

Report 03.488

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Committee Landcare

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Regional Parks Network Management Plan for approval

1. Purpose

To seek Council approval of the revised Regional Parks Network Management Plan and subsequent referral of the Plan to the Department of Conservation.

2. Background

At the Landcare Committee meeting on 15 July 2003 Councillors approved a process for finalising the Regional Parks Network Management Plan (report 03.388). The plan has been revised based on direction from the Committee on 15 July and subsequent comments from individual Councillors.

3. Key amendments

A table of key amendments to the plan is attached for your information (**Attachment 1**).

The Reserves Act 1977 requires us to provide the Minister of Conservation with "a summary of the objections and comments received and a statement as to the extent to which they have been allowed or accepted or disallowed or not accepted." This will be forwarded to the Department of Conservation (DOC) with the plan.

The amended plan is enclosed as a separate document (**Attachment 2**).

4. The process from here

Following Council approval the Plan will be forwarded to DOC for subsequent approval.

5. Communication

Following approval by DOC we will:

- write to all submitters and other interested parties informing them of the Council's decisions on the plan and providing them with a copy of the final plan
- advertise the finalised plan through *Elements* and our website.

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6. Recommendations

That the Committee recommend to Greater Wellington – The Regional Council that it:

- 1. receive the report.
- 2. **note** the contents of the report.
- 3. approve the Regional Parks Network Management Plan pursuant to Section 619 of the Local Government Act 1974 and Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, subject to any minor technical or editorial amendments which may be authorised by the Committee Chairman.
- 4. **refer** the approved plan to the Department of Conservation for approval pursuant to Section 41(7) of the Reserves Act 1977.

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Attachment 1: Key amendments to Regional Parks Network Management Plan **Attachment 2:** Regional Parks Network Management Plan (enclosed separately)

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