

PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

This is the first plan for the Outer Green Belt and has three main purposes:

- 1. To provide common objectives and policies to unite the area as one single, yet complex, entity - the Outer Green Belt - and foster management toward these objectives.**
- 2. To provide area-specific policies for Wellington City Council reserves and other properties, and directions for their management where they are currently lacking.** (General objectives and policies for all areas are in Section 4. Area specific objectives and policies are in Section 5).
- 3. To aid the development of good relationships between the Council, tangata whenua, other landowners, special interest groups, and the community, with respect to management and enhancement of the Outer Green Belt.**

With respect to private land, this Plan provides a basis for further discussion between landowners and the Council about the achievement of Outer Green Belt objectives. The specific land management policies of this Plan generally have direct application only with respect to the Council's own operations on its own land. They *can* have application in the management of private land, but only by agreement between a landowner and the Council.

Planning process and timeframe

The planning process for reserves is prescribed in the Reserves Act 1977 and includes the following steps:

- o decision to prepare the management plan made by the Council
- o formal public notification (notices in newspapers and letters to key stakeholders) of the intention to prepare the management plan
- o receipt of initial submissions (advice from interested parties)
- o preparation of the draft plan by Council officers
- o approval by the Council's Built and Natural Environment Committee to release the draft plan for public comment
- o receipt of further submissions
- o verbal submissions heard by the Built and Natural Environment Committee
- o officers recommend changes to plan and these are considered by the Committee
- o final plan submitted to the Committee for approval and decision referred to the full Council for ratification (for any unclassified reserves the plan will have the status of an advance draft only).
- o plan referred to the Minister of Conservation for final approval in regard to scenic reserves and historic reserves.