

Key Changes to Draft Battle Hill Management Plan

Submission 4 – Richard Sadlier

- Insertion of a new policy after 1.11 “To gazette sites of ecological importance such as the “Bush Remnant’ as Scenic Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 during the life of this plan”
- Noted request to change revenue policy – no change made
- Amended Policy 1.15 To identify and assess the effects of proposals which have potential adverse affects on the park in accordance with the plan’s objectives and policies.
- Included text box to indicate significance of the Horokiri Stream

Submission 5 – Porirua City Council

- Inclusion of two ecological sites listed in Porirua District Plan in table 1 on page 16
- Inclusion of “Procedures for the Approval of Works of WRC Forest Lands, Water Collection Areas, Regional Parks and Recreational Areas 1994” in list of GW policy documents. Page 8
- Insertion of a new policy after 2.3 “Advocate for the protection of significant ecological values in District Plans, Reserves Act and other legal methods available” (Policy response to submission point 4 (a) (i) of PCC submission)

Submission 6 – Historic Places Trust (HPT)

- Adoption of HPT explanation of cultural heritage-introductory section of protecting cultural heritage has been changed
- Clarification of HPT Act 1993 role in relation to protection of architectural heritage as follows:
“Architectural heritage is also offered some protection under this Act, however only if the site also qualifies as an archaeological site. Most of the protection afforded these sites are provided for under the RMA and District Plans”
- New policy inserted after 2.26 to direct issues of management and level of threat to operational documents.
- Policy 2.32 altered to reflect submitters concerns

Submission 7 - Wellington Botanical Society

- Amended “Vision” page 4, to read “ensuring that indigenous ecosystems and restoration plantings are protected for their intrinsic values, including their life supporting capacity, educational and scientific values, and for their contribution to the landscape of the park, and water, air, soil and catchment values”
- Objective 1 page 14 amended to read “The indigenous forests and other areas of regenerating indigenous vegetation are actively protected, *monitored*, and appropriately managed”
- Insert new policy 2.10 “Indigenous species will be used for erosion control, particularly steep gullies, riverbanks and riparian margins wherever appropriate.”

Submission 9 – RES New Zealand

- Windfarm activity discussed in “The Way Forward” section of the plan
- A disclaimer on page 32 of the plan stating that where there are inconsistencies between the overall objectives and policies for the conditional management of the park and the wind farm that the policies relating to wind farm activity prevail. Reads

“Subject to appropriate conditions, the development of the Puketiro Windfarm Operation is regarded by GWRC as consistent with the Vision, Objectives and Policies for the management of the Park and in the event of any inconsistency between any general policy and policies 3.46 to 48, the latter are to prevail.
- Deleted policy 2.32 as recommended by both HPT and RES NZ ltd
- Disclaimer reading “The above polices apply to all new or proposed network utilities with the exception of the proposed Puketiro Windfarm development and those utility providers which have easements, designations or alternative management arrangements”
- Page 33 “Renewable Energy – Puketiro Wind Farm” modified to include “90 – 120MW” and;
- First sentence has been modified to exclude the “5 metres” and now reads “ Whichever access route is selected a carriageway will be required”

Submission 10 - Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Inc

- Table Two has been amended to allow for “access” for motorised recreation across “Area Two” of Battle Hill as recommended by submitter
- Objective one, page 35 reworded to include “communication”
- Way forward section reworded to include management of user conflicts on tracks

Submission 11 - Tararua Tramping Club

- Policy inserted into Land Tenure, Page 11 to have the “Bush Block” reserved as Scenic during the life of this plan.
- Sentence, page 8 under land acquisition removed “current” and now reads “ In 2007 the priorities for expanding the regional park network identified in the LTCCP are to maintain existing parks and recreation areas and to add Whitireia Park and Wairarapa Wetlands to the regional parks network.
- Policy 5.8 now reads “A copy of all research undertaken in Battle Hill will be provided to Greater Wellington and will be made available to the public”

Submission 12 - BJ Mitcalfe

- Editorial changes noted and changed.

Submission 13 - Transpower NZ Limited

- Policy 3.36 amended to read “To recognise and provide for the operation, maintenance and “*minor upgrading*” of existing network utilities within regional parks as allowed activities.
- Policy 3.38 amended to read “To ensure that national standards regulating safe *separation* distances from network utilities for *all* activities and developments are complied with (e.g. NZECP 34:2001 and Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003).
- Policy 3.43 amended to read “Any approval for a public utility in the park shall be conditional upon GW staff being empowered to; enter; inspect; required maintenance or upgrading; approve design and colour schemes of all structures (*Excluding the National Grid*) require the restoration and maintenance of sites after the completion of work; require power cables and telephone lines to be placed underground; and any other reasonable conditions.
- New Policy 3.46 inserted “*To ensure that all trees and vegetation planted near the high voltage transmission line comply (including when maturity is reached) with the Electrical (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003.*”

Submission 16 - Wellington Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club Inc

- Policy 3.24 reads “ To permit the use of motorised aircraft for management or emergency purposes only”
- Policy 3.25 “Hang and paragliding are permissible in the park but may be restricted at ranger’s discretion (i.e. during lambing or other farming operations)

Submission 17 - Vector

- Policy 3.37 amended “To provide for network utility operators, who do not have existing easements, designations or other management arrangements, to remove or trim vegetation, subject to conditions and in consultation with Greater Wellington (except in cases of emergency).”