

Town Belt Management Plan

Foreword

Wellington City's Town Belt is a significant and unique feature benefiting the entire city. It provides a scenic back drop to the inner city, and is a valuable resource offering tremendous recreational opportunities to a vast number of residents and visitors alike.

As a community we are extremely fortunate that our city founders had the foresight to set aside the slopes that surrounded the new settlement. One and a half centuries later Wellingtonians can still appreciate and enjoy the open space asset that remains today, right on their doorstep.

Since being set aside in 1841, management of the Town Belt has occurred pretty much on an ad hoc basis both under the Crown's and Council's jurisdiction. As the city expanded, numerous demands for land occurred, and sadly it was Town Belt land that was often exploited.

Until now a comprehensive plan outlining future management policies for the Town Belt has not been prepared. It is with considerable pride that Council has prepared such a Plan.

To be effective the Town Belt Management Plan must have the commitment not only of the City Council, but also of all those in Wellington who use and enjoy the Town Belt. Involving the community in the development of the Plan from the earliest stage has been a priority, and the thrust of the policies largely reflect the concerns and views expressed in the submissions received when Council notified its intention to prepare the Plan in 1991 and more recently with the submissions received on the draft plan.

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