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Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui

DRAFT AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Greater Wellington is seeking feedback on the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Draft Amendment to Greater Wellington's Parks Network Plan

The Parks Network Plan (which outlines how Greater Wellington will manage its parks and forests) has until now only included the lighthouse compound. The draft amendment outlines how the compound and scenic reserve, purchased in 2010, will be managed. When finalised, the amendment will be incorporated into the East Harbour Regional Park chapter of the Parks Network Plan.

The key issues in the draft amendment include:

- **The need for low-impact activities only** to protect sensitive flora and fauna as well as the area's historical values. Carparking, road and track improvements focus on encouraging low-impact activities and restricting vehicle access. Some separation of horse riding from cycling and vehicles is needed to ensure the safety of all visitors. A locked gate and permit system will allow control over the use of the internal road. This focus on low-impact activities means that the NIWA atmospheric sampling programme is not affected by BBQs, fires (no camping allowed) or vehicle emissions
- **Conservation of heritage structures and sites:** The area is rich in Māori and colonial history and there are opportunities to preserve and interpret these. Reusing lighthouse keepers' houses as accommodation could conserve this heritage and this possibility is provided for in the plan. Having a legal framework (through the District Plan and the Reserves Act) that gives appropriate protection to these sites and structures is also important. The draft amendment contains some actions to progress this, including changing the reserve status of the lighthouse compound from "recreation" to "historic"
- **Restoring ecosystems, removing stock and carrying out predator control:** Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui has a variety of landforms and a complex mix of ecosystems. The draft amendment focuses on removing stock, carrying out predator control and monitoring to ensure that key native species can do well. In a few locations where extra attention is required, biodiversity management plans will be developed to guide how restoration occurs
- **Working in partnership:** Iwi, the Hutt City Council, Department of Conservation, Historic Places Trust, adjacent landowners and community and recreation groups will be important in developing the park and protecting its values. Friends of Baring Head Trust and MIRO are two such community groups that are involved.



The full Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Draft Amendment is available at:

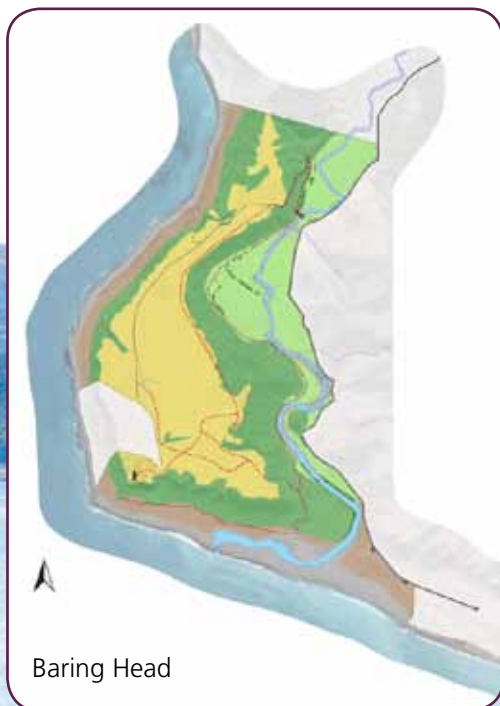
- www.gw.govt.nz/baring-head-draft-amendment
- Greater Wellington offices – 1056 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, or 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington

How to make a submission

Submissions must be received by 4pm Friday 18 May 2012. Please state in your submission if you want to be heard by the Committee and do or do not want your personal details to be disclosed.

- **Online**
www.gw.govt.nz/baring-head-draft-amendment
- **Mail**
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It is expected that hearings and deliberations on the draft amendment will take place on 14 June 2012. This will be confirmed after submissions have closed.



Need more information?

- Download the draft amendment:
www.gw.govt.nz/baring-head-draft-amendment
- Read online: "Looking to the future of Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui", a background paper further explaining the policies chosen within the draft amendment. There are other background reports also available which provide interesting reading on the cultural values, ecological values, historical context, tourism and recreation opportunities.
- Come to a drop-in session and ask Greater Wellington staff questions about the draft amendment:

Lower Hutt
Pelorus Trust Sports House
Hutt Park

Thursday 19 April 5.30-7.15pm*

* Following the 19 April session, Friends of Baring Head Trust are hosting historian Michael Kelly who will talk about historical aspects of the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui area. Gold coin koha.

Wellington
Greater Wellington Regional Council Office
142 Wakefield Street
Thursday 26 April, 11am-1.30pm

- Write to us at parcs@gw.govt.nz

