

Key amendments to Regional Parks Network Management Plan

Issue	Amendments
Chair's foreword	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated.
Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendments to reflect urban population as requested by LCC. Sustainability defined as requested by submitters. Included section on future make-up of network to address concerns about vision, and as directed by LCC.
Section 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional information about LGA requested by submitters. Update of control and management of DOC and HCC lands. Deleted ROS spectrum as x-axis on Governance Continuum diagram as caused confusion in readers (but still keep the Governance Continuum diagram and a reference to the ROS in text). Added section on relationship of parks to other Council lands "Common elements in management across Council lands" in response to submissions. Re-ordered parts of section 1 and moved text on concession types to Part B.
Sustaining our Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added additional information (including maps) about the regional context and the significance of the parks in this context. Added additional information and policies about environmental best practice and sustainable management.
Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed the heading. Added additional text about the changing nature of the landscape and landscape management, including the importance of sustainable energy production as per Councillor direction. Also made more specific reference to geological features. Altered policies to provide more clarity about landscape management.
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified nature of legal protection for heritage (including post 1900 heritage items).
Part B - Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General amendments to reduce emphasis on commercial activities – including section heading and text throughout. Provided greater clarification about the classification of activities as allowed, managed, restricted and prohibited and the reasons why. Greater specification about the process and criteria for assessing activities (in text and in policies). Equalised dogs, horse riding and mountain biking by basing any limitations on the effects of the activity (and providing greater explanation of this). Clarified policy on use and removal of natural materials. Included specific text and polices about network utilities – making operation and maintenance allowed activities. Provided for trimming of vegetation with consultation. New structures will still require a concession. Included new section on naming and commemorations in Part B – includes text, objectives and policies.
Part C– Community involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant re-draft of this section in line with submissions and LCC guidance to give greater recognition of relationship between Council and community. Have also amended policies. Also note that Council retains decision-making role.
New Part D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have included a new section on monitoring and review to clarify how we will monitor the plan and when reviews will take place (and that monitoring priorities will be identified and implemented though the annual plan).
Wording changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many specific wording changes were made in response to submitters and for clarification and editorial reasons. Not all changes requested were made. Also a few change to the existing Map 2 (and to the new Map 3). Deleted extract from RMA from Appendix 1.