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## **Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review**

### **1. Purpose**

To consider submissions on the draft Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan and seek approval to prepare the final management plan for consideration at the next Landcare Committee meeting.

### **2. Significance**

The matters in this report do not trigger the Council's significance policy or section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **3. Background**

The Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan review began last year. During the first round of consultation, ten submissions were received on the park and its existing management plan. The Committee considered these submissions in July last year (report 04.425). A draft plan was prepared taking into account those submissions, the *Regional Parks Network Plan* and policy direction from the Committee. The draft plan was released for consultation in October last year and submissions were invited until 31 December 2004.

### **4. Submissions**

A total of 9 submissions were received on the draft plan. Submissions and a summary are attached for your consideration (Attachments 1 and 2).

JC Horne and B Mitcalfe would like to be heard in support of their submissions and will be presenting their submissions in the public participation part of this Landcare meeting (Submission 7, Wellington Botanical Society, and Submission 8, JC Horne and B Mitcalfe).

### **5. Key issues**

Generally submitters were supportive of the management plan's approach and content. A table is provided on the following page summarising the issues raised by submitters, officer's comments and a recommended response. Some small editing changes are also required.

Issue	Officer's Comments	Recommended response
<p><b>Issue - recreation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norberts Creek track upgrade, track marking, Kororipo Forks track</li> <li>• Doesn't address white water rafting resource in enough detail.</li> <li>• Access to Akatarawa Valley</li> <li>• Include reference to national standards track handbook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential tracks at Norberts Creek and the Ridgeline track will be in keeping with tramping/ routes – preserving a range of experiences at KRP. Comments re marking noted. Extra escape not needed.</li> <li>• White water rafting is addressed to the same level as other activities in the plan. Further detail will be included in the Resource Statement, although as submitter points out, this is quite a special feature of the park.</li> <li>• Formerly access was granted by private land-owners on an informal basis, however, this has been stopped.</li> <li>• Already included, please refer footnote 3, p 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Include text box with further information on white water rafting in final plan.</li> <li>• Policies 1.10 and 1.13 apply. Plan doesn't provide funds for land purchasing; should be annual planning processes</li> <li>• No change</li> </ul>
<p><b>Issue - environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further identification of plants, including threatened plants, and classification system.</li> <li>• Future management of Te Marua bush.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant species lists will be included in accompanying Resource Statement.</li> <li>• Recommendations are consistent with approach taken in ecosystems section with plan. Dr Atkinson engaged to undertake survey work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add threatened species &amp; use classification system</li> <li>• Consistent with current policies. Wait until report is received from Dr Atkinson for further actions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Issue - other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough detail on management actions.</li> <li>• Hydroelectricity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management plan is more strategic than operational, reflecting longer term nature of plan and funding through annual planning processes. Plan is supported by a number of other plans &amp; strategies, listed in Table 4, &amp; monitoring tools, Table 5. This approach enables a day to day management system that can respond to changes in a proactive manner without requiring unnecessary plan changes.</li> <li>• Outside scope of this management plan. Regional Policy Statement and Freshwater Plan more appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve clarity in plan's purpose, with links to Tables 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>• No change</li> </ul>

## 6. Iwi

Contact with the Wellington Tenth Trust and Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui was maintained throughout the review process. No submissions were received from Iwi, although Iwi representatives have indicated that they are happy with the approach taken in the plan.

## 7. Water Supply Assets

The Te Marua pumping station and Stuart Macaskill Lakes are contained within Kaitoke Regional Park. These areas are excluded from the plan's management zones (p8, draft management plan) but may be affected by future park developments.

In 2002, a design was prepared in consultation with the Utility Services Division for landscaping around Te Marua Lakes (report 02.594, Attachment 3). The design was incorporated into the potential development plans in the draft plan. No submissions were received on these designs.

To ensure the management plan clearly reflects that these water supply assets will not be not adversely affected by any future park development, Officers recommend that a policy be inserted within the 'Park development' section that states:

*To ensure that any development recognises the regional importance of the water supply functions of the Te Marua pump station and Stuart Macaskill Lakes.*

## 8. Next steps

The next phase of the plan review process, after the committee has considered the submissions, is to draft the final plan. A workshop will then be held with Councillors to discuss the draft of the final plan on 16 February 2005.

## 9. Communication

A letter will be sent to all submitters, outlining the results of the Committee's deliberations. A newsletter will also be prepared and sent to all those people that have signalled an interest in the park and/or the review to date. Once the Committee is satisfied with the final plan, copies will be made available to stakeholders, submitters, Council offices and libraries. The management plan's adoption will be announced with a media release and will be included in the next Green Shoots community newsletter.

## 10. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

- 1. receive the report and **note** the contents of the report.*
- 2. consider the attached submissions on the Kaitoke Regional Park Draft Management Plan*
- 3. approve Officers to finalise the drafting of the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan for consideration incorporating the changes highlighted within this report at the next Landcare Committee meeting*

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Attachment 1: Submissions

Attachment 2: Summary of Submissions

Attachment 3: Report 02.594 Te Marua Development Plans – Kaitoke Regional Park