Classification Category	Recreation	Scenic A	Scenic B	Historic	Local Purpose
Legal Definition (from the RA77)	for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside.	For the purpose of protecting and preserving in perpetuity for their intrinsic worth and for the benefit, enjoyment, and use of the public, suitable areas possessing such qualities of scenic interest, beauty, or natural features or landscape that their protection and preservation are desirable in the public interest:	For the purpose of providing, in appropriate circumstances, suitable areas which by development and the introduction of flora, whether indigenous or exotic, will become of such scenic interest or beauty that their development, protection, and preservation are desirable in the public interest.	for the purpose of protecting and preserving in perpetuity such places, objects, and natural features, and such things thereon or therein contained as are of historic, archaeological, cultural, educational, and other special interest.	for the purpose of providing and retaining areas for such local purpose or purposes as are specified in any classification of the reserve.
Purpose	An area of land (or land and water) possessing open space, and outdoor recreational values especially suitable for recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, including recreational tracks in the countryside	Area of land (or land and water) possessing significant qualities of scenic interest or beauty or significant features or landscapes	A suitable area of land (or land and water) which by development and the introduction of flora, whether indigenous or exotic, will become of significant scenic interest or beauty	An area of land (or land and water) possessing places, objects and natural features as are of historic, archaeological, cultural, educational and other special interest	An area of land (or land and water) suitable for a specified local educational or community purpose which does not duplicate any other reserve purpose

Objectives of Management: Primary	 Allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to such conditions as are necessary for the protection and wellbeing of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it Conserve those qualities which contribute to the pleasantness, harmony and cohesion of the natural environment and to the better use and enjoyment of the reserve 	 Manage for their intrinsic worth and for the benefit, enjoyment and use of the public Preserve indigenous flora and fauna, biological associations and the natural environment as far as possible Exterminate exotic flora and fauna as far as possible Allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to conditions and restrictions necessary for the protection and wellbeing of the reserve and for the public using it 	 As appropriate to the purpose, preserve the indigenous flora and fauna, biological associations, and natural environment and beauty as far as possible As appropriate, exterminate exotic fauna and (to be extent consistent with purpose) exotic flora as far as possible; allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to conditions and restrictions necessary for the protection and well-being of the reserve and for the public using it 	 Manage structures, objects and sites to illustrate with integrity the history of New Zealand Allow the public freedom of entry and access subject to such conditions and restrictions as are necessary for the protection and general wellbeing of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it As appropriate, preserve the indigenous flora and fauna and natural environment as far as possible 	 Determined by the purpose Prohibit access to the whole or any part of the reserve except by permit where appropriate
Objectives of Management: Secondary	 Manage and protect scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, geological or other scientific features or indigenous flora or fauna or wildlife Maintain value as a soil, water and forest conservation 	 If applicable: Develop open portions for amenities and facilities where these are necessary to enable the public to obtain benefit and enjoyment from the reserve Manage and protect historic, archaeological, geological, 	 Develop open portions for amenities and facilities where these are necessary to enable the public to obtain benefit and enjoyment from the reserve Manage and protect historic, archaeological, geological, biological or other scientific 	 If applicable: Manage and protect scenic, archaeological, geological, biological, or other scientific features, or indigenous flora and fauna, or wildlife Maintain value as a 	 Manage and protect scenic, historic, archaeological, biological or natural features Maintain value as soil, water, and forest conservation area

	area	biological, or other scientific features	 features Maintain value as a soil, water and forest conservation area 	soil, water, and forest conservation area	
Guidance for Selection	 Area may be totally modified e.g. suitable for sports fields Area may be in a partly natural condition e.g. suitable for picnic or camp sites or like development Area may be lineal e.g. suitable for recreational walking and/or vehicle use 	 Area should contain one or more natural or associated cultural or heritage features of special significance, or natural landscape of high scenic quality Area should be large enough to protect the integrity of the features and its immediately related surroundings 	 Degraded natural or semi- natural areas where the public interest warrants restoration or conversion as a scenic attraction Area will generally be small 	 Area should be sufficiently large to preserve all the significant historic or archaeological features associated with the place, object or natural feature Area should include sufficient additional land as a buffer against incompatible development or as unobtrusive sites for necessary services for management and public use The primary value should be traditional, historic or archaeological – through an association with major events, or Maori tradition Area should have immediate interest to 	Depends on purpose (but generally very small, modified areas)

				the visitor, or be important as a key for continuing research and interpretation of New Zealand history	
Organisational Responsibility	• Owned by the Crown or vested in a territorial authority or other administering body	 Owned by the Crown or vested in an administering body 	As for recreation reserve	 Owned by the Crown or vested in an administering body 	As for historic reserve
	• Under the control and management of DOC unless an administering body would better carry out the purpose of the reserve	 Controlled and managed by DOC unless an administering body would better carry out the purposes of the reserve 		• Controlled and managed by DOC unless an administering body would better carry out the purposes of the reserve	