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Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve Parking Lot Project

A site inspection on January 13th, 2003 revealed several problems with the current situation at Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve. These problems include illegal dumping of gardening waste, and the deposit of garbage. The former is a problem because it potentially introduces non-native plant species to the area. Most of the garbage found was party related i.e. beer cases etc....

It is recommended that the parking area at this reserve be blocked off to public access. The project will require the placement of 4-6 large boulders at the parking entrance and a re-defining of the roadside ditch, thereby hardening up the entrance area. This should solve the issues of illegal dumping and partying at this location.

Further to this action we should consider the installation of a sign indicating that the area is an ecological reserve and perhaps, indicating why this reserve is in place. A site clean-up will be required to remove waste and to mitigate against non indigenous plant dispersal. There may be a potential for a project to rehab the parking area by planting indigenous species.

There has been an interest expressed by the Friends of Eves Park in volunteering time and money to the above projects. These volunteers may be helpful in a rehabilitation project.

Subject to your approval, I will be in touch with Sunrise machinery to write up a general service contract to place boulders and define the ditches and I will talk to the volunteers about cleaning up the site and potential rehabilitation.

Thank You,

M. MacIntyre