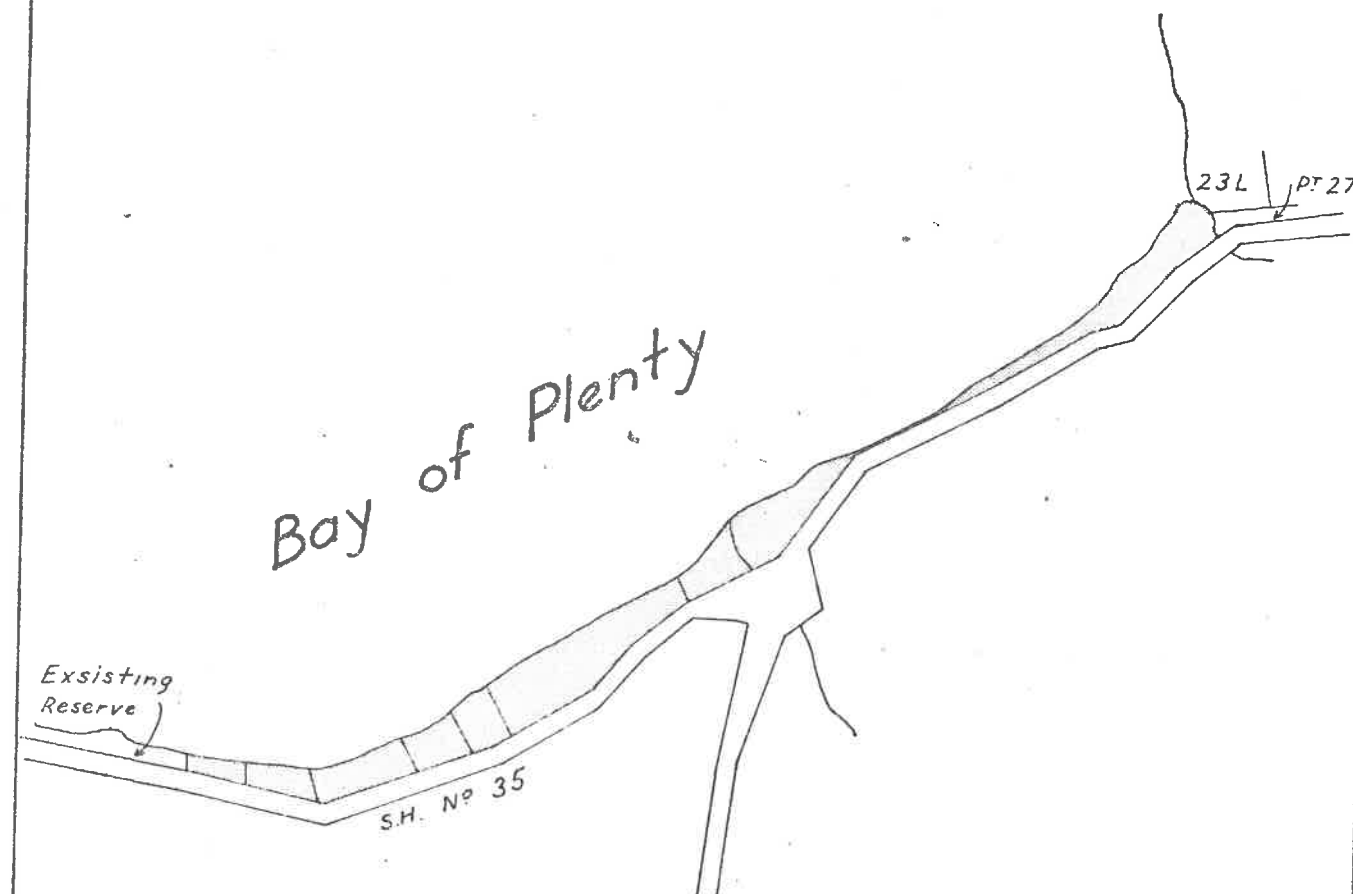
The principal attraction of this area is that it is part of Schoolhouse Bay which is one of the most popular recreation and camping areas on the coast and adjoins and would be a logical addition to the existing Schoolhouse Bay Recreation Reserve which is in part severed by Te Kaha C8A Block. In general, the public regard these areas as part of the existing reserve and it is very desirable that they become so.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve", underlying zoning Rural 'A'.

Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority : Medium.



Total Area 4.4ha

Proposal No 22
Te Kaha - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blk V Te Kaha S.D.
Proposed Reserve

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PROPOSAL NO. 22.

TE KAHĀ .

Aerial Photographs : 1902/06-7.

Map Sheet : N61.

Legal Description : Pts. Te Kaha C9, C2, C1, 5, 4A, 4B, 3, 1 Blocks and Maungaroa No. 1 Section 31, 30 and 27 Blocks, Block V, Te Kaha Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 4.4 hectares.

Location : 3 kilometres north of Te Kaha Post Office.

Physical Description : This area is a long, narrow strip varying in width between 20 - 60 metres between the road and the sea adjacent to the existing Schoolhouse Bay Recreation Reserve. Its main value is to give permanent public access to the sea and as a logical addition to the existing reserve. The area is already experiencing high public use and the need for public toilet facilities in this and adjacent areas is becoming an urgent requirement.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".

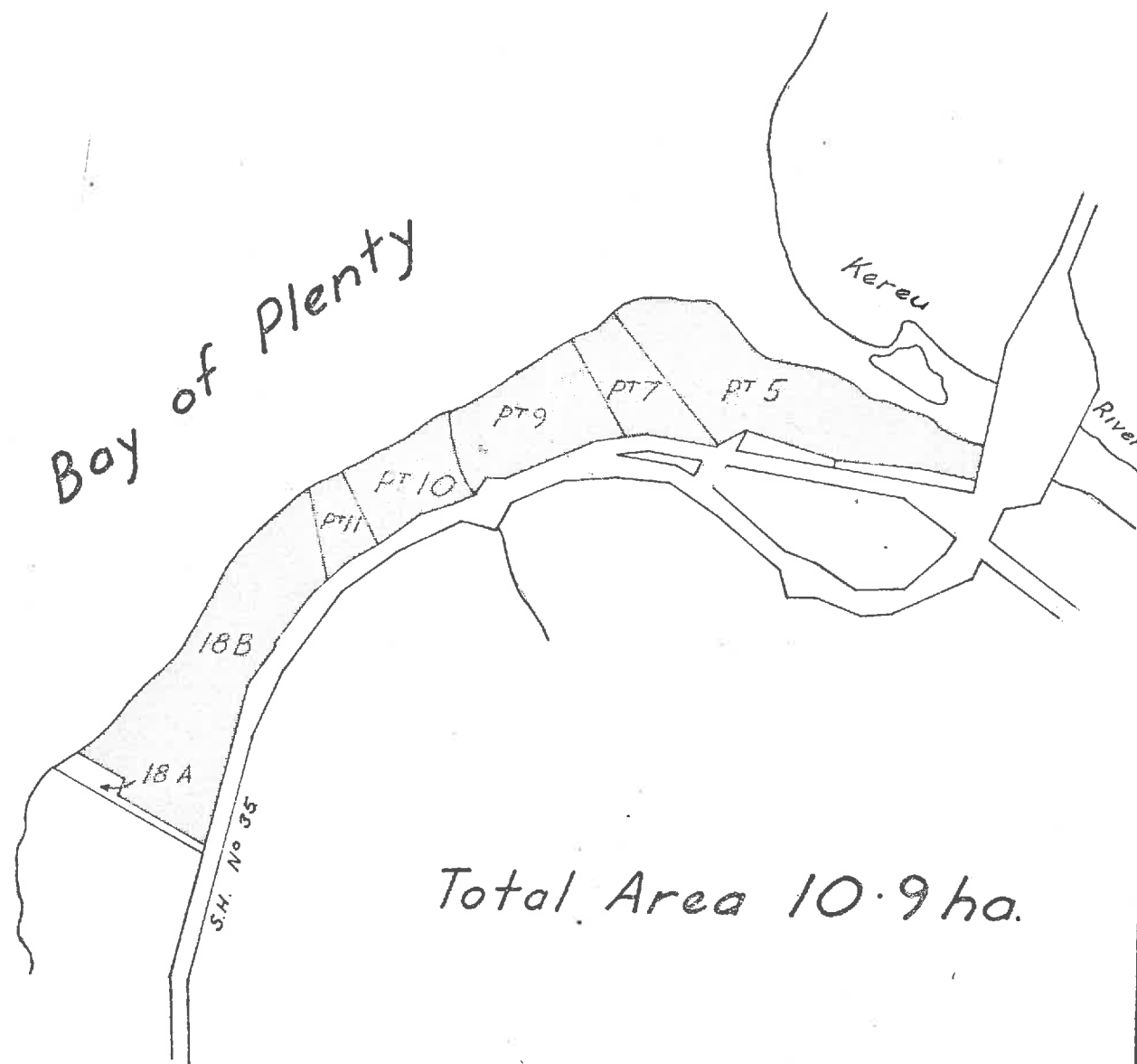
Purpose : Recreation Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority: Medium.

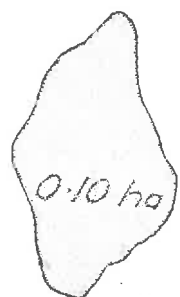
PROPOSAL NO. 23.KEREU RIVER MOUTH.Aerial Photograph : 1902/09 and '10.Map Sheet : N61.Legal Description : Pts. Maungaroa No. 1 Sections 18A, 18B, 11, 10, 9, 7, 5 Blocks, Block V, Te Kaha Survey District.Land Tenure : Maori.Area : 11 hectares.Location : 5 kilometres North of Te Kaha.

Physical Description : This strip of land lies between the State Highway and the sea comprising fair quality pasture with scattered pohutukawas near the sea. It is sloping land which is not suitable for subdivision because of this slope and its depth which varies from 100 - 200 metres. The mouth of the Kereu River is most popular as a fishing spot. Use of this land is unlikely to change and as it is desirable to secure public access to the coast the area should ultimately be in public ownership. The land near the Kereu River Bridge is unattractive and floodable and its use for camping is, therefore, unwise.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".Purpose : Recreation Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Low.

Proposal N^o 23
 Kereu River Mouth-Recreation Reserve
 Scale 1:7920
 Blk V Te Kaha S.D.
 Proposed Reserve

Bay of Plenty



Te Huka Island

WAKAWA BLK.

← Te Kaha

S.H. No 35

Proposal No 24
Te Huka Island - Scenic Reserve
Scale 1:2760
Blk II Te Kaha S.D.

Proposed Reserve ☐

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PROPOSAL NO. 24.

TE HUKA ISLAND.

Aerial Photograph : 1902 O/4.

Map Sheet : N61.

Legal Description : Te Huka Island Pt. Waikawa Block, Block II,
Te Kaha Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 0.10 hectares.

Physical Description : A small unoccupied but steep sided rocky island with a cover of light vegetation. Has no real recreation or commercial value but has definite scenic qualities and adds to the pleasant character of this coastline.

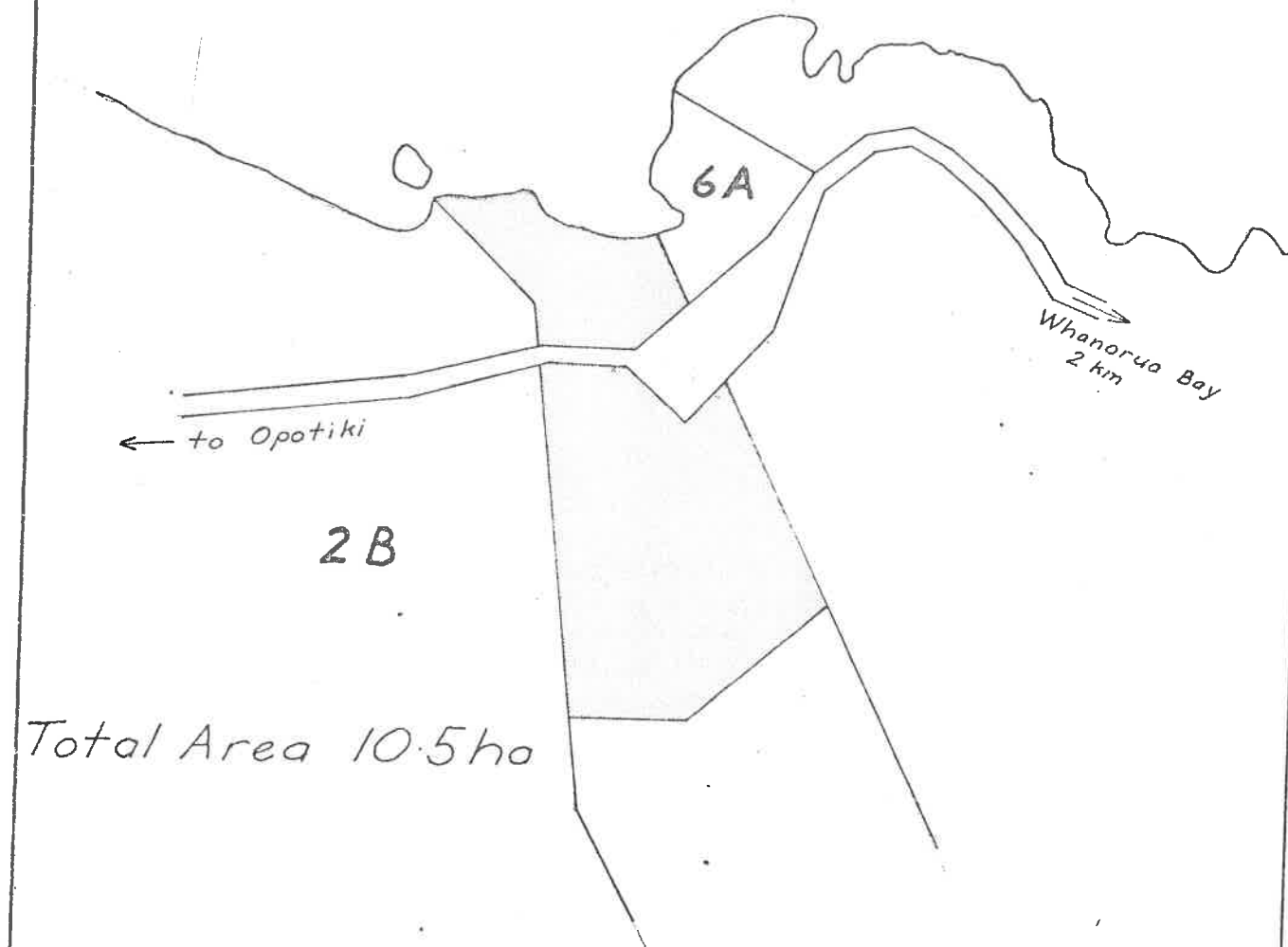
Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose : Scenic Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority : Low.

Bay of Plenty



Proposal No 25
 Whanarua Bay - Scenic Reserve
 Scale 1:7920
 Blk. VII TeKaha S.D.
 Proposed Reserve

39.

PROPOSAL NO. 25.

WHANARUA BAY.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/Q7.

Map Sheet : N.61

Legal Description : Pt. Motuaruhe 7 Block, Block II, Te Kaha Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 10.5 hectares.

Location : 2 kilometres West of Whanarua Bay.

Physical Description : This is an area of mature native bush severed by the coast road.

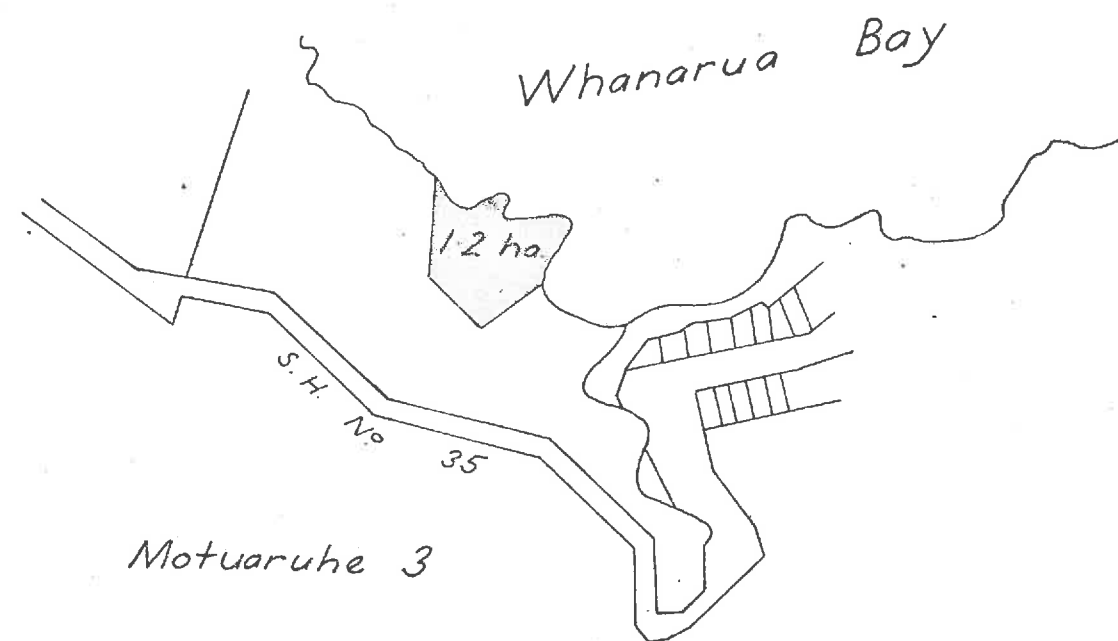
Because of its scenic beauty and its potential for bush walks on both sides of the road the land is ideally suited for a Scenic Reserve. The retention of this and similar areas is essential because they are largely responsible for the renowned scenic beauty of the Opotiki coastline and add much to its overall character and appeal.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Bush Reserve" underlying zoning Rural 'B'.

Purpose : Scenic Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority : Low.



Proposal No 26
 Whanarua Bay Scenic Reserve
 Scale 1:7920
 Blk III Te Kaha S.D.
 Proposed Reserve

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PROPOSAL NO.26.

WHANARUA BAY.

Aerial Photograph : 1902/R2.

Map Sheet : N.61

Legal Description : Pt. Motuaruhe 3 Block, Block III, Te Kaha Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 1.2 hectares.

Location : Whanarua Bay.

Physical Description : This is a small area of mature Pohutukawas situated on the hillside adjacent to the Whanarua Stream. The area has little or no recreational value but provides an attractive scenic backdrop to development in Whanarua Bay. In general terms this stand of Pohutukawas is an important landscape element in Whanarua Bay and, if possible, they should be permanently protected by being in public ownership.

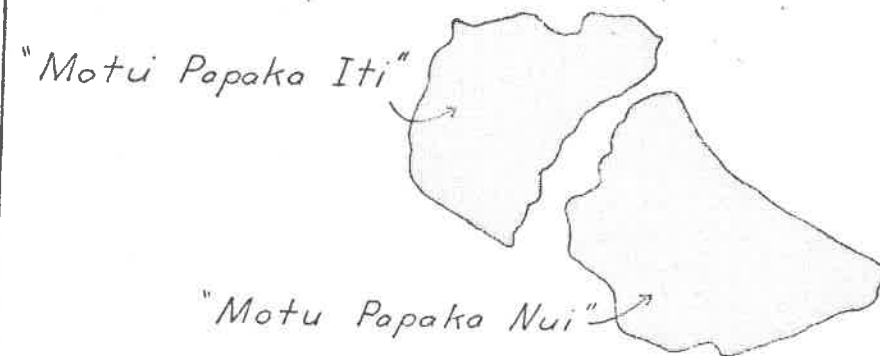
Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose : Scenic Reserve.

Significance : Local.

Priority : Low.

Bay of Plenty



Total Area 0.9 ha

Proposal N^o 27
Motu Papaka Islands - Scenic Reserve
Scale 1:1584
Blk III TeKaha S.D.
Proposed Reserve ☐

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PROPOSAL NO. 27.

MOTU PAKA ISLANDS .

Aerial Photograph : 1902/R4.

Map Sheet : N.61.

Legal Description : Motu Papaka Island, Pt. Motuaruhe 9 Block,
Block III, Te Kaha Survey District.

Land Tenure : Maori.

Area : 0.9 hectares.

Location : Whanarua Bay.

Physical Description : Two small, steep, unoccupied islands covered
in pohutukawas.

These islands add to the scenic attraction of Whanarua Bay
but have no recreational value.

Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose : Scenic Reserve.

Significance : Regional.

Priority : Low.

MARAEHAKO BAY .Aerial Photograph : 1902/R5.Map Sheet : N.61.Legal Description : Pt. Maraehako C3C Block. Block III, Te Kaha Survey District.Land Tenure : Maori.Area : 18 hectares.Location : Maraehako Bay one kilometre east of Whanarua Bay.Physical Description : Maraehako Bay is one of the few areas on the coast suitable for a major regional reserve and it is recommended for this purpose.

The Bay itself has all the natural advantages necessary for a successful major reserve.

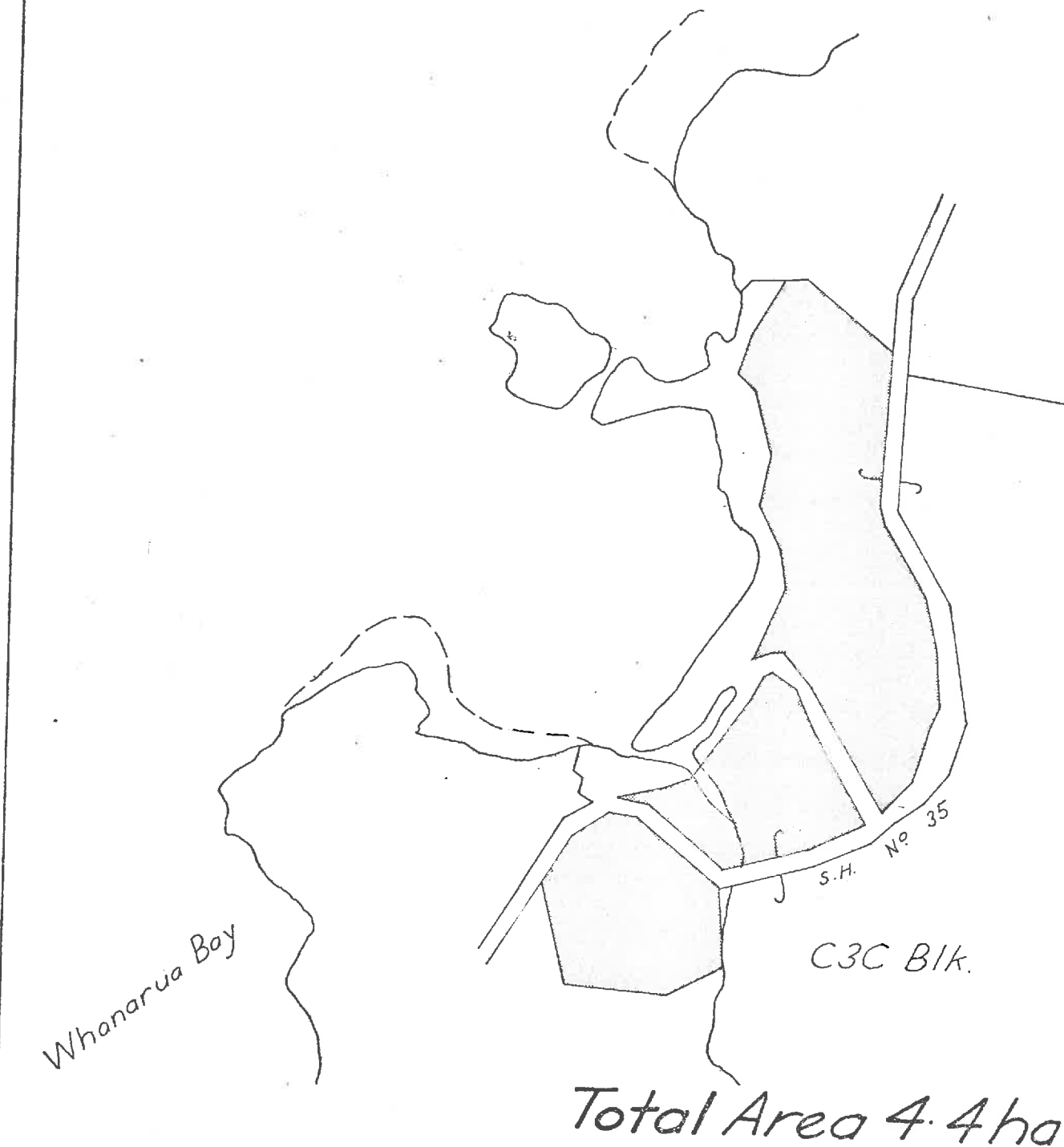
The area on the seaward side of the road is mostly river flat fronting a pleasant and very sheltered bay which forms a natural harbour for small boats. The beach, although shingle, is very popular and is flanked by rock outcrops which are extremely popular with fishermen. Campers use the area extensively and the stream ensures adequate fresh water and swimming for small children.

The bush area on the inland side of the road is a four hectare stand of mature native trees and provides an excellent setting for the whole area.

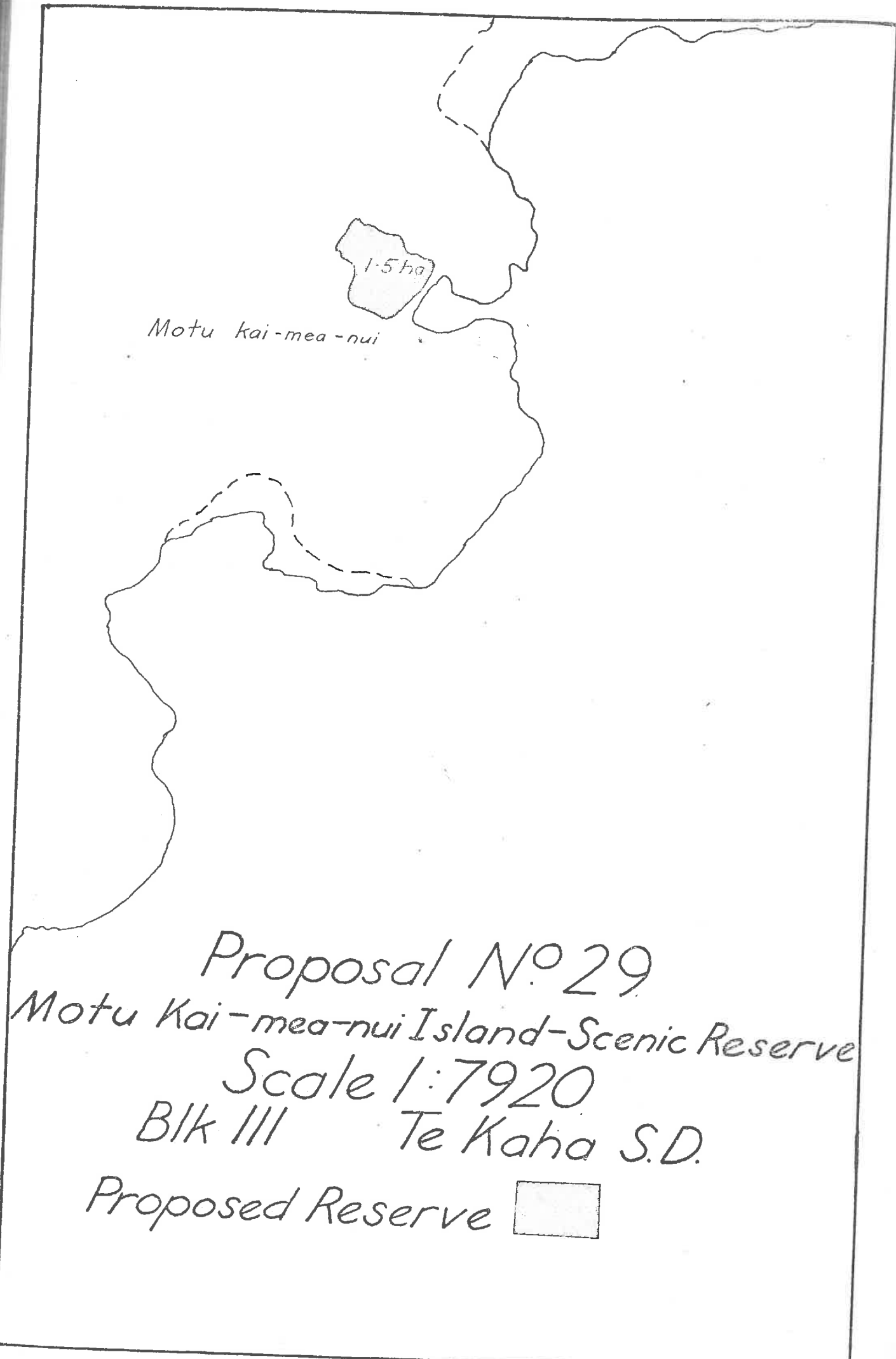
Walks are readily available around the rocks and foreshore area as well as up the river bed.

The opportunity for a major recreation complex in close proximity of the developed area at Whanarua Bay is unique and the ultimate reservation of this area is of the greatest importance.

Zoning : The Coastal area is designated "Proposed Reserve" and the bush area is zoned Rural 'B'.

Purpose : Recreation Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Medium.

Proposal No 28
 Maraehako Bay - Recreation Reserve
 Scale 1:7920
 Blk III Te Kaha S.D.
 Proposed Reserve

PROPOSAL NO. 29.MOTU KAI-MEA-NU ISLAND.Aerial Photograph : 1902/R5.Map Sheet : N.61Legal Description : Motu Kai-mea-nu Island. Pt. Maraehako C3C Block, Block III, Te Kaha Survey District.Land Tenure : Maori.Area : 1.5 hectares.Location : Maraehako Bay.Physical Description : Small scrub covered island with large rock outcrops and a number of mature pohutukawas around the waters edge. Provides good shelter for Maraehako Bay and is part of the general attraction of the locality. Is important as a part of the Regional Reserve concept.Zoning : Designated "Proposed Reserve".Purpose : Recreation Reserve.Significance : Regional.Priority : Low.

PROPOSAL NO. 30

WAITI STREAM MOUTH

Aerial Photograph: 1902/S6.

Map Sheet: N62

Legal Description: Pt Te Waiti 2B2B Block, Block VIII,
Whangaparaoa Survey District.

Land Tenure: Maori.

Area: 9.2 hectares.

Location: 6 kilometres east of Whanarua Bay.

Physical Description: A flat grassed area lying between the road and the sea. Access is good and a group of maturing pines provides good shelter towards the western end. The beach is rough and consists of shingle rather than sand and is covered in drift-wood. Although not very suitable for swimming the beach is used by fishermen.

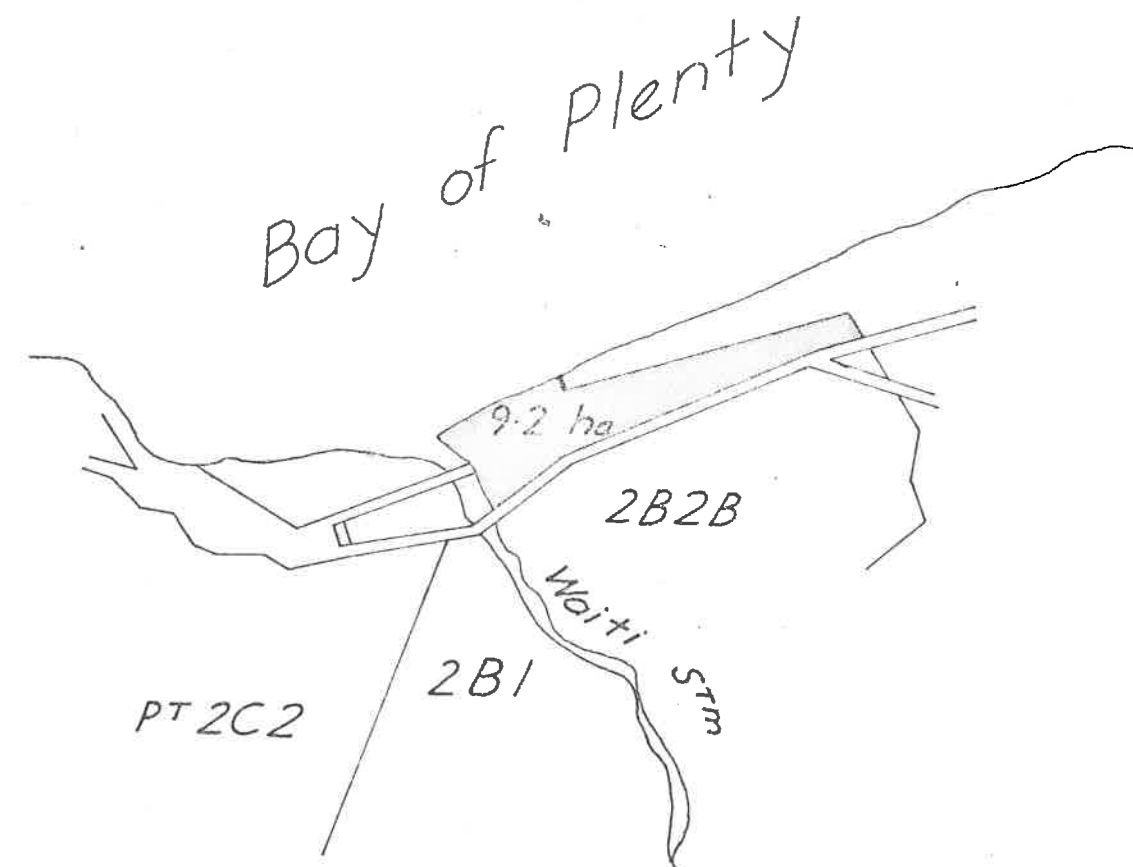
The area is generally suited to camping for which purpose it is used in summer.

Zoning: Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose: Recreation Reserve.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Low.



Proposal N^o 30
Waiti Strm Mouth
Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:15840
Blk VIII Whangaparaoa S.D.
Proposed Reserve ☐

PROPOSAL NO. 31

RAUKOKORE

Aerial Photograph: 1902/V2.

Map Sheet: N62.

Legal Description: Pt Pohaturoa 4 Block, Block IV, Whangaparaoa Survey District.

Land Tenure: Maori.

Area: 1.3 hectares.

Location: Raukokore.

Physical Description: The land lies between the State Highway and the seashore and straddles a church situated on a point of land. It is an easy sloping grassed area and the coastline is rocky. The area has a number of young native trees on it and would be suitable for development as a picnic area or open space, although the presence of the church may preclude any development.

Zoning: Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose: Recreation.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Low.

Bay of Plenty



Church

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Total Area 1.3 ha

Proposal Nº 31
Raukokore-Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:1584
Blk IV Whangaparaoa S.D.
Proposed Reserve

PROPOSAL NO. 32

RAUKOKORE

Aerial Photograph: 1902/V3.

Map Sheet: N62

Legal Description: Pts Te Maori 5B and 5C Blocks and Pt Poiti 7B1 Block, Block IV, Whangaparaoa Survey District.

Land Tenure: Maori.

Area: 2 hectares.

Location: Raukokore.

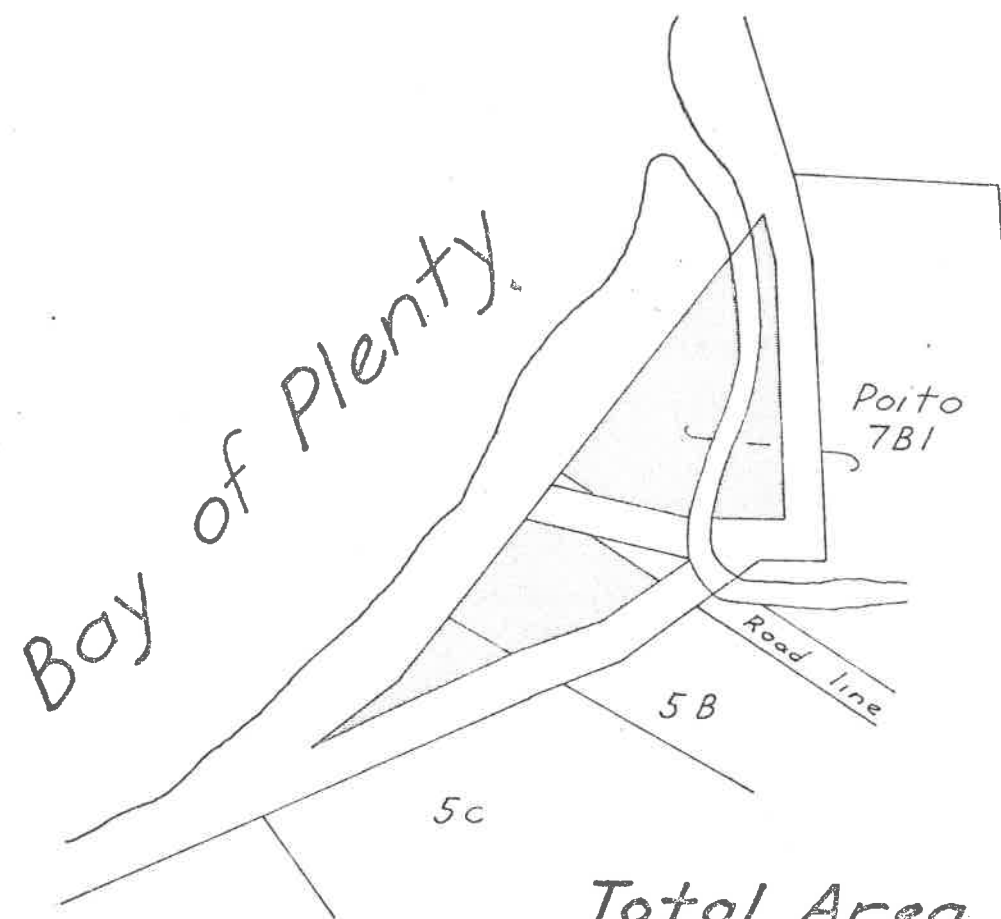
Physical Description: This land is surrounded and bisected by legal road, the foreshore area being legal road for a depth varying between 20 and 60 metres. The above land is in pasture and fenced to the Waiohaka Stream. This stream appears to flood and for this reason it is not considered that any permanent structures should be erected near it. The beach area is unattractive but with tree planting the area would be useful as an open space.

Zoning: Rural 'B'.

Purpose: Recreation Reserve.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Low.



Proposal N^o 32
Raukokore - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:1584
Blk IV Whangaparaoa S.D
Proposed Reserve ☐

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ORUAITI

Aerial Photograph: 1902/X2-4.

Map Sheet: N62.

Legal Description: Pts Matapapa 2C, 1B Blocks, Pts Oruaiti 2B and 3 Blocks, Blocks V and VI, Whangaparaoa Survey District.

Land Tenure: Maori.

Area: 11 hectares.

Location: 4 kilometres east of Waihou Bay.

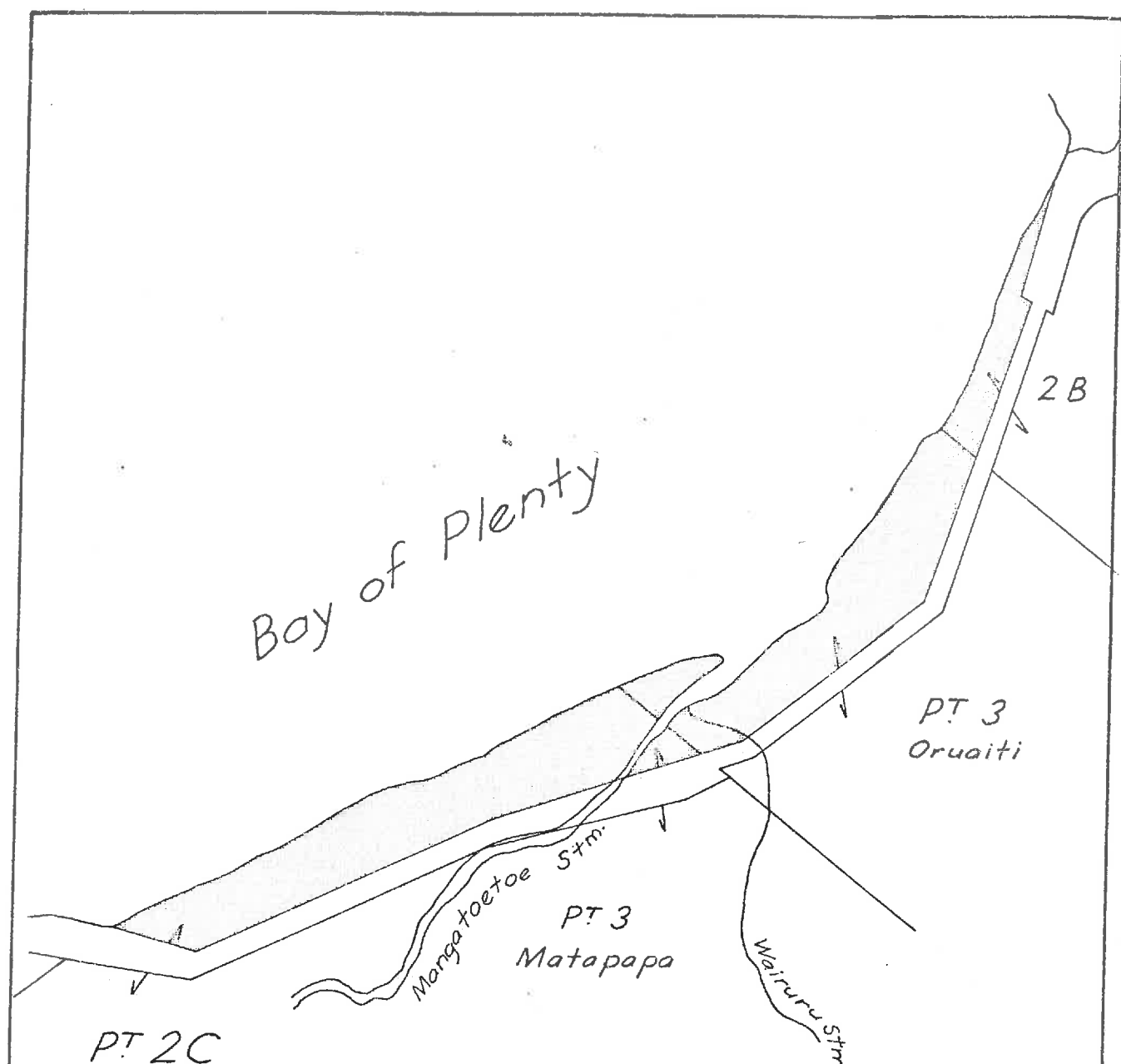
Physical Description: This is a long narrow strip of land lying between the highway and the sea and including an extensive white sand beach generally regarded as the best and safest swimming beach on the Opotiki Coast. The area is scattered with pohutukawas and is freely used by campers and picnic parties, however, due to unstable sand hills wind erosion is causing a problem towards the western end of the beach. Because of its proximity to Waihou Bay and the Oruaiti Settlement, this beach is ideally suited for a major reserve and it is anticipated that it will become increasingly popular in the future as the number of visitors travelling around the coast increases.

Zoning: Designated "Proposed Reserve".

Purpose: Recreation Reserve.

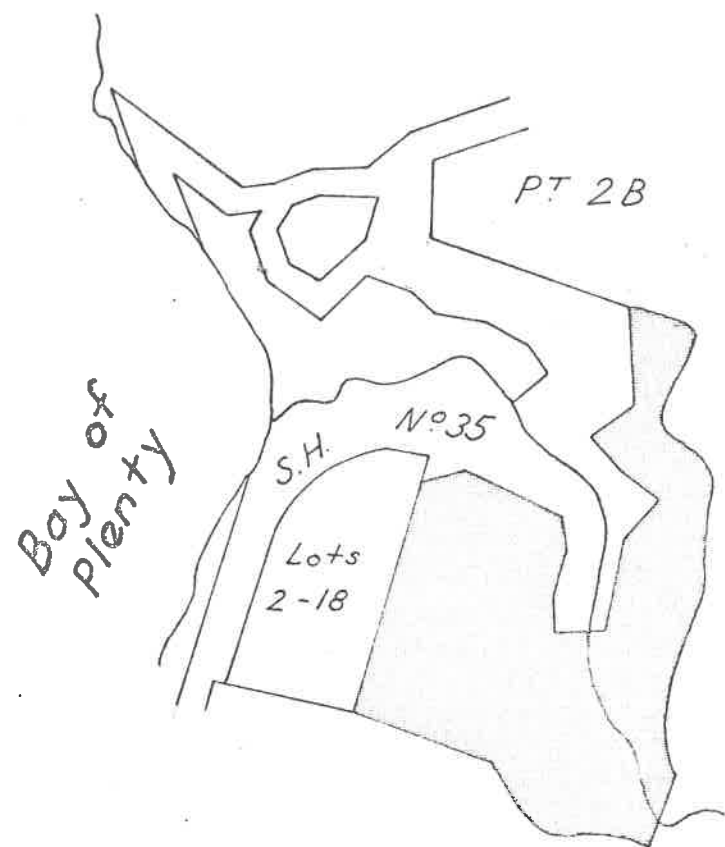
Significance: National.

Priority: Medium.



Total Area 11 ha

Proposal N^o 33
Oruaiti - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:7920
Blks V & VI Whangaparaoa S.D.
Proposed Reserve ☐



Total Area 3.6 ha

Proposal N°34
Oruaiti Hill - Scenic Reserve
Scale 1:4252
Blk II Whangaparaoa S.D.
Proposed Reserve ☐

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ORUAITI HILL

Aerial Photograph: 1902/X4.

Map Sheet: N62

Legal Description: Pt Oruaiti 2B Block, Block II, Whangaparaoa Survey District.

Land Tenure: Maori.

Area: 3.6 hectares.

Location: Adjoining Oruaiti Beach subdivision, 5 kilometres east of Waihou Bay.

Physical Description: A steep bush clad gully running up the Waiotumu Stream. This area is in most attractive bush and acts as a scenic back-drop to Oruaiti Beach and the existing coastal settlement. There is good access from the highway and the provision of a rest area would ensure that the proposed reserve obtained the maximum use and appreciation from the travelling public.

Zoning: Designated "Proposed Reserve" with underlying zoning of Rural 'B'.

Purpose: Scenic Reserve.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Low.

PROPOSAL NO. 35

WHANGAPARAOA

Aerial Photograph: 1902/X13

Map Sheet: N62

Legal Description: Section 4 and Pt Whangaparaoa 1B Block,
Block II, Whangaparaoa Survey District.

Land Tenure: Section 4 - Crown Land.
Pt Whangaparaoa 1B - Maori.

<u>Area:</u>	Section 4	-	4.45 hectares
	Pt Whangaparaoa 1B	-	1.36 hectares
	<u>Total Area</u>		<u>5.81 hectares</u>

Location: Whangaparaoa, 10 kilometres east of Waihou Bay.

Physical Description: Section 4 is a mixture of flat and easy undulating sand hills, unfenced, with a cover of lupins, raupo and bracken fern. The beach is shingle and covered with driftwood and is unsuitable for swimming. Access is along a sand track with one open water course. As this area is one of the few pieces of Crown Land on the coast and is the last coastal area for 25 kilometres consideration could be given to development of this land for camping ground.

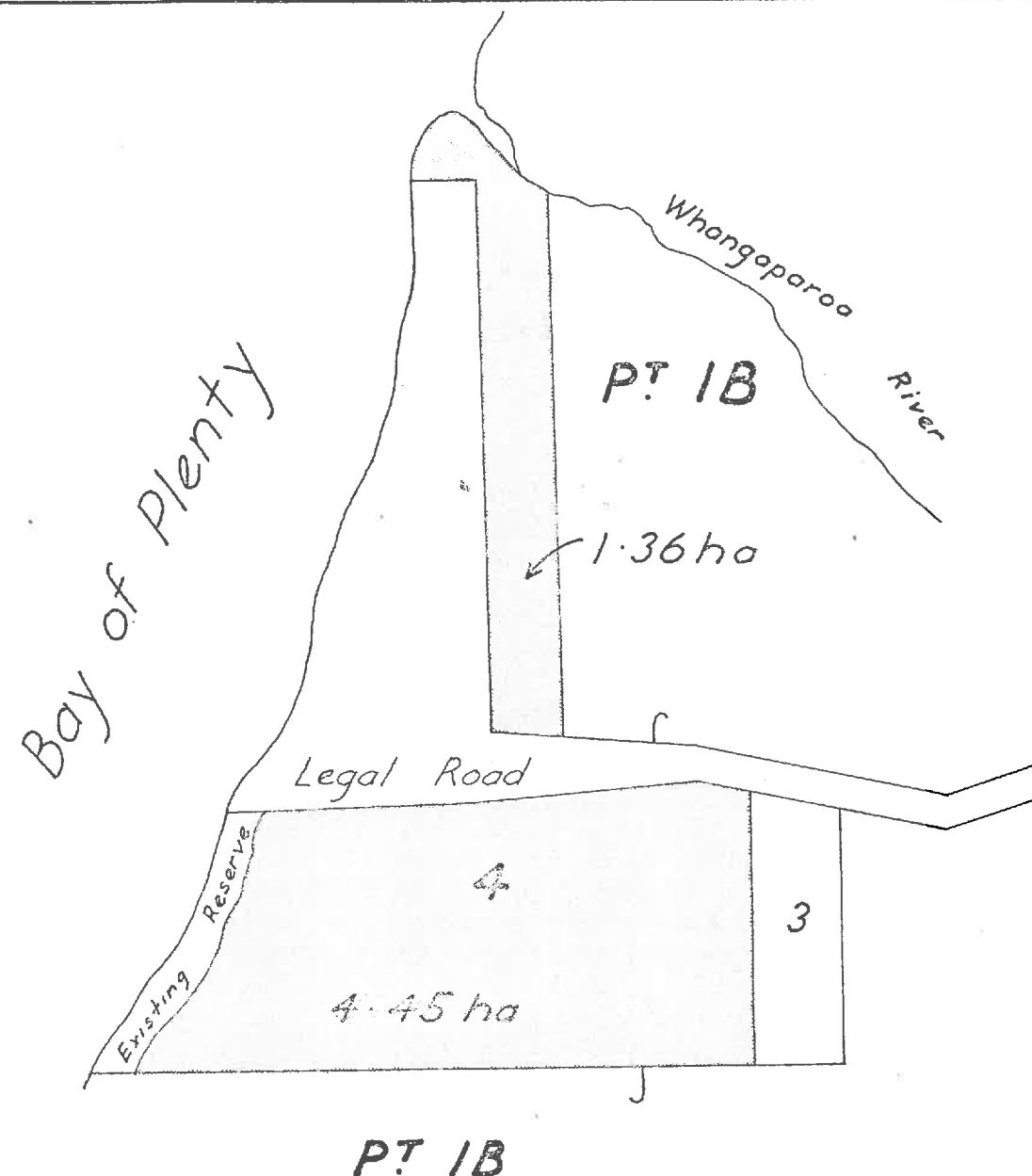
A wide road reserve runs north from Section 4 to the mouth of the Whangaparaoa River and this is extensively used by fishermen for camping and boat launching. It is recommended that this road reserve be widened in 1B Block by a strip 40 metres wide to allow for extension of these activities, such as parking for boats, trailers and cars.

Zoning: Section 4 - Rural 'A'.
Whangaparaoa 1B - Designated "Proposed Reserve".

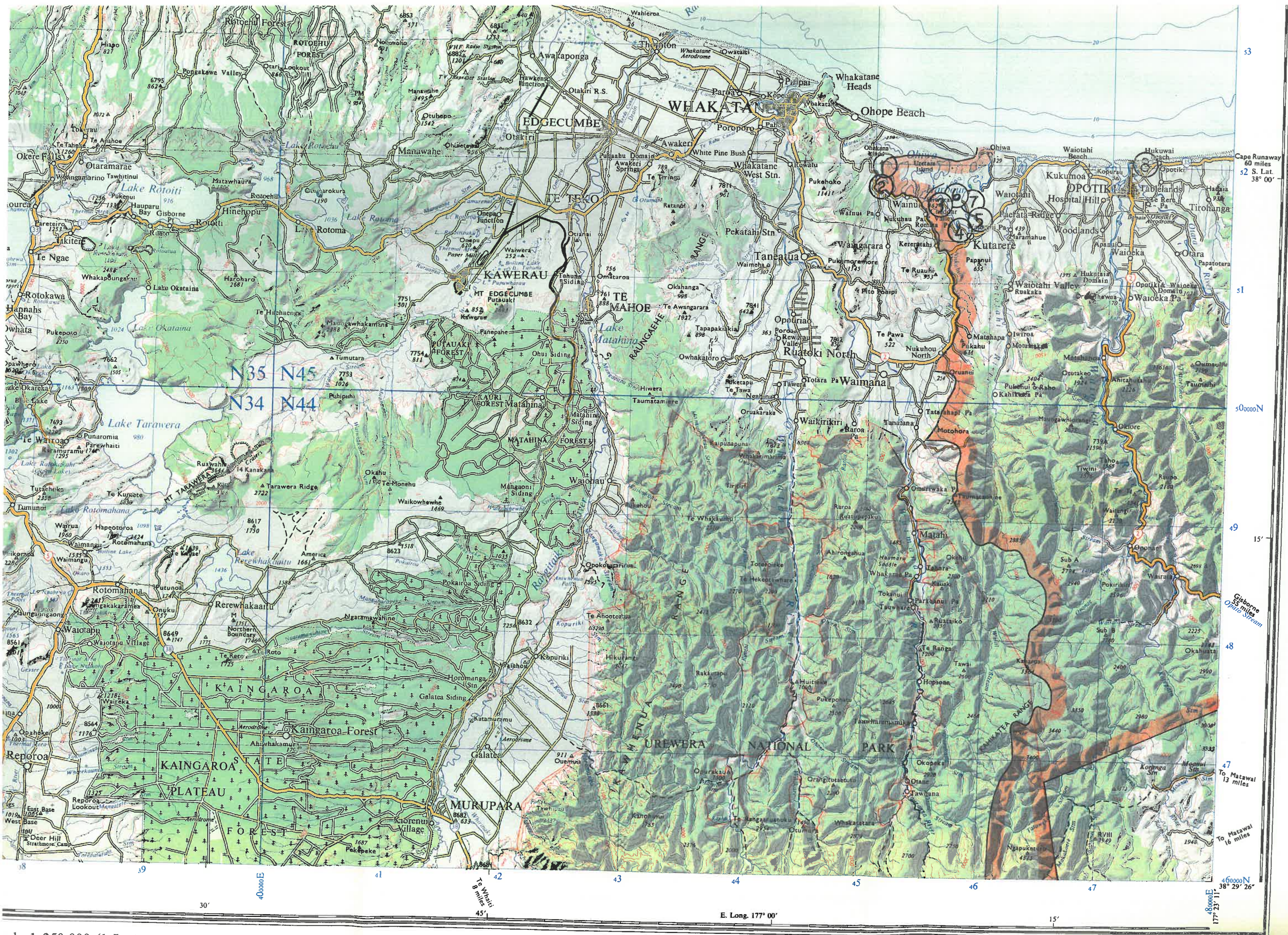
Purpose: Recreation Reserve.

Significance: Local.

Priority: Medium.



Proposal N°35
Whangaparaoa - Recreation Reserve
Scale 1:3960
Blk II Whangaparaoa
Proposed Reserve ☐



Scale 1:250,000 (1 Inch to Approx. 3.05 Miles)

COVERAGE DIAGRAM

1:250,000

