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The purpose of this report is to inform Board members of the process and timing of the Variation to the City Plan for the Special Purpose (Ferrymead) Zone.

The Special Purpose (Ferrymead) Zone is shown in the Proposed City Plan, and covers an area bounded by the Heathcote River, Bridlepath Road and the railway. (See map in Appendix A).

The present zoning is a “holding” zone, which reflects current uses and areas of high conservation value. However, the zone description recognised the need to investigate several constraints which exist, before the final zoning could be determined. These include:

- Land drainage options to mitigate the present flooding problems.
- The potential effects of rising sea levels
- Roading access to several parts of the zone.
- Protection and enhancement of areas of high conservation value.
- The potential impact of any activities on the Ferrymead Historic Park.
- The effects of development on amenity values.
- Appropriate use and development of disused landfills within the zone.
- Impacts of activities in the zone on adjoining land uses and communities.

These investigations are now substantially complete, and we are now in a position to prepare a Variation, and to notify it possibly in May.

Liz Briggs, Senior Planner, Conservation, in the Environmental Policy and Planning Unit, will be present at the Board meeting to outline the content of a possible variation and to explain the process, including public participation and input from Board members.

**Recommendation:** For information.

**Chairman’s Recommendation:** That the information be received.