

Native Bush Area Offered To Inglewood

"If we can get a bit of native bush it would be advantageous to both town and country," said Mr. F. Laurence, chairman of the Inglewood County Council, at the council's monthly meeting today.

"There is not a great deal of native bush still in its natural state in this area and the county is starting to place value on native bush for reserves," he said. "This will give future generations an opportunity to see what New Zealand was like in its natural state."

He was commenting on an area of native bush, two acres 25 perches in extent, which had been offered to the county from the estate of the late Mr. Percy Nops, Inglewood. The bush is situated just outside the borough council's boundary near Tawa Street and Mountain Road and is bordered by the Kurapete Stream. There is no right of way to the property but there is access across a section that has an old house on it.

"I suggest that the borough and county council should share the cost of the purchase of that section if it is at all possible," said Mr. R. W. Brown, Mayor of Inglewood, who came to the council's meeting to get their opinion on the matter.

"That is definitely the best access," Mr. Laurence said.

"I think that the land should be jointly vested by the borough and county because it will be an asset to both communities," Mr. Brown said.

"If it is vested only in the borough we would have to pay rates," Mr. Brown said.

"If rates have to be paid it will be jointly vested but I did not know that you had to pay rates," Mr. Laurence commented.

Mr. Laurence said that Mr. O. Grant and Mr. J. A. Ross would go into the matter thoroughly and would see if the council could not prevail upon the trustees of the estate to make available the access section.

Mr. G. W. Gibson said the idea was a good one but the matter would have to be explored very carefully so that the right thing would be done and the best made of the opportunity.