## 20. KENNEDYS BUSH ROAD (COUNCIL-OWNED) RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

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The purpose of this report is to introduce the Property Manager/Community Advocate/Area Parks and Waterways Advocate report to the Community Board for information and comment prior to consideration by the Council's Projects and Property Committee.

By way of brief background, the Council owns two properties which had been identified by the Property Manager as being "surplus".

Our Board held a special meeting on 30 May 2000; the report of that meeting is as follows:

Rob Dally (Property Manager), with Pam Ellis, presented background information relating to Kennedys Bush Road properties in order to ascertain the Board's possible registration of interest in retaining these properties.

The properties are:

- The block of approximately 1 hectare zoned Living Hills with frontage to Kennedys Bush Road above the Quarry Park; and
- The house and gardens of the former Halswell Quarry Manager.

Representatives from the Halswell Residents' Association and Kennedys Bush Road Neighbourhood Association were also in attendance at the meeting in support of the submission, which Sylvia Lukey presented on behalf of the Kennedys Bush Road Neighbourhood Association.

## Land

Although the land in question has gone through the process of two Quarry Management Plans and one City Plan, the projected needs of the community at that particular time were relatively unknown. Now, with the increase in residential development in the Halswell and surrounding areas the need for recreational facilities has become paramount not only for the local community but Christchurch as a whole.

In a tabled submission, Sylvia Lukey identified the following aspects in support of the association's request that the land be included into the Halswell Quarry zone:

- Public perception of boundaries
- Growth of the city
- Ownership of the land
- Effects of housing
- Impact on views
- Opportunities for enhancement of the Quarry Park for the benefit of physically disabled people.

The Board **decided** to support the Association's request that the properties be retained within the Quarry Park for the benefit of all citizens.

Since then there has been extensive discussions held, by the Advocacy Team, with the appropriate business units of Council, cumulating in the report prepared by the Property Manager.

At the time of circulating the agenda for today's meeting the report was not available. It will be precirculated prior to today's meeting for consideration by members.

## Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** For discussion upon receipt of the full report from the Property Manager.