

### 3. PROPOSED PUBLIC UTILITY RESERVE - RACECOURSE ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's approval to the acquisition of a property in Racecourse Road for water enhancement and reserve purposes.

#### BACKGROUND

The owner of the property at 112 and 114 Racecourse Road has offered the property to the Council for no consideration, provided the Council meets all survey and legal expenses to subdivide the land from the rest of his holdings and erect a 30 metre long wooden fence (estimated cost \$5,000). The land being offered to the Council contains the Paparua Main Drain and has the potential to be enhanced as a waterway. The land at present is unsightly to the neighbourhood but with minimal work could be developed into a recreation area that would add value to the area both visually and educationally.

The land also has the potential to become a pedestrian link from Racecourse Road to Epsom Road if the Paparua Main Drain on Lot 3 DP 52329 is acquired in the future.

#### PROPERTY DETAILS

The land has an area of 2,637m<sup>2</sup> and is shown as Lot 3 on the attached plan. The vacant land has two large power pylons situated on it. The Paparua Main Drain flows through the property for a distance of 130 metres.

**Recommendation:** That the above land be acquired as a Local Purpose Reserve (Public Utility) in exchange for the Council meeting the survey and legal expenses for the subdivision and erecting a 30 metre long wooden fence on the new boundary.