

7. TELSTRA SATURN EASEMENT - COCKAYNE RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is recommend to the Council that an easement be granted over part of Cockayne Reserve and the adjacent Esplanade Reserve, in favour of Telstra Saturn Limited, in which to lay a fibre optic cable.

This report was before the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board at its meeting on 20 November 2000. The Board supported the staff recommendation.

Cockayne Reserve is a recreation reserve and is held under the Reserves Act 1977.

The registered easement will be 1 metre in width by 25 metres in length, a total of approximately 25 square metres. The proposed cable route is adjacent to the Wainoni Road Bridge. The cable that is to be laid within this easement is an important cable being Telstra Saturn's submarine cable link between Wellington and Christchurch. The cable will be laid between Waimairi Beach and Telstra Saturn's telecommunications centre that is currently being constructed on the corner of Cashel and Barbadoes Streets. Telstra Saturn do not wish to attach the cable to the Wainoni Road Bridge because the bridge has been identified as being at risk in the event of a severe earthquake.

It is proposed that the route will be drilled between the proposed vault positions as shown on the attached aerial photograph. The drill shot will go under the Avon River. The appropriate Environment Canterbury resource consents will be obtained prior to the work commencing. The cable will be laid 4 metres below the bed of the river to ensure that it is below the level to which the river is dredged.

Telstra Saturn Ltd agreed to pay all legal and reasonable incidental costs associated with establishing the easement. The company has also agreed to pay an easement fee as determined by an independent valuer nominated by the Council, but had reserved the right to have its own independent valuation done and for this to be used in arbitration in the event of dispute.

Recommendation: That a registered easement be granted over approximately 25 square metres (the easement being approximately 1 metre in width) of Cockayne Reserve, and the adjacent Esplanade Reserve in favour of Telstra Saturn Ltd in which to lay a fibre optic cable, pursuant to section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977, subject to the following conditions.

1. Approval by the Minister of Conservation.
2. The area covered by the easement being available for public use at all times.
3. Telstra Saturn Ltd obtaining all necessary resource and building consents before any development commences on the site.
4. The easement terms being negotiated by the Property Manager in consultation with the Area Parks Officer (Consents).
5. The easement/construction area being maintained by Telstra Saturn Ltd in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
6. Cable installation being installed by drilling under the river between the proposed vault positions as shown on the attached aerial photograph only.
7. The cable being laid at a minimum depth of 4 metres below the bed of the river, to ensure it is below the level of river dredging operations.
8. Restoration of car parks or sealed areas being undertaken in accordance with the conditions outlined in the information sheets entitled "Trench Restoration for Paved Areas".
9. All costs associated with the development, and subsequent maintenance of any structures on the site being paid for by Telstra Saturn Ltd.

10. Before any tenders are let or work commences on the site, discussions being held with the Parks Manager's designate, the Area Parks Officer - Linwood Service Centre, to ascertain the Council's requirements through the development phase of the construction of the facility.
11. A bond of \$2,000 being paid by Telstra Saturn Ltd or successful principal contractor to the Council's Area Parks Officer - Linwood Service Centre before work commences on the site. The bond less any expenses incurred by the Council will be refunded to the payee upon the completion of the work.
12. A compensation payment, which is decided by independent valuation, being made to the Council for the granting of the easement.
13. The easement document recording that all cables must be laid underground.
14. The applicant providing the Council with the New Zealand map grid co-ordinates, which fix the location of the cable under the river.