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ACQUISITION OF ESPLANADE RESERVES POLICY	Approved by:	Council
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INTRODUCTION

An esplanade reserve or strip has one or more of the following purposes:

- a) To contribute to the protection of conservation values by:
 - i. Maintaining or enhancing the natural functioning of the adjacent sea, river, or lake; or
 - ii. Maintaining or enhancing water quality;
 - iii. Maintaining or enhancing aquatic habitats;
 - iv. Protecting the natural values associated with the esplanade reserve or esplanade strip; or
 - v. Mitigating natural hazards.
- b) To enable public access to or along any sea, river, or lake.
- c) To enable public recreational use of the esplanade reserve or esplanade strip and adjacent sea, river, or lake, where the use is compatible with conservation values.

POLICY

1. Council may require an esplanade strip or esplanade reserve of up to twenty (20) metres in width to be created or vested when an allotment is created along the bank of any river or lake identified in Central Hawke's Bay District Plan maps, or along the coast. In considering such a strip or reserve, Council will take into account the purposes of esplanade strips and reserves in Section 229 and Part II of the Resource Management Act 1991, Objective 3.3.2.1 of the Central Hawke's Bay District Plan and other associated District Plan policies.
2. Any esplanade reserve or esplanade strip shall meet the requirements of Section 231 or 232 of the Resource Management Act 1991 respectively.
3. Section 230 of the Resource Management Act 1991 shall not apply to those rivers or lakes not identified in Central Hawke's Bay District Plan maps.
4. Council has implemented a Development Contributions Policy to provide additional funding for the acquisition of additional reserves and strips on sites larger than four hectares as shown in the District Plan.