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## Kaitoke Regional Park Draft Management Plan

### 1. Purpose

To seek the Council's approval to release the *Draft Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan* for public consultation.

### 2. Background

The Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan review began in April 2004 by advertising the Council's intent to review the plan and inviting submissions. Submissions closed on 30 June 2004 and were considered by the Landcare Committee at the 3 August 2004 meeting (Report 04.425). Earlier this month, a draft management plan was distributed to Councillors for comment and a workshop held to discuss the draft plan. *The Draft Plan is attached as a separate document.*

### 3. Submissions

A total of 10 submissions were received. Generally people were pleased with the ranging service and the park's maintenance and facilities standards. People noted that the high-quality biodiversity, ecology, and recreational values are important to their enjoyment of the park. The main areas identified for improvement are access, facilities, and additional pest management. The park's natural values, such as native plants and birds, are seen as important to the park's long-term future.

Two requests for additional access into the Hutt catchment were received but this issue is outside the management plan's scope. Copies of these submissions have been referred to GW Water and letters will be sent to these submitters outlining the appropriate management planning framework.

### 4. Draft Management Plan

The draft management plan was written by taking into account the submissions received, the current management plan's provisions and the *Regional Parks Network Plan*. Comment was then sought from Councillors at the recent workshop. Amendments, mostly minor, have now been incorporated into the draft plan's final text.

Policy 1.1 has been amended to show that the Council is responsible for decision-making processes. Policy 3.21 has also been amended to reflect the management of plantation forestry being subject to the Forest Working Plan 2000-2010. The *Draft Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan* is consistent with the network plan.

Officers believe that the issues identified by submitters have been addressed by the draft plan. A summary of the submissions and an analysis of the draft plan's provision's in response to the submissions can be found in appendix 2.

Work is still being undertaken on the plan's maps to improve the general readability. This will be completed prior to the draft management plan being released for consultation.

## 5. Next steps

The next phase of the plan review process is to consult on the draft plan for a two-month period during the latter half of this year. Ongoing consultation will continue with key stakeholders, including the Upper Hutt City Council, the Department of Conservation and Iwi.

Copies of the draft plan will be sent to interested stakeholders, placed at Council offices and will be available on Greater Wellington's website. Letters will also be sent to the original submitters with a copy of the draft plan, for their information and further comment.

## 6. Communication

Notices will be placed in the region's main newspapers asking for comment on the draft plan. A second newsletter will be sent to people interested in the management plan review outlining the issues that have been raised and introducing the draft plan.

## 7. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the contents of the report.*
3. *approve the draft Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan's release for public consultation, subject to any minor technical amendments that may be authorised by the Committee Chairperson*

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