

NEWS

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?	Whangamata marina saga (New Zealand Herald Anne Beston) Following the veto of Environmental Court approval in October by Conservation Minister Chris Carter, that veto has this month been overruled by the High court. The long running (10 years) saga is of interest in that it shows the workings, some possible defects, developer costs and time, associated with the present version of the Resource Management Act (RMA). Note: compare the timescale of this saga with the proposed timescale for a new waterfront stadium in Auckland (see October news)
3	Long Bay Housing plan amended (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) Developer Landco failed when the Commissioners of the North shore City Council rejected its proposal in June to house 7740 people on a site of 335 ha near Long Bay regional Park. The city presented its own structure plan supporting up to 5000 people. The company is appealing to the environment Court but has strong opposition from the City Council the Auckland regional Council and local people. The lead designer of the company in San Francisco-based James Lord. This appeal is to be heard in June next year.
4	Heritage status achieved (New Zealand property investor) Former Mt Eden Borough Council building and fire station, Valley Road, former Carlton Club Hotel (now Penny Black), Khyber Pass
6	One City campaign (New Zealand Herald Wayne Thompson) The issues for and against are well presented.
15	Lake Rotoiti Pollution Barrier/Diversion (New Zealand Herald Anne Beston) Is diversion the answer to a pollution problem?
15	Waterfront stadium a madcap scheme (New Zealand Herald Rudman's City) Bledisloe wharf the latest of a series of crazed ideas.
16	Anti Didymo water chemical (New Zealand Herald NZPA) Copper based formulation proposed-but is it safe?
21	Tank Farm Mark V (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) Another stadium possibility?
22	Orewa Beach Erosion (New Zealand Herald Michelle Coursey) Sand re-building.
22	Manukau Heads Lighthouse Rebuilt (New Zealand Herald Maggie McNaughton) A re-build/restoration masterpiece.
24	Reserve proposed for Barrack Road, Mt Wellington (City Scene) This is a proposed replacement for Fisher Reserve, which had been sold off to Coca Cola last year. Submissions close 24/10/2006
24	Tidey Road stonefields reserve purchased (City Scene) Remnant adjoining Maungarei/Mt Wellington on its us western flank. A small, but welcome addition to our reserves.
25	NZ flora and fauna can be invasive pests (New Zealand Herald http://interface.creative.auckland.ac.nz)
25	Crunch time for Overlander (New Zealand Herald Mathew Dearnaley) Is it to go?
25	Newmarket bus "flyover to hell" (New Zealand Herald Mathew Dearnaley)
25	Western Springs speedway saga (New Zealand Herald Rudman's City)
26	Orewa Puhoi Viaduct- progress and eco-friendliness (New Zealand Herald Mathew Dearnaley)
26	Piha camper rules may be eased-DOC (New Zealand Herald Anne Beston)
26	Queen Street chainsaw massacre (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman)

	Another negative view.
27	Reserve proposed for Barrack Road, Mt Wellington (East and Bay's Courier Alexandra Bremner) This is more detail on the proposed replacement for Fisher Reserve. See also CS 24/9/06.
27	Queen Street chainsaw massacre (New Zealand Herald Bernard Orsman) U-turn by Mayor Dick Hubbard
27	Maritime and Navy museum marriage? (New Zealand Herald Rudman's City) Should they merge?
27	Shale conversion to oil (NZH AP) Chevron proposal for USA. Implications for NZ low grade Southland brown coals.
27	Native bush fears in Meadowbank (E&B Karen Kotze)
28	Queen Street chainsaw massacre - tree plan flawed (NZH editorial)
29	Queen Street chainsaw massacre (NZH Rudman's City)
29	Draft master plan for Orewa (NZH Wayne Thompson) Comments.
29	Overlander saga (NZH Mathew Dearnaley) Going, but is it gone?
30	Art Gallery extension go ahead given (NZH Bernard Orsman) Go ahead given, despite misgivings.