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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY  
**SCENERY PRESERVATION**

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1943, TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF  
EXPENDITURE AND SCHEDULE OF LANDS ACQUIRED AND RESERVED DURING THE YEAR  
UNDER THE SCENERY PRESERVATION ACT

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 17 of the Scenery Preservation  
Act, 1908*

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SIR,—

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st June, 1943.

I have the honour to submit herewith a report on scenery preservation for the year ended  
31st March, 1943.

I have, &c.,  
R. G. MACMORRAN,  
Under-Secretary for Lands.

The Hon. the Minister in Charge of Scenery Preservation, Wellington.

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**REPORT**

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As indicated in last year's report, operations under the Act have been restricted on account of the abnormal conditions occasioned by the war. However, eleven areas totalling some 6,800 acres were set apart as scenic reserves in various parts of the Dominion. The reservations made included 4,066 acres situated in the Mangamuka Gorge, North Auckland. This land contains native bush of outstanding beauty, excellent panoramic views of which may be obtained from the Whangarei-Kaitiā Main Highway. Another reservation in the North Auckland district was an area of 102 acres near Wellsford comprising a natural basin in young kauri bush.

In the Auckland Land District an area of 208 acres of mixed bush situated in the Mangapiko Valley, Waikato County, was set apart under the Act, while in the Wellington District an area of 11 acres of nice bush near Makuri, Pahiatua County, was placed under reservation.

The areas set apart in the South Island included 1,660 acres of hilly bush land along the Anatoki River in Takaka County, Nelson, while in Westland reservations totalling some 595 acres will make attractive additions to the scenic reserves in that district. A further area set apart was a piece of bush land comprising approximately 164 acres situated on both sides of the Catlins-Waikawa Road in Otago.

During the year the sum of £2,255 was applied towards the purchase of an area of 1,623 acres, but the Proclamation bringing the land concerned under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act has not yet been issued. This area will be dealt with in next year's report.

The following schedule gives details of the areas actually set apart during the year :—

RESERVES MADE IN 1942-43 UNDER THE SCENERY PRESERVATION ACT, 1908, AND AMENDMENTS

Local Name.	Description.	Area.		Date of Proclamation.
<i>North Auckland Land District</i>		A.	R. P.	
Mangamuka Gorge .. ..	Parts Mangamuka West 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Blocks, Blocks IX and XIII, Maungataniwha Survey District	1,460	2 26	2/11/42
„ .. ..	Section 2, Block X, Maungataniwha Survey District, and Lot 1, D.P. 29154	2,605	2 39	2/11/42
Wellsford .. ..	Allotments S.26, S.W.Mid. 29, 89, and Parts 28, Arai Parish	102	0 29	*
<i>Auckland Land District</i>				
Mangapiko Valley .. ..	Allotment 621, Taupiri Parish .. ..	208	1 05	24/12/42
<i>Wellington Land District</i>				
Upper Makuri .. ..	Section 2, Upper Makuri Village Settlement ..	11	0 30	2/11/42
<i>Nelson Land District</i>				
Anatoki River .. ..	Parts of Section 6, Block VIII, and Section 22, Block IX, Waitapu Survey District	1,660	0 00	2/11/42
Matakitaki Bridge (additions) ..	Section 64, Block I, Tutaki Survey District ..	1	0 12	7/12/42
„ .. ..	Section 132, Square 170, Block I, Tutaki Survey District	0	1 12	7/12/42
„ .. ..	Section 133, Square 170, Block I, Tutaki Survey District	0	0 10	7/12/42
<i>Westland Land District</i>				
Haupiri-Amuri Road .. ..	Reserve 382, Block V, Haupiri Survey District ..	140	0 06	7/12/42
Taramakau River .. ..	Reserve 1768, Block IV, Turiwhate Survey District	156	2 00	7/12/42
„ .. ..	Reserve 1769, Block IV, Turiwhate Survey District	134	3 08	7/12/42
Lake Brunner .. ..	Reserve 643, Block XVI, Hohou Survey District	155	2 13	7/12/42
Lake Kaniere (addition) .. ..	Reserve 1816 (closed road), Block XI, Kaniere Survey District	8	2 00	7/12/42
<i>Otago Land District</i>				
Catlins-Waikawa Road .. ..	Lots 2, 3, and 4, D.P. 5490, being Section 26 and parts of Sections 8 and 9, Block VIII, Tautuku Survey District	163	3 09	7/12/42
Total .. ..		6,808	2 39	

\* Education-endowment land set apart for scenic purposes by section 14 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1942.

The reservation over two small areas totalling 2 acres 0 roods 8·9 perches was revoked during the year.

The number of scenic reservations in the Dominion is now 1,197, covering a total area of 850,054 acres.

Expenditure during the year amounted to £3,699, details being as follows :—		£
Acquisition of land .. ..		2,255
General administration, maintenance charges, improvements, and grants to Scenic Boards .. ..		142
Trounson Kauri Park : Charges in connection with improvement, maintenance, and protection .. ..		342
Waitangi Endowment : Tree-planting, &c. .. ..		960
Total expenditure for year .. ..		£3,699

The total expenditure to date since 1904 is £258,869, including £184,620 spent on the acquisition of land.

The scenic reserves throughout the Dominion have been kept under review as circumstances have permitted and existing reserves are generally in good condition.

The thanks of the Department are due to Honorary Inspectors and members of Scenic Boards for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

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