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Special status wanted for Bluff water station

The Invercargill City Council wants special status for the reservoir and pump station to be built at the end of Shannon Street as part of a major upgrade to Bluff's water system.

Council Water Manager Alister Murray said Council was seeking to have the site "designated" for water supply purposes in order to save costs and time and to provide long-term certainty in managing the site.

"The designation status will enable Council to carry out construction and maintenance without the need to apply for resource consent every time maintenance is required," Mr Murray said.

The site is on Council-owned land, situated about 60 metres behind Lagan Street properties.

To obtain the status of designated site, Council is required to publicly notify its intent under the provisions of its District Plan and Resource Management Act which will be done on May 23.

Mr Murray said Invercargill's Branhholm Water Treatment Plant already had the "designated site" status.

A display will be set up in the Bluff Service Centre on May 20 to show Bluff residents the extent of the upgrade project and location of the site to be designated for the reservoir and pump station.

"We invite all Bluff residents to visit the Bluff Service Centre and have a good look at the display."

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If members of the public wish to make comment on the Council's application to designate the reservoir/pump station site for water supply purposes, submission forms are available at the Bluff Service Centre.

For further information the public can contact Mr Murray on 211 1695.

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Inquiries, Council's Water Manager Alister Murray on (03) 211 1695.

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