
REPORT 10
(1215/12/IM)

RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Ratify the Tawa Community Submission to the Wellington Regional Council on the Review of the Belmont Regional Park Management Plan.*

Attached is the Boards submission to the:

- Wellington Regional Council on the Review of the Belmont Regional Park Management Plan (appendix 1)

Appendix 1

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Tawa Community Board submission to the Wellington Regional Council on the Review of the Belmont Regional Park Management Plan (BRPMP)

Background

1. The Wellington Regional Council (WRC) has sought public submissions/comments by 1 December 2006 on the current BRPMP. We understand that a draft plan will be prepared in March/April 2007 and that further submissions can be made at that time with a view to a revised plan being agreed to later in 2007.
2. The Tawa Community Board (TCB) wishes to provide comments because it has a direct interest in the Belmont Regional Park (BRP):
 - 2.1. Part of the park is located in the suburbs of Grenada North and Takapu Valley - the two suburbs that cover more than 50% of the Tawa Community Board area (suburbs identified by the Wellington City Council {WCC});
 - 2.2. Access to the park is possible from SH1 via Takapu Road;
 - 2.3. Possible flooding impact downstream from the park on Takapu Stream and Porirua Stream;
 - 2.4. Public train and bus transport to the park can be accessed through Tawa.

Comments on current BRPMP

3. Advisory Committee - whilst it is acknowledged that there were two representatives from the WCC on the 1996 Advisory Committee, there was no direct Tawa, Takapu Valley or Grenada North representation.
4. Objectives - the TCB agrees with the current objectives.
5. Policies
 - 5.1. Promotion - there is no signage on SH1 or in Tawa indicating access to the Park via Takapu Road;

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5.2. Consultation - we'd like the existence of the TCB acknowledged and included as a party to be consulted with;

5.3. Public access

5.3.1. improved access in the park for people with special needs, particularly those in wheelchairs;

5.3.2. improved parking facilities at Takapu Road entrance so people confined to vehicles can at least appreciate the views;

5.3.3. promotion of existing bus and train public transport to the park via Tawa;

5.3.4. any possibility a weekend bus service from the Takapu Road station to the Park could be considered?

5.4. Fires - is there any involvement with the Tawa Fire Brigade?

5.5. Park Entry Areas

5.5.1. will consideration be given to 'promoting' the Takapu Road entrance to a primary entry area or does the state of the road prevent this?

5.5.2. is a primary entry area in Grenada North a possibility?

5.6. Flood mitigation - the area around the lower Takapu Stream area has already been identified by the WCC as a flood area.

5.7. Cultural Heritage - we note the possible development of a heritage trail in and through the park - will this link in with the Porirua Heritage Trail along the Porirua Stream? Also, the Tawa Historical Society may be interested in being involved in this work.

5.8. Camping and overnight stays - how is this facility promoted?

Summary

6. The TCB appreciates that fact that it has a regional park 'on its doorstep' but would like to see this fantastic resource more widely promoted, particularly in the Tawa Community.

Next steps

7. The TCB would like to be involved in the remainder of the review process so please ensure copies of the draft plan are made available via the Chair, Ngaire Best.