

Candidate	Do you support the Council purchasing extra land to extend the Long Bay Regional Park? Please explain why.
<b>Gregg Walden</b>	Where affordable opportunities for land purchase present themselves, the expansion of regional parks ensures a legacy for future generations to enjoy.
<b>Alezix Heneti</b>	Depends what your group thinks is best and why. Locals tend to know why, more. It's your councillors and local boards' job and the mayors' job to assist you.
<b>Victoria Short</b>	I support the purchase of additional land which is acquired at a fair price. We must also preserve and protect existing urban parks and greenspaces. They must not be sold.
<b>John Watson</b>	With the aid of some great advocacy from the Society, it was good to see the \$3.6 m purchase of land adjoining the Regional Park in this current term of council. Long Bay, however, is so popular and the demand from a growing population so strong, that ongoing extensions to the Park are important if we are to provide for future generations in the same way our forbears did for us.
<b>Jake Law</b>	I think it is important that land around Piripiri point is acquired to extend the Long Bay Regional Park area.
<b>Julia Parfitt</b>	The remaining Piripiri Point land should be bought to protect the Outstanding Landscape Area values of the entire park and for the future needs of Aucklanders. Although it was not strictly part of the Draft Reserve management process, which we gave feedback in person on, we used the opportunity to present a motion we had successfully moved at our local board which supported the acquisition of this land through our local board to the Hearings Panel. Earlier in the term we had moved a Notice of Motion which was unanimously supported requesting Council to purchase the two remaining heritage zoned houses at Long Bay which they have done.
<b>Sylvia Yang</b>	
<b>Tony Corbett</b>	Not at this time, with its current debt levels.
<b>Frank Sun</b>	Lobbying for council to purchase available land at Piripiri point is a priority.
<b>Nathan Pont</b>	My understanding there is a piece of land for sale at Piripiri Point which the land adjacent to the Regional Park isn't able to be developed on. This part of the section would improve the Regional Park. I would be in support advocating that the piece of land which can't be developed on is purchased at a fair price in line with the lack of development opportunities.
<b>Alexis Poppelbaum</b>	The Unitary Plan is going to change the landscape of our urban areas significantly in the coming decades. Securing more green, open spaces is essential for our future generations to be able to enjoy, but to also provide security around some parts of our only urban marine reserve. Purchasing Piripiri point land would open up the northern end of the park and be an incredible opportunity to develop walking and cycling tracks through that area. Long Bay is our busiest regional park and peaked at 2 million visitors per annum during lockdown.
<b>John Davies</b>	No, not at this time. There are vital issues to deal with and my guess is that given a long list, expanding any park would need to be a low priority to ensure urgent action is taken on many other pressing issues.
<b>Paul Magill</b>	We have a once in a lifetime chance to take this land and make it a truly Great Park. I am of this land, I have walked all the rivers and streams, all the ridges and valleys with my brother from the age of 10 to 16 we explored this beautiful land. There is ample opportunity for intensification of housing development closer to towns and transport. There is ZERO need to develop this existing green land, zero. We have one chance, now, to make this a great park, this should be done regardless of the cost. The council and government spend millions on stupid things, constantly. I want to stop this. I want this council to aggressively chase central government for the funding to get this done. Current council brigade are just not doing the job they should be doing on this. It is time for real change.
<b>Wayne Walker</b>	With the aid of some great advocacy from the Society, it was good to see the \$3.6 m purchase of land adjoining the Regional Park in this current term of council. Long Bay, however, is so popular and the demand from a growing population so strong, that ongoing extensions to the Park are important if we are to provide for future generations in the same way our forbears did for us.
<b>Steve Piner</b>	Unless land is being gifted or made available at nominal cost council should focus on maintaining and improving existing assets
<b>Toby Malcolm</b>	The answer to this question can be considered from at least two perspectives, and I will answer both here: 1) My personal thoughts; and 2) Community support for purchasing more land. My personal thoughts are that investment in ecological areas pays significant financial & non-financial dividends. Access to green spaces & nature can contribute to the overall well-being and quality of life of individuals, local communities, and more broadly as a country. Financial benefits also accrue from these ecological areas (e.g. tourism, by contributing to the 'brand' of a green New Zealand). I am deeply grateful to those who came before us, who worked to establish, protect, and maintain these spaces for current and future generations. Personally, I would like to ensure that our current generation continue that tradition for future generations. At a community level, it is beholden of elected representatives to make the effort to engage with and receive support for significant financial investments such as purchasing extra land. From my personal connections with the people in East Coast Bays, I believe there would be broad support for this. However, I do think it's important to pose the question to the community as a whole, and listen to what is said and felt about such a proposal. If elected, community engagement on proposals like this (and others) will be my goal.