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## Regional Parks Network Management Plan

### 1. Purpose

To update Ara Tahī on the Regional Parks Network Management Plan.

### 2. Background

A paper was presented to Ara Tahī in November 2001 (report 01.777) outlining a process for the review of the regional parks management plans. Members of Ara Tahī have been involved in this process through meetings, a technical workshop and comments on the draft plan (prior to public notification). Some Ara Tahī members also made comments during the public notification phase.

### 3. Update on the Regional Parks Network Management Plan

A draft Regional Parks Network Management Plan was publicly notified in February and March 2003. Following consideration of submissions and hearings, Landcare resolved on 26 August 2003 to recommend that Council approve the plan subject to the approval of the Department of Conservation (DoC). The plan was approved at the Council meeting of 16 September 2003.

Following the Council's decision, we have been awaiting DoC's approval. They have recently advised that they do not need to approve the plan and it can be released.

Attached for your information is a summary of the key amendments made resulting from public submissions received on the plan (**Attachment 1**). Copies of the plan are currently being printed and will be provided to you at Ara Tahī. If you would like a copy earlier, please contact Victoria Owen.

### 4. Park specific plans

Council has also approved a timetable for preparation of park specific plans. Belmont Regional Park management plan will be the first to be prepared, and initial work on this has begun. The plan for East Harbour Regional Park will begin in April 2004. A timetable for the reviews is attached for your information (**Attachment 2**).

## 5. Communication

All submitters and stakeholders will be advised that the plan has been approved and copies will be available on request.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the contents of the report.*
3. *note that the Regional Parks Network Management Plan has been approved by Greater Wellington.*
4. *note the timetable for the review of the park specific management plans attached.*

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**Attachment 1:** Key amendments to Regional Parks Network Management Plan resulting from public submissions

**Attachment 2:** Regional park management plans programme