

Management Plan Format

The development of this management plan has been in three phases. The first was the research and preparation of eight background reports (listed below and available for reference from all Council libraries and from the Recreation and Assets Department, Wellington City Council) which provide the descriptive information. The second was the preparation of the management plan which was released for public comment in May 1994. A special Town Belt Management Plan Subcommittee was formed to oversee this process.

Following a four month period for public submissions hearings were held and the comments received in both the written and oral submissions were considered by the Subcommittee. Amendments to the plan were subsequently made and this final version of the plan produced.

This Plan comprises two parts. Part One contains the general provisions applying to the whole land area. Part Two contains policies specific to 9 of 11 management areas which have been identified to make up the Town Belt. (See Figure 2). Policies are not included for the Botanic Garden, which already has a current management plan and its own Act of Parliament, nor for the Zoological Garden. The Zoological Garden, established in 1906, is an accepted historic use within the Town Belt which, because of its specialised nature, is managed separately according to its Business Plan. The zoo will, however, be managed in a way that will be consistent with that of the Town Belt. These two independent existing documents take precedence over the General Provisions in Part 1.

The decision to divide the Town Belt into the nine other management areas arises from a recognition of the complexity of the topography, vegetation, uses and communities of interest inherent in the Town Belt. It does not diminish the status of the Town Belt as a single entity, but simply assists the grouping of issues relevant to specific areas. This way, people with an interest in their own particular area of the Town Belt can obtain Part One, General Provisions, and the relevant management area policies (available as individual volumes), without being distracted by information relevant to another area.

Within each volume of the management plan, the policies are grouped under four headings:

- Administration;
- Recreation;
- Vegetation Management; and
- Interpretation and Education.