



Firth Submission 31 - Addition to statement

Amenity is defined in the RMA as :

Natural or physical qualities and the characteristics of the area that contribute to peoples appreciation of its pleasantness, ascetic coherence and cultural and recreational attributes.

My understanding of this is that it is peoples appreciation. So what is amenity for one person, or a group of people is different for others. It is considered that it is quite inappropriate to say that the green spaces within the Olive Estate are of a higher standard than the open space reserve elsewhere in the wider community. Mr Porter has correctly identified a number of reserve open space areas outside of Olive Estate. A number of these are simply a reserve primarily created for the collection and transport of stormwater, as are a number of the green space areas in Olive Estate. An included path in such a reserve provides a level of amenity to me as a user of the path. An open space reserve also gives me a real sense of pleasantness, particularly if I encounter others playing a game of football, cricket or simply enjoying the wide open space. My amenity of such a reserve may provide a high level of pleasantness, without the need for other physical development.