



# Cobham Drive to Buckle Street transport improvements

## Public engagement

### The Basin Reserve environment

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#### Topography - valley and ridges

The Basin Reserve is situated in a north-south valley between the ridges of Mt Victoria and Mt Cook.

Wellington's topography has always influenced how the city's buildings, streets and roads have been sited and developed. North-south streets, like Kent and Cambridge Terraces and Adelaide Road, run along the valley floor. East-west streets cut in to the valley's side slopes.

#### Urban grid

The city is defined by its distinctive and historical street grid. Street views often end at bush-clad ridges or the harbour, reminding us of Wellington's amazing natural setting.

The grid includes major urban routes such as Kent and Cambridge Terraces and Buckle Street. The Basin Reserve is a distinctive square in the grid.

#### Urban form

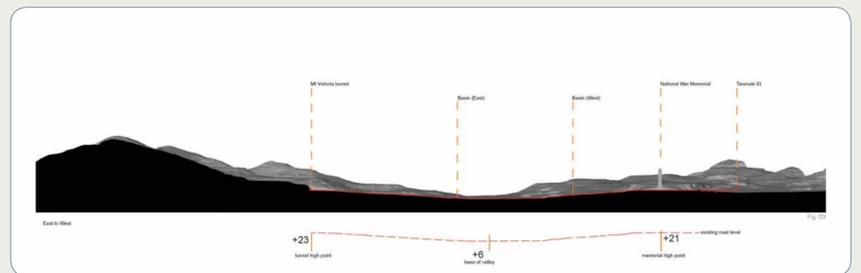
Wellington has a number of distinctive urban areas. Around the Basin Reserve these include:

- The residential areas of Mt Victoria, Mt Cook and Newtown
- The busy commercial and business areas in Te Aro
- The government facilities and schools around the Basin Reserve
- The recreation areas in the Town Belt on Mt Victoria
- The parklands around the Carillon.

#### Landmarks

The area also includes some landmark buildings that reflect Wellington's natural and cultural heritage. They include:

- The Basin Reserve itself
- The National War Memorial and Carillon
- Government House
- The former House of Compassion/crèche
- The William Wakefield Memorial.



Cross-section of the Basin Reserve.



Te Aro - coarse grained urban form (source: WCC)



Mt Victoria residential zone - fine grained urban form (source: WCC)



Urban grid and main axes around the Basin Reserve.



Former Police barracks



RA Vance stand - Basin Reserve



Mt Victoria Tunnel



Basin Reserve



St Joseph's Church



Former Home of Compassion/crèche



Old grandstand



J.R. Reid gates



Government House



William Wakefield Memorial



St Mark's Church School



National War Memorial Carillon