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45165	No	Yes	<p>The Garden of Tane is entered in the New Zealand Heritage List Rārangī Kōrero as part of the Akaroa Historic Area (list number 7443), which lies along the waterfront of Akaroa Harbour.</p> <p>We consider this proposal has the potential to encourage further understanding of the area and interaction with the local Rūnanga who we understand have been part of the design team. Heritage New Zealand commend the Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee for developing a plan for a new nature play space which is in keeping with the overall character of the reserve.</p>	Fiona Wykes	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Area Manager Canterbury West Coast
45180	No	Yes	<p>An excellent concept that has been a long time in the making. This will provide an area where kids of all ages can make their own games up and use their imagination whilst getting closer to nature. The committee is composed of local people who are passionate about the Garden of Tane and have spent over 10 years working to steadily improve its condition without changing its character. This play area is a continuation of this work, using materials retrieved from the Garden as arborist work has been done, and other timbers sourced locally. It will add to the character of the Garden and tie in with the beautiful Tane carving being completed by our local carver Simon Rogers.</p>	Suky Thompson	Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee Chair
45183	No	Yes	<p>The garden of Tane is one of Akaroa ionic features loved by locals and visitors alike and it is important it continues to develop its attractions for younger people.</p>	Margaret Marie Rhodes	Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee Member
45372	Yes	Yes	Please see attached file for Canterbury District Health Board submission	Dr Anna Stevens	Canterbury District Health Board Policy Analyst

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45473	Yes	Yes	<p>See attachment for full document Disabled Persons Assembly feedback to the proposal:</p> <p>DPA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the proposed Garden of Tāne Adventure Playground.</p> <p>DPA is pleased to see that this playground will form part of the existing nature reserve. However, we do have some concerns around the proposed playground’s accessibility for disabled children and people, especially people with mobility impairments and blind and low vision people. We understand that while this playground needs to be designed with the nature reserve in mind, this should be in a way which also balances the need for fully inclusive access for disabled whanau/families and others who may wish to access it. That is why we recommend the use of Universal Design principles in the design of public buildings, spaces and places and this includes outdoor playgrounds and parks. Across all local authorities in Aotearoa, Auckland Council is leading the way in this respect and has published useful guidelines on this subject.</p> <p>To this end, we make a number of recommendations to the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board and Council around how to improve accessibility and seek some clarifications.</p> <p>The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)</p> <p>The UNCRPD Articles most relevant to our submission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 4.3 Involving disabled people and our organisations in decisions that affect us • Article 9 Accessibility • Article 19: Living independently and being included in the community • Article 20: Personal mobility • Article 30: Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport <p>New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome 5: Accessibility <p>DPA’s recommendations</p> <p>Recommendation 1: DPA recommends that the Devuachelle chip pathway and walkway surfaces be re-considered as chipped surfaces can be very hard for wheelchair and mobility aid users to navigate, let alone children’s strollers. Instead, a smoother, more accessible surface needs to be put in place in both locations to ensure easy access for children and adults with mobility impairments and children’s strollers. All walkways leading to and from the site should be universally accessible with sufficient width to admit mobility devices such as wheelchairs, mobility scooters and walking frames. Tactile strips should also be laid out at key strategic points to enable blind and low vision children and adults to navigate their way around the walkways and playground.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: DPA recommends that the Folly Hut and Macrocapa Deck should be accessible via an accessible ramp, and this should be of a relatively low gradient to ensure ease of access by children and adults with mobility impairments and children’s strollers.</p> <p>Recommendation 3: DPA recommends that play equipment/features, such as the Oak Logs and the Balance Rounds should be accessible to disabled people through the inclusion of wooden ramp edges, which would enable easy access for children with mobility impairments. Also, other accessible play equipment that could integrate well with the site should be investigated so that inclusive play can be engaged in by all playground users.</p> <p>Recommendation 4: DPA recommends that any seating at the site, including on the log seat, be created at varying heights thereby enabling disabled and older people and children the ability to easily sit down and get up from these seats with minimal effort. Any</p>	Chris Ford	Disabled Persons Assembly Regional Policy Advisor

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			<p>other furniture being proposed for the playground, including any seating or picnic tables, etc, must be accessible for all users, including wheelchair and mobility aid users.</p> <p>Recommendation 5: DPA recommends that the proposed steps down to Grand Avenue, and indeed all wooden steps, have wooden rails placed on them to ensure safety and stability for all who choose to use them.</p> <p>Recommendation 6: DPA recommends that accessible 'Changing Places' public toilets and changing/showering areas be built (if not readily available) in the vicinity of the playground. As this playground will be based in a nature reserve, it's likely that children and adults (including disabled children) will need to have access to showering, changing and toileting areas and considering a Changing Places facility at this site might be something that Council and the Reserve Management Facility might like to consider.</p> <p>Recommendation 7: DPA recommends that all information about the park and the Garden of Tāne be made available in accessible formats both online and in hard copy and this includes in New Zealand Sign Language, Easy Read, Te Reo, ethnic languages, Braille, and large print.</p> <p>Recommendation 8: DPA recommends that, in line with Article 4.3 of the UNCRPD [see above], how Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board and Christchurch City Council make decisions around ground accessibility should be based on a full co-design process involving disabled people and our representative organisations known as disabled persons organisations (DPOs).</p> <p>Conclusion DPA hopes that Christchurch Council and Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board will take these recommendations. Adopting these recommendations will mean that everyone, including disabled people, can easily access this beautiful natural space, especially disabled tamariki/children. Both our Christchurch-based Kaituitui and Regional Policy Advisor are available to be reached out to for further discussions on this proposal.</p>		

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45108	No	Yes	<p>I love that some funds are being utilised to support the upgrade of the Garden of Tane as well as another learning resource for our younger generation.</p> <p>The plans aren't clear as to whether this is in addition or replacing the existing playground. On the map it looks to be a bit further up the valley than the current play area. It would be great to get this clarification as I know there are some voices in the community that love some of the existing play equipment - the older rocking horse and the giant slide and would love to see them retained.</p> <p>The terrain of the current playground is quite sloping and not user friendly to younger children under 18 months who are just learning to walk. It seems this plan will be levelling off some of the areas which is great. Retaining will help make the slip a more gentle gradient. The current retained areas in the existing play area are relatively high and pose a fall risk for young children.</p> <p>I have two preschool children and currently use these facilities. We often visit this area as a group with our local Playcentre.</p> <p>One thing I'd like to see on the plan is some designated seating for adults. We often have mums who need to sit down to feed younger babies while their older children play.</p> <p>Some tables for Kai would be beneficial. We visit this area at morning tea/lunch time and our children bring their lunchboxes so some designated eating spaces would be beneficial.</p> <p>One key feature missing is a piece of play equipment that provides swinging or proprioceptive sensory input. I have a special needs child whose motor skills would be behind a typical child and he gets great sensory benefit from play equipment such as a larger two child nest type swing. These swings can be utilised by far younger children as well who may not be at the capability level of using some of the balance equipment in the current design. I would love to see some sort of swing incorporated into the theme of this design.</p> <p>When we visit with Playcentre we have children ranging from 6 months to 6 years along with special needs so a mix of equipment that is inclusive of all abilities and ages helps to foster interaction and social skills amongst our children.</p>	Mikayla Connolly	
45112	No	Yes	As a previous resident of Akaroa (Glencarrig at 7 Percy Street.) and Cossar family connections on Banks Peninsula, back to 1860's, I am delighted to hear of a play area for children. It will be well used!	Kaye Cossar Stokes	
45119	No	Yes	I would hope there are no trees going to be removed for the playground.	Marcus Puentener	
45181	No	Yes	This is an excellent plan . Children currently can run along the tracks in this wonderful space . extending opportunities for exploration and play will enhance a visit for families and bring them closer to the natural world . We are neighbours of the Garden .	LAURA JONES	
45185	No	Yes		Michelle Malone	

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45188	No	Yes	<p>First, I need to state my interest in the Garden of Tane - I am a volunteer member of the Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee and have been since it's establishment about 10 years ago. I am also an employee of the council, as director of the Akaroa Museum.</p> <p>I am very enthusiastic about the development of a nature play space in the Garden and its potential to encourage greater use of this wonderful reserve by more families and younger children. As the designs for the play space have been developed it's been satisfying to see the incorporation of Maori cultural values in the space and its structures, as a direct result of meaningful engagement with Onuku Marae.</p> <p>All of us on the Reserve Management Committee are dedicated to the ongoing careful management of this very special place in the heart of Akaroa and will gain a lot of satisfaction from seeing this particular project completed.</p>	Lynda Wallace	
45199	No	Yes	This is fantastic to see from many perspectives - partnership with mana whenua, culturally appropriate design, design of Play facilities in keeping with wellbeing principles (e.g. connecting with nature).	Jill Wallace	
45224	No	Yes	An adventure playground for the Akaroa Gardens of Tane will provide a wonderful amenity for older children living in Akaroa and those visiting. The Gardens have had much work done in recent years to upgrade the tracks, arborists work, to make trees safe, provide signage, picnic tables etc and are now used by many people. An adventure playground so close to the centre of Akaroa will fill a gap for children, and their parents. It is great to have a project which has grown organically from the community and the Gardens themselves.	Patricia dart	
45230	No	Yes	An asset to Akaroa for both local and visiting families. Garden of Tane is a treasured location and iconic NZ stuff with all the native bush and bird life. special places such as this should be enjoyed, discovered and looked after.	Maryjane Berry	
45231	No	Yes	This is a fantastic community resource that is well managed and regularly utilised by locals and visitors. I support this proposal 100%.	Ben Campbell	
45232	No	Yes	Great idea	Joanna Gresson	
45237	No	Yes	This playground would encourage more use of the garden and provide important play time for those involved	Alan Hemsley	
45243	No	Yes	<p>I believe it is appropriate that the Garden of Tane becomes known as a nature play space.</p> <p>It is special that the bush is amongst residential homes, only to be discovered....</p> <p>There is a healthy bunch of creative locals who are bound to keep such a project alive and sustainable.</p> <p>Well done and good luck so far.</p>	Rosie Giblin	
45259	No	Yes	<p>The Garden of Tane is a wonderful public park which has been maintained and enhanced with the enthusiasm of the local committee.</p> <p>Adding further attraction for children without detracting from the natural habitat would be a welcome addition.</p>	Kit Grigg	

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45265	No	Yes	A wonderful design using materials from the area. It will be a further draw-card for Akaroa.	Nigel Ferguson	
45266	No	Yes	The finished job will be a great asset and encouragement for use of the wonderful Garden of Tane.	Nicky Polson	
45270	No	Yes	i support this joint initiative as i believe it will enhance the garden of tane and its appeal to an even wider audience to appreciate all the beautiful things of nature and man made structures too. well done to the garden of tane committee and the ccc	Michael Norris	
45359	No	Yes	Go for it ... but the old horse is historic and should be preserved (but keep it inactive as it was SO dangerous when it could move)	Kevin McSweeney	
45385	No	Yes	I'm not really fond of the idea of having a hut where trouble makers can hide from the weather and get up to know good. A simple roof without walls should be sufficient. Thanks, can't wait for it!!	Andrew Hopley	
45386	No	Yes	This would be fantastic for Akaroa!	Sherryn Nuy	
45387	No	No	It is a nice idea. But there are many things around Akaroa that would be better use of the money. Things like the tennis courts, the posts around the waterfront , stone steps replaced down to the beach -etc so many things	Dale Thomas	
45390	No	Yes	It sounds wonderful and wish you all the best with this. Such a special place and for the birds and bugs.	Jayne Abbott	
45392	No	No	Of overseas research has showed us anything it's that nature play is what we need to be moving towards instead of "play grounds" Children need to climb trees, build huts and swing from beaches not walk up ramps. In saying that maybe this will be an invitation for children to go to go the te māra. Maybe there is a most cost effective way to provide this invitation without building a play ground within a play ground.	Rosie Brittenden	
45393	No	Yes	Keep it natural	Andrea Wong	
45396	No	Yes	Yes. It is a wonderful idea to upgrade the play area at the Garden of Tane. It would be good if the sizing of equipment could be such that it would cater to older children aswell. My child, who is 8, still loves playgrounds and wants to climb and explore, but the playground at the shore side of Akaroa is not really suitable for taller / older children. Incorporating natural elements into the design is a good idea. Perhaps having information boards aimed at a younger audience to educate them on the history/ nature of the area would be nice. A guided walk through the gardens aimed at the kids with boards / things to see? Collaborating with DOC to establish another kiwi guardians walk at the gardens?	Hazel Sligting	

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45398	No	Yes	<p>This is a fantastic looking project for a small community and most importantly, a group within that community (children) who don't often get things built for them. I have lived in Akaroa for 6 years and we have used the Garden of Tane, and the playground there since before we arrived. It is a highlight for my children and many of the other local children.</p> <p>I have three children, and for four years, we lived across the road from the Garden of Tane. Every night, our family would walk on the trails and explore the Gardens, but by far, the playground was their favourite. It is so important for children to feel they belong in a community and an important part of that is to have resources that are built just for them. Yes, they love to explore the trees and bugs and such, but to have equipment that allows them to push their physical abilities as well is so, so needed. And I appreciate that the city is considering upgrading a sadly aged space (especially that killer slide, we love it, but man it's scary).</p> <p>I have also seen many other children using and appreciating this space. We went through Playcentre and a visit to the Garden of Tane was always a favorite. We would wander the trails, but due to the wide range of ages, the playground was always a great place to settle. It allowed for babies to be held by sitting parents and bigger kids to run around and play in a fun environment.</p> <p>The proposed playground builds on the existing one in great ways. First of all, it pulls on modern ideas of how children interact with and explore spaces. There is privacy in the hut. There is unstructured climbing on the logs. Alternative sensory play through the bamboo. And balancing on the beams. The aesthetic would blend beautifully with the forest and a pleasant place for parents to sit while their kids play.</p> <p>I can't express how much I would love for this project to go ahead. It looks amazing. Besides my kids have now seen the images and for them, that means it's already on it's way. So, please, please build it.</p>	Erin Neufeld	
45399	No	Yes	<p>I fully support this initiative. The Garden of Tane is such a beautiful shady place to take children to on a hot summers day, and the existing playground is so uninspiring. Great to see improvements planned that are in keeping with the rest of the Garden of Tane - fun, inspiring and natural.</p>	Charlotte Helps	
45404	No	Yes	<p>I great playground is an additional Akaroa attraction. We need visitors to our beautiful town. It's a bit like kids asking to go to McDonalds to get the plastic toy. As a 50 year old man I still have memories of the playgrounds I loved to visit as a child.</p>	Andrew Sharpe	
45405	No	Yes	<p>I am a preschool teacher teaching at our only early childhood centre in our community. Tamariki in our centre view Garden of Tāne as their place. They love exploring the wild forest environment discovering and connecting with all that lives there. They also talk of their love of the existing playground with the 'really high slide' which fosters risk taking.</p> <p>I believe your concept plan is a further invitation for our tamariki and their whānau to explore and play. The proposed nature play space will encourage exploration, risk taking and development of gross motor skills. I love the concept of a magical play space to be discovered amongst the forest.</p> <p>I would love to see a seating area for whānau to enjoy kai and ensuring the space was wheelchair accessible would make it a truly precious place that all can access and enjoy.</p> <p>Thank you for prioritising spaces in our community for our youngest members.</p>	Heidi Brittenden	
45408	No	Yes	<p>Absolutely fantastic. What a wonderful way to nurture appreciation for Te Taiao and grow staunch little Tangata Tiaki! My tamariki love to go there with their friends. Friends and family go there when they visit. Our tamariki don't have a lot to do here in Akaroa so this is just wonderful. It's an asset for our town in many ways.</p>	Corri Ackerman	

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45410	No	Yes	Love the garden of tane and think this is a fantastic idea.	Alyana Bamber	
45413	No	Yes	I support this great initiative. Have you considered adding some seating/Kai areas? I would love to see a nest swing of some variety that was incorporated into the design to be inclusive of younger children and those with disabilities.	Julia Waghorn	
45414	No	Yes	Fantastic initiative and a great asset to Akaroa for local and visiting families alike.	Jane Sutherland	
45418	No	Yes	I think it would be a nice addition. I believe making some gym equipment around the walks for adults as there is no gym in akaroa... would be a better idea	Walker	
45419	No	Yes	I think this is a great addition to the Garden of Tane and one that is needed for all the children who live in Akaroa and those that visit. I think a nest swing should be added as they are very good for disabled children.	Jacqueline Richardson	
45420	No	No	It's called "The Garden Of Tane" for a reason. I think as a local child growing up in Akaroa, there was nothing better, than playing amongst the tress and the bushes of The Garden Of Tane. We could build our own forts with the natural materials laying around, play hid and seek, get dirty, letting our imagination run wild! I think by building huts and a playground and placing a wooden pavement would take away the authenticity of what "The Garden Of Tane" is really about. It would take away the "Lights festival" they have through there, showcasing some of the oldest tress in Akaroa and how beautiful nature can really be.. in my opinion it should be left alone and put that money into something else, or upgrade the playground down by Daily's Wharf. If you take away the raw nature of that place, it will no longer be The Garden Of Tane.	April Campbell	
45422	No	Yes	This would be so fantastic, not only for Akaroa locals, but for families visiting from the outer bays, Christchurch and further afield. Yes please, Akaroa needs more spaces like this!	Reagan Knapp	
45424	No	Yes	Its nice to see you catering for the youngsters but nothing is being done for elderly. In am in my 85th year and every day, (weather permitting), I walk the domain trackways. After rain there are steep parts that are slippery and the same applies to parts with steps where hand rails are needed. I have a walking stick but that solves only part of the problem. Please take this issue into account ! In the latish 1800s when this domain was formed by Akaroa's forward thinking forefathers it was offially named as Akaroa Public Domain. Arthur Ericson changed the name to "Tane" when he came to Akaroa in the 1960s. The Garden of Tane is a suitable name for newly developed area but that name does relate to the history of the Domain and its surrounding community. It needs re-gazzeting to its original name.	Alister Jan Shuttleworth	

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45425	No	Yes	<p>The Garden of Tāne is a wonderful playground and learning space for our tamariki.</p> <p>We have three children, ages 8, 6 and 2 and have used the Garden of Tāne extensively since they were born. The current playground is great however your concept is one that allows the children to engage in the wonderful natural resources around them and provides more challenge which means we can enjoy the Garden longer and more often.</p> <p>The Garden of Tāne provides a rich learning environment for our own children and our local Playcentre, who use it often as a natural springboard for learning about the seasons, the plants and trees, respect for our environment, challenging themselves, local stories, and letting off steam.</p> <p>It's also a great asset to people visiting our community. Unlike the playground by Ma Maison, which is a good basic playground the likes of which you'll find anywhere, the Garden of Tāne is unique to Akaroa and a haven in all weathers. The nature play space will engage the kids for longer (and often it's the lure of a cool playground that actually gets them out of the house and onto the tracks!) Wouldn't it be great if Akaroa became known for everyday adventures outdoors, building on the walking tracks, ocean, wharves, waterfalls etc. I hope that the nature play space will also tell stories of the Garden's and Akaroa's history in an engaging way.</p> <p>Thank you for putting this forward.</p>	Gretchen Foster	
45427	No	Yes	<p>The young people in Akaroa need more outdoor activity areas. This looks like it would be a great natural playground fitting in with the environment. Something we are trying to foster in our young . A lovely place for children, adults and visitors all to enjoy. I am very much in favour of this. I know my great nieces visit the Garden of Tane regularly as do the local Playcentre and school. It is important to have areas like this for them to learn, develop physically and enjoy.</p>	Sarah Ford	
45428	No	Yes	<p>As a parent and an early childhood teacher I am very excited about the proposed playground. The Akaroa Playcentre visits The Garden of Tane often for outdoor learning sessions and this new playspace would deeply enrich this experience for the children. I love the natural concept of Stephan's which will naturally sit in this landscape providing open ended challenge, play and discovery for families and children of all ages. I love that the design uses natural and local materials so it will be aesthetically beautiful and also sustainable, and really feel part of the forest. I believe this playground is not only an incredible asset to our local community and it's children but will also be a draw card for visiting families, encouraging them to the area and enhancing their experience of this special place. This really feels like an incredibly positive playground which meaningfully connects with the place which it sits as well as the cultural and spiritual significance of this place. There is a myriad of research out there which proves that nature based play experiences and challenges like this natural playground will offer helps children grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. As a local family The Garden of Tane is incredibly special to us and we go there often, my children are very excited and supportive of this proposal also!</p>	Hannah Armstrong	
45429	No	Yes		Zoe Villain	
45431	Yes	Yes	<p>See 2x attachment photos</p> <p>I fully support the development of a renewed playground in the Garden Tane and request that a suitable acknowledgement, in the area, be made of the work of Arthur William Ericson in the development of the original playground and his care of the area for 25 years.</p>	Jill Price	
45435	No	Yes	<p>We love the magic of the garden of Tane and think the proposed plans will just add to this</p>	Tim Johnson	

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45440	No	Yes	This would be fantastic for families at the heart of community. Especially parents running key local businesses.	Anna Gibbs	
45475	No	Yes		Anne Little	

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Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

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SUBMISSION ON

Details of submitter

1. Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB).
2. The submitter is responsible for promoting the reduction of adverse environmental effects on the health of people and communities and to improve, promote and protect their health pursuant to the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956. These statutory obligations are the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and, in the Canterbury District, are carried out under contract by Community and Public Health under Crown funding agreements on behalf of the Canterbury District Health Board.
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Details of submission

4. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Garden of Tāne nature play space proposal. The future health of our populations is not just reliant on hospitals, but on a responsive environment where all sectors work collaboratively.
5. While health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector. Health care services manage disease and trauma and are an important determinant of health outcomes. However, health creation and wellbeing (overall quality of life) is influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.
6. These influences can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, and are impacted by environmental, social and behavioural factors. They are often referred to as the 'social determinants of health'¹.

¹ Public Health Advisory Committee. 2004. *The Health of People and Communities. A Way Forward: Public Policy and the Economic Determinants of Health*. Public Health Advisory Committee: Wellington.

General comments

7. The CDHB supports the proposal for the Garden of Tāne nature play space. Play spaces that are safe and attractive will encourage physical activity and social connection, particularly amongst young members of the community and their families.
8. The CDHB commends the Council collaborating with the Reserve Management Committee, Ōnuku Rūnanga, a local Māori carver and a landscape designer. The proposed space includes features of Māori cultural significance, which enhances the linkage between the space and the local community.
9. The CDHB has two recommendations for consideration which would further improve the accessibility of the play space to ensure that all people have the opportunity to enjoy the amenities provided and to increase the potential utility of the space.

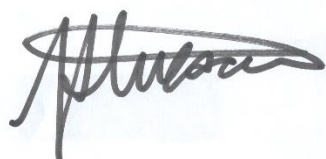
Specific comments

10. While the CDHB acknowledges that all the proposed play equipment may not be suitable for those with disabilities, it is recommended that consideration be given to designing it to be as accessible as possible. For example, the path and deck entrance into the 'folly' hut or whare could be designed in such a way that those in wheelchairs can access this feature of the space. In addition, other equipment such as the wind chimes and soundboard could be placed at a height which is suitable for those using a wheelchair to enjoy.
11. The CDHB recommends that the entrance pathway, walkway and ground surface be wide and firm enough to be accessed by all users, including those with limited mobility, wheelchairs and prams. This would provide access at all levels and enables participation by people of all ages and abilities.
12. The CDHB recommends including a drinking fountain in the play space design and suggests that this be considered as a health and equity issue – children should be encouraged to drink water rather than sugary drinks and should not have to pay for water. Including a drinking fountain in the play area also means children are likely to stay longer and make better use of the space.
13. The CDHB recommends that the park be clearly signed as a Smokefree area, in accordance with Council's Smokefree parks and playgrounds policy.

Conclusion

14. The CDHB does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.
15. If others make a similar submission, the submitter will not consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.
16. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Garden of Tāne nature play space proposal.

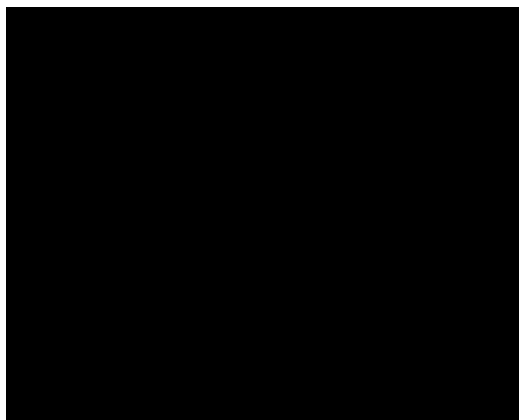
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5. While health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector. Health care services manage disease and trauma and are an important determinant of health outcomes. However, health creation and wellbeing (overall quality of life) is influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.
6. These influences can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, and are impacted by environmental, social and behavioural factors. They are often referred to as the 'social determinants of health'¹.

¹ Public Health Advisory Committee. 2004. *The Health of People and Communities. A Way Forward: Public Policy and the Economic Determinants of Health*. Public Health Advisory Committee: Wellington.

General comments

7. The CDHB supports the proposal for the Garden of Tāne nature play space. Play spaces that are safe and attractive will encourage physical activity and social connection, particularly amongst young members of the community and their families.
8. The CDHB commends the Council collaborating with the Reserve Management Committee, Ōnuku Rūnanga, a local Māori carver and a landscape designer. The proposed space includes features of Māori cultural significance, which enhances the linkage between the space and the local community.
9. The CDHB has two recommendations for consideration which would further improve the accessibility of the play space to ensure that all people have the opportunity to enjoy the amenities provided and to increase the potential utility of the space.

Specific comments

10. While the CDHB acknowledges that all the proposed play equipment may not be suitable for those with disabilities, it is recommended that consideration be given to designing it to be as accessible as possible. For example, the path and deck entrance into the 'folly' hut or whare could be designed in such a way that those in wheelchairs can access this feature of the space. In addition, other equipment such as the wind chimes and soundboard could be placed at a height which is suitable for those using a wheelchair to enjoy.
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Conclusion

14. The CDHB does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

15. If others make a similar submission, the submitter will not consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

16. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Garden of Tāne nature play space proposal.

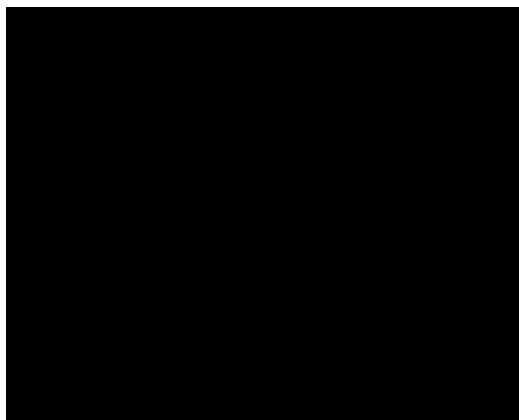
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KL Price at Garden of Tane



Arthur William Ericson

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KJ Price (Jill), niece of Arthur Ericson

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