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The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council recommend to the Minister of Conservation that Rat Island Reserve in South Brighton be classified Recreation Reserve.

Rat Island Reserve is a Crown reserve set aside for recreational purposes. The Council has been appointed to control and manage the reserve on the Crown’s behalf. This grant does not extend to the leasing of the reserve, this remaining the responsibility of the Crown.

The Pleasant Point Yacht Club lease part of the reserve on which they have constructed their club rooms, yacht storage building and race control building. They have made application to the Council to extend the club rooms yacht storage building to accommodate their new rescue craft. The matter of granting an extension to their present lease site is presently being addressed by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board as Rat Island Reserve is a local reserve for Council reporting purposes.

The classification issue has been discussed with Department of Conservation officers who agree that because the activities occurring on the reserve are of a local nature the reserve should be classified as Recreational Reserve, under section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Once classified, the reserve will be vested in the Christchurch City Council. This will give the Council full control over the reserve, including the authority to grant leases in accordance with Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Recommendation: That the Council recommend to the Minister of Conservation that Rat Island Reserve (2.0400 hectares, more or less being Rural Section 35646, situated in Block XII, Christchurch Survey District SO Plan 14806) being all of the certificate of title, Canterbury Registry, be classified as a recreational reserve in accordance with Section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977, so that it is held as a recreation reserve under Section 17 of the Act.

Chairman’s Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.