

10. HEATHCOTE RIVER – ESPLANADE RESERVE DEVELOPMENT



The Water Services Manager submitted a report on the proposed development of the Heathcote River Esplanade Reserve between Halswell Road and Cashmere Road, including the section of the reserve opposite Centennial Park.

In addition to completing the planting of this section of the esplanade reserve, the report also recommended that limited public access be provided from Rose Street between Years 2 and 5.

The Committee noted that public access is readily available on the Centennial Park or eastern side of the reserve, and that only very limited access can be provided on the western side of the river. In light of this, the Committee concluded that, as a compromise, the planting of the reserve should be completed, but access should not be provided.

The Committee **decided** to seek a legal opinion on this option, including what constitutes access.

The Committee will report back to the Council, with a recommendation, when it has considered the legal advice.