



## 9. KENNEDY’S BUSH ROAD PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS (POSSIBLY) SURPLUS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board comment on the following property which has been identified as possibly being surplus to Council requirements.

Consideration is now sought to options for disposal / lease / development.

The property is a vacant block of land adjoining the Halswell Quarry Reserve, and being an area of approximately 1 hectare.

The legal description is:

Part RS 4543, CT 607/65

In a submission to the 1999 Annual Plan, the Kennedy’s Bush Road Neighbourhood Association wrote:

*“We request that the Community Board / City Council includes in its expenditure budget, finance for the provision of tennis courts in the Kennedy’s Bush Road Neighbourhood area.*

*The nearest public tennis courts are at the domain and are accessed via a very busy and dangerous intersection Kennedy’s Bush Road / Sparks Road, a fact of which I’m sure all members are aware.*

*Precedents have already been set with the new tennis courts in the Westlake area of Halswell. Kennedy’s Bush Road residents are further away from this type of facility than other residents of Halswell.*

*There is a growing population of young people in the area and with the expected expansion within the hill area and at the top of Kennedy’s Bush Road, the Council will be receiving reserve contribution funds which will more than make up for money spent now.*

*As a committee we are not in favour of these facilities being located in the Quarry Park. We have objected in the past to the notion of football fields etc., in the Park as they would ruin the concept of a natural area for the replenishment of spirit owned by and used by the people of our city.*

*A possible option is to use some of the already owned council land behind the line of recently felled macrocarpas behind Patterson’s house. This would negate the necessity to buy land. This land is relatively flat and is not part of the Quarry park, being land zoned for development by the Council.*

The Association’s submission has been reviewed by the Parks Unit.

**Officer’s Comment:** As the response from the Parks Unit is not yet available a verbal update will be given at the meeting.