

## Section Freeholding

When Koitiata village sections were made available they were not freehold, but were in the Reserve and leased from the Crown. A document quotes annual leases in 1962 being £10 (\$20), with a right of renewal at 21 years and review every 7 years. It has been quoted *"in early 1980's the annual lease was between \$40 and \$50 per year."*

In August 1978, a Koitiata residents meeting was advised that *"... with the passing of the Reserves Act 1977 the existence of the Beach Settlement becomes an anomaly."* It was moved that the RCC take up the matter on their behalf with government.

As the land area was a reserve, that designation for the land of Koitiata Township had to be revoked by government. The land within the village then became non-reserve Crown Land in 1982.

The changes allowed residents to be offered two freeholding options, *"Purchase for Cash, or Purchase with Deferred Payment."* A third option was to continue with the present lease.

Examples of the freeholding cost; a Rapaki street section was \$1900, *(Land Value at the time being \$2300)*. The freeholding price for a Wainui street property was \$1800.

All of the other land not leased by residents within the village was also freeholded and sold to RCC by the Crown. The remainder of the reserve retained its status and the area is now formally titled the Koitiata Domain Recreation Reserve.

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### Freeholding Favoured at Turakina Beach

A meeting of Turakina Beach residents was unanimously in favour of freeholding their sections at the beach, last Saturday. The meeting was called by the Koitiata Community Council and the Rangitikei County Council.

The sections are on Crown land, at present leased by the County Council. All are valued at between \$2400 and \$2500, though the cost of some has been reduced through improvements by the residents leasing them. About 107 sections are involved.

The meeting was attended by more than 80 residents.