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## Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan Review

### 1. Purpose

To consider adopting the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan.

### 2. Significance

The matters in this report do not trigger the Council's significance policy or section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Background

The Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan review began last year. The management plan review, including consultation and preparation of the new plan has been undertaken in accordance with section 619 of the Local Government Act 1974. The Committee considered ten submissions on the park and its existing management plan last year (report 04.425). Nine submissions were then received and considered on the draft management plan earlier this year, with two submitters being heard in support of their submissions (report 05.4). A workshop was held with Councillors to discuss the draft of the final plan on 16 February 2005.

### 4. Hearing: submissions

C Horne and B Mitcalfe presented their submissions on 8 February at the Landcare Committee meeting held in Upper Hutt. Their submissions are consistent with the policies and objectives of the draft plan and no changes are required.

Mr Horne presented a proposal for an alternative route across the northern end of the park, exiting from the park's western boundary to the Akatarawa valley. The proposal was for a route across the ridge that separates the park from the Hutt water collection area. The route would be marked with discs, rather than forming a new track along the ridge. On this basis, Officers assessed the proposal as having little impact on the area's values and as being consistent with the plan's policies and objectives (in particular policies 1.10, 1.11, 3.4, 3.6, 3.9, 3.11, 3.13 and 3.13). As the route's exit is over private land, it was felt that approaching landowners in the first instance would be a practical way to

investigate access. Should landowners not wish to allow access at this point in time, the plan's policies allow Council to consider other options such as purchase or negotiating rights of way in the future (policies 1.10 and 1.11). To ensure that no misunderstandings arise about access into the park, no change to the current policies or maps is recommended.

Barbara Mitcalfe's submission concerned Te Marua bush. Her submission and presentation is consistent with the approaches outlined in the environmental and ecosystem section's objectives and policies. The significance of Te Marua bush is acknowledged as a significant environmental area in policy 2.3 and Table 1. In addition, a text box has been added within the plan with further information about the area and its values.

## 5. The final management plan

Officers have made the changes as instructed at the last Committee meeting, including adding a new policy 1.18, editing changes and including text boxes to add interest to the final plan (report 05.4). The management plan is attached to this paper for your consideration and changes are highlighted (attachment 1). No changes have been made to the maps.

## 6. Next steps

Once the committee adopts the management plan, Officers will begin getting the document ready for publication. Some small editing changes may be required, prior to publication, but these will not affect the intent or meaning of the final plan, its objectives or policies.

## 7. Communication

Letters will be sent to submitters, advising them of the Committee's deliberations and decisions. A newsletter will be sent to all those people interested in the park and the plan review. Copies of the final plan will be made available to stakeholders, submitters, Council offices and libraries. The management plan's adoption will be announced with a media release and will be included in the next Green Shoots community newsletter.

## 8. Recommendations

*That the Committee recommend to Council that it:*

1. **receive** the report and **note** the contents of the report.
2. **adopt** the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan subject to any minor technical or editorial amendments to be approved by the Committee Chair, and in accordance with section 619, Local Government Act 1974.
3. **revoke** the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan adopted in 1991.
4. **approve** Officers to finalise publishing the Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan.

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Attachment 1: Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan