

Appendix 6

Pocket Park Concept Plan

NORTHPORT EASTERN RECLAMATION

POCKET PARK CONCEPT PLAN

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NORTHPORT POCKET PARK CONCEPT

LOOK AND FEEL



The beach to the west of the Northport Eastern reclamation affords wonderful views across the Whangarei Harbour and it draws people in for a range of recreational activities. As the port area is expanded the provision of a pocket park and facilities will replace the facilities and parking that currently exists at the edge of the existing port reclamation.

Access to the proposed Pocket Park is provided along a six metre wide road, biking and walking access is provided along the adjacent grass berm.

Our concept has been developed to provide for the identified recreation needs. There is an opportunity for local Iwi to become involved, which should be early in the design process, so that opportunities identified can be realised.



Parking: Allows for twenty cars, similar numbers to the existing public area parking, in addition we propose a secure bicycle parking bay. Many people who drive to the carpark are simply ‘out for a drive’. We have, therefore, allowed for six additional short stay spaces adjacent to the turn around. The adjacent amenities space includes a toilet block, water drinking fountain, shelter and sitting edge to view across the harbour.

Walking: Access to the beach will be retained for fishermen, on the existing mown path along the refinery fenceline. This route is important for fisher persons whom, with their fishing trolleys, use the ramp to get down to the beach closer to the refinery loading facility, where the ‘fishing is good’. Beach access will also be provided on the steps and a ramp (providing for fisher persons trolleys and people with buggies), adjacent to the Pocket Park. People could also choose to walk down to the pontoon which would be similar the the existing structure.

Planting: We suggest that shade can be provided by the existing pohutukawa trees, which might be carefully lifted, bagged on and later planted for early shaded impact to the park area. In addition these semi-mature trees will help mitigate the impacts of the development.

The back dune area to the SW corner of the beach will be redeveloped as part of the rehabilitation process, dune planting installed, allowing the bird habitat area to be re-established from the outset. The beach will change and with sand movement, continue to build-up and develop over time. The area will remain a vegetated ‘safe haven’ for birdlife and invertebrates. Access for people is clearly designated away from this area so that people walk along paths and birdlife habitat is retained.

Swimming: From the beach will continue to happen. We have also provided for swimming in an area from the pontoon, which would be similar to the current structure, back to steps which are part of the seawall embankment.



Access to the pontoon is along a four metre wide walkway which also allows for occasional service vehicle access. Edges beneath the shade of trees have been designed in, providing opportunities for people to pause and enjoy the views.

Look and feel: The language of the current environ is dominated by the outlook to the northern side of the Whangarei Harbour, natural materials are sand, dune, back dune and some pohutukawa. This materiality will be retained adjacent to the new Pocket Park, as practical and the park materiality should respect this, old wharf timbers, concrete engineered as part of the seawall and laid as solid steps, seeks to provide a safe environ and the spilled rock batters are avoided where people will use the bank. This imagery provides a look and feel.

The existing carpark, turnaround and access to parking, it will be relaimed within the Eastern reclamation. That existing area is 6,949 m² and the proposed pocket park is 4,395 m².



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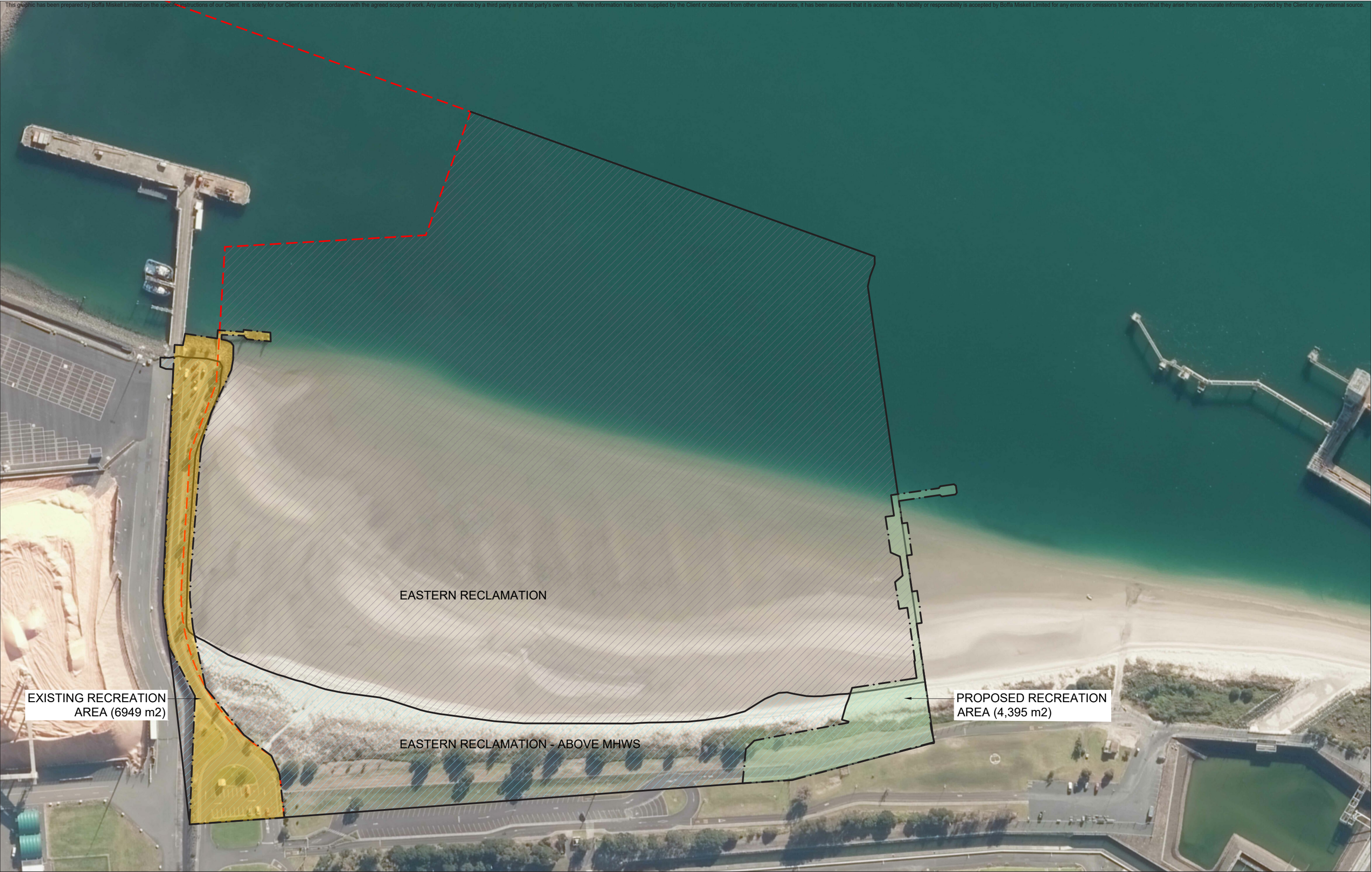
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