

Notice of Requirement

For a public work, being Belmont Regional Park, in the
City of Lower Hutt District Plan

Notice of Requirement and Assessment of Effects on the Environment

Belmont Regional Park in the City of Lower Hutt District Plan




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1. Form 18

Notice of requirement by Minister, local authority, or requiring authority for designation

Subject to section 168 and clause 4 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Hutt City Council (HCC)

Wellington Regional Council (GW) gives notice of a requirement for a designation for public work.

The sites to which the requirement applies is as follows:

Belmont Regional Park (extent within HCC boundary)

A full description of the site is contained in section 3 of this NOR.

A list of the land parcels is in **Appendix A**, which includes the landowners, legal descriptions, and area of land. **Appendix B** contains a location map of the designation boundary. This clearly shows the location of Belmont Regional Park within the Lower Hutt city area, the main entrances into the park and some of the main park features.

The nature of the proposed public work is:

The proposed public work is a public reserve, managed by GW as Belmont Regional Park.

The designation is to enable the ongoing operation, maintenance and development activities associated with the regional park. This designation is intended to allow and support the recreational, restoration, conservation and general park management activities. No additional site development is proposed at the park as a particular result of the designation. However, site development may be undertaken in the future in accordance with the purpose of the designation and as provided for in the reserves management plan.

The designation purpose for Belmont Regional Park shall be –

“Regional Park purposes – recreation, conservation, protection, general park management, rural activities and any other activities permitted in the operative reserve management plan, including but not limited to the development, operation, construction, upgrade, maintenance and repair of parks assets and public spaces.”

A full description of the nature of the proposed public work is contained in section 4 of this NOR. Definitions for the terms used in the designation purpose are included.

The nature of the proposed conditions that would apply are:

The proposed conditions to be placed on the designation are provided in **Appendix C**. These aim to mitigate the potential adverse effects on the environment. The conditions also clearly define the activities that would be exempt from the requirement to submit an Outline Plan to the territorial authority, in line with s176A(2)(b) of the RMA.

The effects that the public work (or project or work) will have on the environment, and the ways in which any adverse effects will be mitigated, are:

A full assessment of environmental effects is contained in section 5 of this NOR.

Section 6 of this NOR contains an assessment of the public work against the relevant matters to be considered under section 171 of the RMA.

Alternative sites, routes, and methods have been considered to the following extent:

Consideration should be given to alternative sites, routes, or methods of undertaking the work if the requiring authority does not have an interest in the land sufficient for undertaking the work; or it is likely that the work will have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The public work and activities detailed in this NOR will not have significant adverse effects on the environment.

Further, the public work subject to this NOR is an established operating Regional Park. The public work represents a significant ratepayer investment and has facilities that provide for a variety of recreation, restoration and educational activities in the outdoors. There are no alternative sites for the public work relevant to this NOR.

The public work and designation are reasonably necessary for achieving the objectives of the requiring authority because:

GW has statutory responsibility to hold, manage and purchase land for regional parks, including Belmont Regional Park. GW also has responsibility to manage the regional park on behalf of the landowners and ratepayers as public work under the operative reserves management plan in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. One of the mechanisms to achieve these objectives is the use of designations to protect Belmont Regional Park as a public work.

A designation reflects the long-term nature of operating Belmont Regional Park, and enables management and restoration works to occur within the park. Designating Belmont Regional Park will identify and protect these assets in Lower Hutt to ensure they remain fully operational and are not affected by inappropriate development. The designation will mean that activities can be

easily undertaken as and when required to provide for GW's operational and functional needs within Belmont Regional Park.

A designation allows GW to take a whole of catchment approach to works, operations and services provided in the regional park, specifically to ensure the ecosystems and habitats, natural character and amenity values, recreational benefits, and cultural and historic heritage sites are protected, restored and managed appropriately. GW is proud of how regional park management activities are undertaken and implemented pursuant to the reserves management plan. GW has no intention or mandate to use this designation to implement major changes or development beyond those identified within the reserves management plan.

Although many of these activities and Belmont Regional Park itself could be provided for in the District Plan via permitted activity rules and standards, the proposed overlays in the Draft District Plan are considered to be too restrictive and unduly limit the standard park management activities able to be undertaken within Belmont Regional Park. Therefore, the designation will provide efficiencies to both GW and HCC in terms of consenting and compliance for activities undertaken in accordance with the designation purpose.

Designating this public work is reasonable and necessary for achieving the objectives of GW, as the requiring authority, in managing Belmont Regional Park.

The following resource consents are needed for the proposed activity and have (or have not) been applied for:

No additional resource consents are proposed to be applied for in relation to the activities contained in this NOR.

In terms of consent requirements under the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region in relation to any ongoing operation, maintenance and development of the regional park, any development will be considered against the relevant provisions in place at the time. These are anticipated to include (as relevant): earthworks and vegetation clearance provisions, discharges to air, discharges to land and water and activities in the beds of lakes and rivers. These provisions are separate to the District Plan provisions, including designations.

The following consultation has been undertaken with parties that are likely to be affected:

There is no mandatory requirement under the RMA to consult with interested or affected parties regarding this NOR. However, GW values its partnerships with mana whenua and relationships with stakeholders relating to operational works within Belmont Regional Park.

GW participated in several pre-application hui with HCC officers regarding this NOR. Comments (from a consultant planner on behalf of HCC) on a draft NOR were received in November 2024, which have been actioned.

GW is committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its role as kaitiaki of Belmont Regional Park with mana whenua partners. GW acknowledges Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as mana whenua of this rohe. The important awa, ngahere, ara, wāhi tapu and landmarks of this rohe that hold significance to mana whenua are acknowledged. GW recognises the strong and enduring connections between tangata whenua and the land, the mauri of the water and ecosystems, and natural resources.

Both mana whenua partners received a copy of the draft NOR in October 2024, and a summary of the implications of the NOR in December 2024. GW and TROTR officers briefly discussed this in an online hui regarding another matter, and through follow up emails. Advice from the TROTR officer was that Ngāti Toa would generally support PNBST's wishes and comments on the Belmont Regional Park. On 15 January 2015, the TROTR officer confirmed that they do not anticipate any significant concerns with the NOR. TROTR are comfortable that they are informed of any proposed works undertaken under the designation to be communicated through the existing communication between GW and TROTR. While brief conversations with PNBST have been held, no formal comments or response has been received.

Due to the timing of this piece of work, a draft of this NOR has not yet (to GW's knowledge) been provided to Hutt City Council's Mana Whenua Kāhui group. GW understands that this will occur in due course.

A draft of this NOR was provided to affected landowners and major stakeholders in October 2024.

The Department of Conservation (DoC) administers Crown land parcels within Belmont Regional Park, which are managed by GW. The NOR was discussed (via phone) with Angus Hulme-Moir, Operations Manager for Kāpiti/Wellington region, and no major concerns were raised at the time. GW is awaiting a response from DoC's Statutory Land Management Team to a follow-up email.

Greater Wellington Regional Council attaches the following information required to be included in this notice by the district plan, regional plan, or any regulations made under the Resource Management Act 1991.

This NOR and the appendices as listed.

Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of person giving notice

Jack Mace
Acting Environment Group Manager
Greater Wellington Regional Council

Date: 17 January 2025

(A signature is not required if notice is given by electronic means.)

As GW is a local authority, it is a requiring authority. The contact details are provided below.

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2. Responsibility for the public work

GW is responsible for managing regional parks within the Wellington Region. Within Lower Hutt, this includes Belmont Regional Park. This park has reserve status and is managed by a reserves management plan prepared and approved under the Reserves Act, being GW's operative Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-2030 (Toitū Te Whenua)¹.

The Resource Management Act (RMA) expressly states that public reserves under the Reserves Act qualify as 'public works' (refer section 2). Belmont Regional Park subject to this NOR meets the definition of public reserve.

GW is a requiring authority pursuant to section 166 of the RMA and has overriding financial responsibility for this public work, and therefore GW has the power to issue Notices of Requirement (NOR) under section 168 of the RMA. The activities authorised by this NOR for the purposes of the RMA are also provided for, and managed by, the operative reserves management plan prepared and approved under the Reserves Act. GW intends for this NOR and the relevant reserves management plan to complement each other.

The land parcels subject to this NOR are owned by GW, HCC and the Department of Conservation (on behalf of His Majesty the King).

In 2004, under Section 17 of the Local Government Act, HCC transferred its Administering Body powers and management responsibility for HCC-owned land and Crown-owned reserve land within Belmont Regional Park to GW. This transfer of responsibility was to allow GW to manage the land for the purposes set out in the Reserves Act and demonstrates that GW has accepted financial responsibility for this public work.

Regarding Crown land parcels where the Department of Conservation is identified as the landowner, these parcels have been vested in GW as reserve land under the Reserves Act and managed by GW as part of the wider regional park network. GW effectively acts as the landowner unless the vesting is cancelled by the Crown for Treaty settlement purposes. There is no management and control appointment; this is unnecessary where GW is the vested/registered owner of the land.

3. Description of the site to which this NOR relates

3.1 Location details

In the operative District Plan, Belmont Regional Park land is zoned as an even mix of General Recreation and General Rural activity areas.

Under the draft District Plan (December 2023 version) the entirety of the land within the proposed designation boundary is zoned Natural Open Space Zone.

¹ <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/05/Parks-Network-Plan-2020-30-3.0.pdf>

3.2 Belmont Regional Park

Belmont Regional Park spans the hill country and valleys between Cannon's Creek, Porirua and the western hill suburbs of Lower Hutt city, to State Highway 58. The north and south park boundaries run roughly along the edge of the catchments of the Pāuatahanui Stream (Porirua city) and Takapu and Horokiwi Streams (Wellington city). Most of the park is located within the jurisdiction of Hutt City Council. The highest peaks within the park include Belmont at 456m and Boulder Hill at 442m.

Forested or regenerating indigenous bush clad valleys with high environmental values are present across the southeastern side of the park, including the valleys of Korokoro Stream, Belmont/Speedy's Stream and Dry Creek.

Significant features within the park include Pareraho Pā, trig points with panoramic views, a boulder field, more than 60 historic World War II munition stores (bunkers/magazines), the Old Coach Road, Woollen Mills and Korokoro water supply dams and Old Belmont Road.

The following are identified in the operative District Plan within Belmont Regional Park:

- Significant Archaeological Resource (SAR) site: R27/195 WW2 Magazines (Hill Road).
- Significant Cultural Resource (SNC) site: SNC7 Korokoro Te-Raho-o-te Kapowai (hills).
- Sites of Significance to European Culture: 25 and 26 Old Coach Road route and settler homesteads.
- Significant Natural Resource (SNR) sites: SNR1 Belmont bush, SNR2 Belmont Road and saddle bush, SNR3 Boulder Hill Bush, SNR17 Haywards shrubland, SNR18 Hill Road, SNR22 Keith George Memorial Park, SNR25 Korokoro bush, SNR26 Korokoro Stream bush, SNR47 Round Knob and Belmont Road Trig, SNR49 Speedys Reserve and SNR63 Hill Road bush.
- Historic place: Korokoro dam.

The following are identified in the draft District Plan (December 2023 version) and are expected to be carried over into the proposed District Plan, within Belmont Regional Park as heritage buildings and structures: Korokoro Stream dams and WWII Ammunition Stores.

4. Nature of the proposed public work

The proposed public work is a public reserve.

The specific activities that make up the work and are included in this NOR are summarised in the following subsections. The activities are those generally

involved in the management, operation, development, construction, maintenance, repair and upgrade of park facilities and public spaces, for recreational, conservation and restoration purposes as permitted by the governing legislation and the operative reserve management plan. These are existing activities with a functional and operational need to be located within this site.

These activities are provided for in the reserve management plan, GW's Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020-2030. This provides the strategic plan for the management and future development of the Belmont Regional Park, including specific actions and priorities. This also contains a Reserves Act permissions process for proposed activities within Belmont Regional Park (Section 8 of Toitū Te Whenua). Toitū Te Whenua does not provide specific details on how GW staff will carry out their management and operational activities; these are set out in this NOR.

The NOR covers activities within the proposed Belmont Regional Park designation boundary regardless of any individual site's inclusion within existing or proposed schedules, overlays and margins in the operative, draft or proposed District Plan.

4.1 Definitions of terms used in the proposed designation purpose

The definitions below are adopted to provide clarity about the terms used in this NOR and understand what (if any) changes or increases in effects would be covered. Unless specifically mentioned otherwise, GW has used the definitions in the National Planning Standards², including for **building, earthworks, residential activity, sign, structure** and **visitor accommodation**; and the definitions in the Resource Management Act 1991, including for **infrastructure** and **historic heritage**.

Regional park is defined by section 139 of the Local Government Act 2002 as:

- “(a) means land—*
- (i) owned by a regional council; and*
 - (ii) acquired or used principally for community, recreational, environmental, cultural, or spiritual purposes; and*
- (b) includes land within the meaning of paragraph (a) that is—*
- (i) reserve within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Reserves Act 1977; or*
 - (ii) otherwise held or administered under the Reserves Act 1977 or any earlier corresponding enactment.”*

Under the Conservation Act 1987, **conservation** means:

“the preservation and protection of natural and historic resources for the purpose of maintaining their intrinsic values, providing for their

² <https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/national-planning-standards-november-2019-updated-2022.pdf>

appreciation and recreational enjoyment by the public, and safeguarding the options of future generations”;

and **protection** means:

“in relation to a resource, means its maintenance, so far as is practicable, in its current state; but includes (a) its restoration to some former state; and (b) its augmentation, enhancement, or expansion”.

In relation to park assets (as defined below), the following definitions have been adopted:

Park assets is a collective term for the buildings, structures, support structures, tracks and roads, infrastructure, facilities, amenity areas and resources that make up the public work.

Construction means the creation, use and development of new park assets to an agreed functional and operational condition.

Maintenance and repair mean the works required to keep an existing park asset in an agreed functional and operational condition.

Upgrade means the improvement, addition, alteration, relocation, replacement or increase in dimensions, to bring an existing park asset up to current standards or to improve the functional characteristics of the park asset, provided that the effects of the activity are the same or similar in character, intensity and scale as the existing structure and activity. Excludes maintenance and repair.

For the purposes of this NOR, GW has adopted the definitions provided in the Draft District Plan (December 2023 version) for the following: **support structures, public spaces, recreational activity, restoration, and rural activity**. These may need to be updated as a result of the Proposed District Plan process.

4.2 Summary of existing park assets and public spaces

This NOR encompasses the general management, operation and development, construction, maintenance, repair and upgrade of park assets and public spaces.

Belmont Regional Park’s existing facilities include:

- multiple single-use or shared-use tracks and roads of different grades and lengths across the park, including associated structures and signage
- entrances, signage and carparks at multiple locations along the western Hutt hills
- a bookable community event facility at Stratton Street woolshed
- the ranger's office at Stratton Street
- public campground at Dry Creek and managed camping areas
- mountain biking tracks linked to the Stratton Street hub

- residential and visitor accommodation houses at Hill Road and Stratton Street
- stock grazing, woolsheds and associated farm buildings based around the Hill Road hub
- horse grazing and riding facilities at Hill Road and Stratton Street
- 60+ historic munitions stores/bunkers near the Hill Rd hub
- historic water supply dam structures
- public toilets at Dry Creek, Hill Road, Stratton Street and Oakleigh Street.

4.3 Buildings, structures and support structures

This NOR provides for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and upgrade of park assets. This includes internal and external alterations and additions, adaptive re-use, removal, demolition, reconstruction and replacement of existing park assets.

Examples of existing buildings within Belmont Regional Park include toilet blocks, information kiosks, shelters, huts, visitor hubs, houses, former farm buildings, offices, and museums.

Examples of structures in Belmont Regional Park include barriers, bridges, steps, retaining walls, board walks, vehicle crossings, notice boards, picnic tables, stiles, entrance gates, fences, play spaces, artworks, amenity furniture, and structures to house equipment.

These activities relate to the designation purpose and are provided for by the operative reserve management plan.

Regional Park buildings and structures are constructed on the basis of functional and operational needs, to reduce any impacts on the surrounding environment, and to be fit-for-purpose. As far as practicable, the scale of these is kept to the minimum necessary and is integrated into the landscape.

As discussed in the reserves management plan, the adaptive re-use and re-development of existing buildings and structures within the regional park is also covered by this NOR. These buildings and structures are generally left over from earlier (or continuing) land uses or activities within the park e.g. farming in Belmont Regional Park.

Buildings and structures that are identified in the relevant District Plan as having historic heritage values are discussed separately below.

The operative reserve management plan contains actions relating to existing and new park assets, with the proposals currently being worked through including, but not being limited to the redevelopment of a loop walk and associated interpretation signage and structures to encompass historic WWII munitions buildings at the Hill Road farm hub.

4.4 Commercial activities and temporary activities

This NOR covers commercial activities, events and temporary activities that are consistent with the purpose of the designation, located within all overlays and margins, and include any associated temporary buildings, structures and features within Belmont Regional Park, as provided for and managed by the reserves management plan.

The reserves management plan provides for the following:

- commercial and other activities with low-medium impact or are short-term.
- commercial and other activities with high impact, site sensitivity or longer term;
- non-commercial events for under 30 people;
- non-commercial events for large groups (over 30 people) and formal events (e.g. weddings);
- commercial events and filming;
- non-commercial filming/photography;
- lighting; and
- conferences and meetings in park venues.

These 'Managed' activities are identified as those having possible impacts on core park conservation, cultural and recreation values. Managed activities include formal events, more intensive use of particular places, one-off activities or activities that may present a threat to park values or possible conflict with other visitor enjoyment. Approval for managed activities is through a permit, concession agreement, short-term licence or other agreements issued by a GW park ranger or authorised officer. Activities considered to be high impact require an Assessment of Environmental Effects to be prepared and submitted in accordance with the specific requirements of the reserves management plan.

Appendix Three of the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan sets out the process for applying for approval for certain types of activities, and includes the following matrix showing the scale of potential activities –

		Potential IMPACTS on core park values				
		Low -			- High	
BENEFITS for core park values	- Low	LOW-IMPACT, LOW-BENEFIT Less relevant to park locations	Military training on-off event	Large-scale film shoot using many vehicles	Car racing event on park road	HIGH-IMPACT, LOW-BENEFIT Stock grazing licence
		Conference events	Sports fishing competition	Pop-up vehicle motor show	Night time lantern festival	Off-road motorcycle event
		Scout jamboree	Wedding	Commercial dog walking	One-off rodeo event	Plantation forestry
		Short, small scale film shoot about birds	Recreation hunting	Kiwi spotting event	Beehives	Large-scale transport museum
		School cross country run	Naturalists walk in the park	Food truck	Drone racing event	Horse grazing licence (recreation)
		HIGH-BENEFIT, LOW-IMPACT Native plant nursery, exercise classes, plein air (outdoor) painting art classes	Orienteering event	Search and rescue training with helicopter	Large-scale music event	HIGH-IMPACT, HIGH-BENEFIT Large scale, long running film shoot
	High -					

Figure 4.1: Impact of activities matrix (Appendix Three of Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan)

Other examples of activities authorised through the ‘managed activities’ process described above include:

- a food and coffee truck (approved through a low impact concession, permit conditions address waste);
- Carriage driving events at Battle Hill Forest Park (approved through a concession, permit conditions address track condition, access, event matters);
- Filming related to a small education group (approved through a small scale concession);
- Filming – large scale (approved through a full concession, which may have a large suite of conditions);
- Series of education workshops using park facilities (approved through a concession);
- Series of school holiday programme events (approved through a concession, conditions tailored to specific activities and facilities used);
- Motorsport event using access roads (concession application declined as activity was considered high impact and not suitable for park location).

GW considers the reserve management plan permissions process to be the most appropriate method of managing these activities within Belmont Regional Park. The rural activity subsection of this NOR discusses the commercial grazing licenses at Belmont Regional Park.

4.5 Earthworks

This NOR covers all earthworks activities that are consistent with the purpose of the designation, including within all scheduled sites, overlays and margins identified in the relevant District Plan.

Regarding this public work, earthworks activities are generally undertaken to maintain and repair existing park assets, for example: to re-route and maintain tracks, roads and firebreaks; for landscaping of amenity and carparking areas; to install, replace and remove structures or utilities; to clear slips and slumps; and to undertake natural hazard mitigation.

Earthworks activities may be required for the construction and development of new park assets including building platforms, firebreaks to manage fire risks, and the creation of new tracks.

Of these, firebreaks are likely to be the most visually prominent but also highly necessary to protect the public work as the park transitions from grazing to indigenous vegetation. A fire plan is being planned for Belmont Regional Park and it is anticipated that an Outline Plan will be required for the works required to implement the recommendations.

Within Belmont Regional Park, earthworks are also undertaken for rural activities/farm management purposes e.g. offal pits.

Earthworks are always undertaken on a minimum necessary basis and with the prior input from internal and/or external experts. However, due to the environments found within the regional park, earthworks may be required within areas of indigenous vegetation or areas of indigenous biological diversity, within riparian margins, on slopes exceeding 34 degrees, and in areas with significant cultural or historical values.

Identification and avoidance of known sites and areas of significance to Māori is required prior to any earthworks, and earthworks are undertaken in accordance with a general accidental discovery protocol.

Separately to this NOR, the provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region may apply to these activities.

Under the operative reserve management plan, mining, quarrying or mineral exploration activities are prohibited in Belmont Regional Park subject to this NOR and are not included in the public work.

4.6 Heritage buildings, structures and areas

This NOR covers all activities relating to heritage buildings/structures, and buildings and structures in historic heritage areas (as identified in the relevant schedules of the District Plan), that are consistent with the purpose of the designation, including within all overlays and margins.

The activities covered include the:

- a. maintenance and repair of heritage buildings/structures;
- b. internal additions and alterations of heritage buildings/structures;
- c. new buildings, structures and support structures within historic heritage areas;
- d. external alteration or additions and full or partial demolition of non-heritage buildings and structures within historic heritage areas; and
- e. external alteration or additions and full or partial demolition of heritage buildings/structures.

External alterations of or additions to heritage buildings/structures are generally only required to preserve the function of the building/structure, and to ensure public safety. Full or partial removal or demolition of a heritage building/structure would only occur due to public safety concerns. GW would usually choose to fence off an unsafe heritage building/structure and install signage to warn of the risks, rather than demolition. New buildings or structures within historic heritage areas would be developed only where necessary in accordance with the reserves management plan and therefore would be consistent with the purpose of the designation.

In the draft District Plan (December 2023 version), the Korokoro dam and the WW2 ammunition stores in Belmont Regional Park are identified as heritage buildings/structures.

Separately to this NOR, the provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 may still apply to these activities.

4.7 Infrastructure

The activities covered by this NOR are the construction, operation, repair, upgrade and maintenance of new and existing infrastructure that is consistent with the purpose of the designation, including within all overlays and margins.

This includes all infrastructure within the regional park related to the:

- structures for transport on land by cycleways, roads, walkways, or any other means (including carparks),
- telecommunication and radiocommunication networks,
- collection, generation, distribution and conveyance of electricity, gas, water and wastewater, and
- environmental monitoring equipment e.g. aerials, antennas, sensing devices (which also meet the definition of support structures in the Draft Plan).

These activities are generally addressed in the same manner as described in the building, structures and support structures subsections of this NOR. New infrastructure would be developed only where necessary in accordance with

the reserves management plan and therefore would be consistent with the purpose of the designation.

Water supply and wastewater treatment systems within Belmont Regional Park are predominantly on-site systems, which are not connected to municipal reticulated services. GW understands³ that the infrastructure provisions of the District Plan are not intended to capture any on-site water supply or wastewater systems that are ancillary to the regional park activities, and which do not have a broader network use beyond the site. Therefore, these onsite water supply and wastewater treatment systems are not relevant to this NOR.

Infrastructure related to the collection, treatment and supply of bulk drinking water within Belmont Regional Park is excluded from this NOR, namely the infrastructure related to the primary designation HCC12 for the Rahui Reservoir (Korokoro).

This designation for regional park purposes is intended as a secondary designation where it overlaps designation HCC12.

Infrastructure specifically related to the national grid where it passes through Belmont Regional Park is also excluded from the NOR (demonstrated by the national grid corridor and yards on HCC's maps).

4.8 Mana whenua values

Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika is a collective that comprises people of Te Ātiawa, Taranaki, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Tama and others including Ngāti Mutunga from several Taranaki iwi whose ancestors migrated to the Wellington Harbour area in the 1820s and 30s and who signed the Port Nicholson Block Deed of Purchase in 1839. The Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust Inc. (PNBST) was established in August 2008 to receive and manage the Treaty settlement package for Taranaki Whānui and represents the iwi for the purposes of the RMA.

Ngāti Toa Rangatira is represented by Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira (TROTR), an iwi authority for the purposes of the RMA. A Deed of Settlement between the Crown and TROTR in relation to historical Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims was signed in 2012, and in 2014 the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act came into effect. The act includes a Statutory Acknowledgement and Deed of Recognition for specific statutory areas, which doesn't cover any specific areas within the proposed designation.

Sites of significance

The operative District Plan map layers regarding sites of cultural significance is difficult to navigate and does not list many sites (as compared to the Natural Resources Plan or the New Zealand Archaeological Association's ArchSite tool). However, GW understands from experience and past consultation with mana

³ Personal communication (email) from Peter McDonald, Senior Resource Consents Planner, Hutt City Council on 28 November 2023

whenua that there are multiple sites of significance throughout the regional parks, including Belmont Regional Park.

With the designation in place, this will mean works undertaken by GW for the purpose of the designation could legally go ahead without PNBST or TROTR involvement in a resource consent process (as no resource consent is required from Hutt City Council).

GW proposes that any works in proximity (e.g. within 15 metres) to a significant site could be managed through the existing communication channels between GW and mana whenua. Alternatively, this process could be formalised by proposing a condition on the designation that any works within e.g. 15 metres proximity of an HCC mapped site of cultural significance is discussed with the relevant iwi prior to commencement of works. GW is happy to be guided on this by the representative iwi authorities.

Further, an accidental discovery protocol condition is proposed in Appendix C.

4.9 Management of contaminated land

Specifically within Belmont Regional Park, the activities covered by this NOR include the management of contaminated land surrounding the Belmont munitions storage magazines as identified on the Selected Land Use Register (SLUR) for the Wellington region. The SLUR records details of properties that have, or may have, been used for activities and industries included in the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL). The magazines are identified on the SLUR as *“contamination confirmed due to explosive or ordnance production, maintenance, dismantling, disposal, bulk storage or re-packaging”*.

This area is managed by adopting a general minimal disturbance policy; any material disturbed is either disposed of within the constraints of the contaminated area (so as to not spread it further throughout the property) or taken for disposal at an approved facility (e.g. Silverstream Landfill).

Separately to this NOR, the provisions of the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (NESCS) may apply to activities within this parcel.

4.10 Motorised activities on the surface of water bodies

This NOR covers all motorised activities on the surface of waterbodies that are consistent with the designation purposes, including motorised recreation.

Generally, motorised activities on the surface of waterbodies within the regional park may be undertaken for pest plant and animal control purposes to restore a waterbody. Examples include the Korokoro dam and river within Belmont Regional Park.

Non-motorised activities on the surface of waterbodies are managed by GW under the reserves management plan.

4.11 Motorised activities on land

The operative District Plan does not permit “*motorised activities*” in the General Recreation Activity Area but allows for park management and maintenance vehicles for all General Recreation Activity Areas, and farming operation vehicles only in the Belmont Regional Park. For the General Rural Activity Area, the operative Plan states “*No motorised recreational activity shall be permitted except for the enjoyment of those residents on the site and their visitors*”.

In the Natural Open Space Zone chapter of the draft District Plan (December 2023 version), motorised recreation is listed as an activity or development which is incompatible with the natural character and amenity values of the Natural Open Space Zone. There are no definitions provided for these activities in the operative or draft District Plans.

This NOR covers all use of motorised vehicles within the Belmont Regional Park boundaries for all purposes, including park management, access, operational reasons and recreational use (as explained below). Motorised recreation within Belmont Regional Park has previously included guided Four-wheel drive tours. The reserves management plan does not make provision for organised recreational motorcross events within Belmont Regional Park.

Separate to motorised recreation purposes, motorised vehicles are generally used for management, access and operational purposes including by: GW staff or contractors; mana whenua; the landowner (where it is not GW), adjoining landowners and their contractors or visitors; by utility companies and their contractors; for rural activities in Belmont Regional Park; licensees and leaseholders; and when linked to temporary activities managed by GW under the reserves management plan.

Specifically, regarding motorised recreation, GW manages this activity under the reserve management plan permissions process (section 8) as a concession activity with impacts managed via conditions on that concession.

4.12 Recreational activities

This NOR provides for all leisure and recreation activities, including passive and active recreation. These are provided for and managed by the reserve management plan. The popular recreational activities that GW currently supports in Belmont Regional Park include walking, running, mountain biking, cycling, horse riding, picnics, and volunteer restoration activities.

The reserves management plan provides the strategic plan for the future development of the Belmont Regional Park, including specific actions and priorities. In this NOR, the construction, use and development of new park assets to support recreational activities are detailed in the relevant subsections relating to buildings and structures, earthworks and vegetation management. Potential off-site impacts of these future activities are addressed in section 5 of this NOR.

4.13 Residential and visitor accommodation

The activities covered by this NOR are residential accommodation and visitor accommodation in existing residential buildings within the designation, and camping as provided for in the reserve management plan.

These activities are undertaken with a focus towards recreational visitors to the Belmont Regional Park, conservation and restoration activities, park management, and provision for GW staff. These activities are managed by GW under the reserves management plan.

Belmont Regional Park includes four residential houses within the Hutt City Council jurisdiction located at Hill Road and Stratton Street. With the gradual reduction in grazing, these houses will be subject to adaptive reuse. The Stratton Street house is currently used as the ranger's residence, one house is used by grazing licence staff, and the house at 300 Hill Road is to be used as bookable visitor accommodation focused toward recreational visitors to the park. In future, as the park transitions from grazing, the park assets will be re-purposed for public accommodation uses and/or use by mana whenua or community groups.

4.14 Restoration activities

General restoration and conservation activities across Belmont Regional Park include the remediation of structures that impede indigenous fish passage, pest plant control, pest animal control, and the revegetation of wetland areas and riparian margins. Mostly, restoration of native vegetation is via natural processes, however GW has also funded an active planting programme to support climate action for the formerly grazed areas of the park (see further details regarding the Recloaking Papatūānuku restoration programme on the GW website).

Restoration activities in the east portion of the Belmont Regional Park are focused on the many streams, wetlands and gullies that form the western catchment of Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River. Restoration methods for retired grazing areas range from 'passive' restoration with weed management, community-led plantings and weed management, to broad-scale plantings by contractors.

4.15 Rural and farm-related activities

GW uses grazing licenses as a land management tool at Belmont Regional Park. In 2020, GW set the direction for a refocus on recreation and restoration with the adoption of a new management plan. Grazing is defined as a high impact activity and benefits for the environment and people must now be demonstrated via an assessment of environmental impact processes for any new licence or renewal of existing ones. The associated rural and farm-related activities and infrastructure at Belmont Regional Park are also covered by this NOR.

Approx. 1,200 hectares of the hilltops around the Hill Rd farm hub are currently subject to the main grazing license, which expires in January 2026. There are additional licenses relating to recreation and community horse grazing located at Stratton Street and Hill Road.

GW is considering its options and may continue to utilise grazing as a land management tool, especially in relation to fire risk management, in combination with restoration activities. The adaptive re-use of farming-related infrastructure within Belmont Regional Park for public benefit is a direction in the reserves management plan.

4.16 Signage

Within the designation boundary, including at park entrances, the activities covered by this NOR includes the operation, construction, upgrade, alteration or replacement of any permanent or temporary signs that are consistent with the purpose of the designation, including within all overlays and margins. These include directional, information and interpretive signs with no limit to the number, size, height or area of signage.

Signage is provided for within the reserves management plan for purposes including wayfinding, orientation and to explain connections; interpretation, education and storytelling; managing events; to identify threats to public safety, cultural or natural values, or to manage natural hazards; where and when rāhui are in place; and to explain access restrictions.

4.17 Vegetation management

This NOR covers vegetation management activities that are consistent with the purpose of the designation, including within all scheduled sites, overlays and margins identified in the relevant District Plan. The activities can include trimming and partial or full removal of existing vegetation, planting new vegetation, removal of pest species, and maintaining areas for specific purposes e.g. mowing firebreaks.

The removal of indigenous vegetation is generally avoided and only undertaken when necessary and with prior advice from GW's environmental restoration advisors.

Major areas of Belmont Regional Park are identified as having significant values and are managed under GW's Key Native Ecosystem programme⁴, including the Korokoro, Speedy's and Dry Creek stream catchments within Belmont Regional Park. The KNE programme aims to protect some of the best examples of native ecosystems in the Wellington region. It achieves this by managing, reducing, or removing threats to their values by pest control, monitoring and restoration activities.

⁴ <https://www.gw.govt.nz/environment/our-natural-environment/our-unique-ecosystem-types/key-native-ecosystem-programme/>

Vegetation removal is generally for the following purposes:

- To address an imminent threat to people or property represented by deadwood, diseased or dying vegetation;
- To ensure the safe and efficient operation of any formed road or track; or
- To provide for maintenance near or alongside a park asset;
- For new recreational tracks;
- For the removal of non-native or pest plant species;
- For the reduction of wildfire risk through the removal of highly flammable vegetation near park assets and alongside firebreaks;
- For customary harvesting;
- For the maintenance of scenic view shafts identified in the reserve management plan; or
- For the management of farm woodlots, including their harvest.

5. Effects of the public work on the environment

5.1 Introduction

The activities covered in this NOR may have actual or potential effects on the environment within the regional park, which have been identified as including:

- positive effects of designating the public work;
- effects of buildings and structures;
- effects of earthworks and vegetation management activities;
- effects on heritage buildings, structures and areas;
- noise effects; and
- traffic effects

The following sections assess the potential effects of the major activities covered in this NOR.

5.2 Positive effects of designating the public work

The public work provides many positive recreational benefits, including connecting people to nature through visiting the park and enjoying walks and other activities, and providing a 'green' part to the wider city views. Access to green areas is proven to provide positive benefits to human health.

The public work provides areas of open space with important recreation, conservation, heritage, cultural and landscape values with high natural character and amenity values. They provide for a range of recreational opportunities that meet the needs of the city and region and provide for activities that are appropriate in the Belmont Regional Park.

GW is committed to the protection, preservation, restoration, enhancement and conservation of significant natural, cultural and historic heritage sites located within Belmont Regional Park. These sites are what encourages visitors to the park and provides the fundamental reasons as to why these specific areas were given reserve status and managed as parks. This NOR aims to

provide for the appropriate use, development, operation and management of Belmont Regional Park to enhance these significant resources and values.

The public work provides public and customary access to highly valued riparian margins, and to areas of high natural character within the city. Maintenance of existing, and creation of new park assets such as tracks, roads, buildings and structures is integral to GW enabling the provision of this access. These activities provide for the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of park visitors and is considered to be an appropriate use and development within the regional park setting. The commercial and temporary activities approved for operation at the park may increase visitors' enjoyment and awareness of the park facilities and may lead to increased patronage at the park over time.

Designating this public work in the City of Lower Hutt District Plan means that the activities required to operate and manage the public work can continue and evolve, providing an important facility for the residents and visitors to Lower Hutt. The designation will also protect Belmont Regional Park from inappropriate use and development.

In general, designating the public work for the purpose and activities within this NOR will have negligible adverse effects on adjoining residential activity areas due to the relatively remote location of Belmont Regional Park outside of Lower Hutt urban centres.

GW considers that the benefits and positive effects of the public work designation and activities included in this NOR far outweigh any potential adverse effects on the environment that will or may result from the activity enabled by the designation.

5.3 Effects of buildings and structures

Recreation and open space activities frequently require the development of buildings and structures. Within the regional park, these are generally designed and planned to have an external appearance that maintains the amenity values of the surrounding area e.g. by using low impact designs and muted colour palates, avoiding skyline locations and aligning the building or structure with the contour or form of the land as far as practicable. The operative reserve management plan contains policies to guide this use and development and manage these potential effects.

The activities within this NOR will not increase the risk of effects due to flooding, erosion or natural hazards to people, buildings or structures located within the designated areas. Buildings and structures within the designated areas will not create adverse flood hazard effects for other land, buildings and structures off-site.

Many structures within Belmont Regional Park are located within riparian margins due to historical management decisions. GW manages the park facilities that are more susceptible to erosion, flooding and natural hazards in a

pragmatic way. As far as practicable, the activities are undertaken with a long-term approach incorporating flood and hazard risk, climate change and sea-level rise data in the planning and assessment stages.

Depending on the location and scale, the construction and operation of new buildings may have potential adverse effects on visual amenity, natural character of riparian and coastal margins, and natural character within the coastal environment, and natural features and landscape values. To avoid, minimise or remedy any potential adverse effects, the construction and operation of new buildings must:

- be consistent with the designation purpose and in accordance with the reserves management plan;
- be fit-for-purpose and appropriate for functional and operational needs;
- avoid disturbance of known sites and areas of significance to Māori;
- avoid impacts on historic heritage buildings/structures;
- avoid causing adverse flood hazard effects for other land, buildings and structures;
- be compatible with the natural character, natural features and landscapes, and amenity values of the location;
- ensure the location, size and scale is kept to the minimum necessary and integrated as far as practicable into the landscape; and
- be planned with consideration of long-term potential impacts of climate change, sea level rise and natural hazards.

As the detail of any new buildings is unknown at this time, an Outline Plan requirement will be used to provide, on a case-by case basis, an assessment of the potential effects of each activity and additional conditions for that activity if required. Please refer to proposed condition 2, which specifies an Outline Plan is required for works, unless exempt from this requirement through condition 4. Condition 4 exempts, amongst other matters, new buildings, structures, infrastructure, support structures or signage up to 100m² in area and/or less than 10m in total height.

Further, conditions 5-8 have been proposed to ensure a construction management plan is submitted and implemented with the Outline Plan for the construction of new buildings, structures, infrastructure, support structures, or signage exceeding 100m² in area and/or 10m in total height.

Provided they are consistent with the designation purpose and in accordance with the reserves management plan, the construction of new structures, support structures, infrastructure and signage in all locations, as well as the maintenance, repair, upgrade, replacement or removal of existing buildings, structures, support structures, infrastructure and signage in all locations are considered to have negligible potential adverse effects on visual amenity, natural character, natural features and landscape values, natural hazards and on adjoining residential activity areas. These activities are included in proposed

condition 4 that will be exempt from the requirement to submit an Outline Plan.

In regards commercial activities and temporary activities, these types of activities would generally use existing buildings and structures, or have in place temporary structures such as coffee trailers and kiosks for the duration of the activity on the site. Therefore, these types of activities are considered to have a less than minor effect on the natural character and amenity of the park in respect of buildings and structures.

The provisions of the Building Act 2004 may also apply to these activities.

5.4 Effects of earthworks and vegetation management activities

The Draft District Plan (December 2023 version) identifies riparian margins adjacent to streams as having natural character values. These general themes in the draft plan are expected to be carried through to the Proposed District Plan. These areas provide public and customary access, while also providing public amenity, recreation, hazard management and ecological values within the city.

Due to the location and nature of Belmont Regional Park, much of the land would fall into these areas and many activities may have low impacts on natural character. However, due to the general scale relative to the regional park size and environments, the earthworks and vegetation management activities covered by this designation are expected to have minimal environmental effects in terms of landscape, visual and amenity effects.

Depending on location and scale, earthworks and vegetation management activities specifically related to the construction of new buildings, structures, park assets (including tracks and roads), public spaces and amenity areas may have potential adverse effects including: visual amenity; natural character of riparian margins; natural features and landscape values; slope instability and erosion; and damage and disturbance of habitats and ecosystems, including in areas of high indigenous biological diversity.

To avoid, minimise or remedy any potential adverse effects, earthworks and vegetation management activities related to the construction of new park facilities must:

- be consistent with the designation purpose and in accordance with reserves management plan;
- be undertaken with the prior advice from GW or external experts, as required;
- be fit-for-purpose and appropriate for functional and operational needs;
- avoid disturbance of known sites and areas of significance to Māori;
- avoid or mitigate slope instability, erosion and natural hazards;
- ensure size and scale is kept to the minimum necessary and integrated as far as practicable into the landscape;

- be planned with consideration of the long-term potential impacts of climate change and sea-level rise; and
- minimise the area of disturbance of indigenous vegetation.

As the detail of any earthworks and vegetation management activities related to the construction of new park facilities is unknown at this time, an Outline Plan requirement can be used to provide, on a case-by case basis, an assessment of the potential effects of each activity and additional conditions for that activity if required.

Please refer to proposed condition 4, which specifies limits below which earthworks and vegetation management activities would be exempt from the requirement to submit an Outline Plan. These limits have been based on the permitted activity standards in the draft District Plan and are considered to reasonable to ensure the potential effects are less than minor.

Further, condition 8 has been proposed to ensure an erosion and sediment control plan is submitted and implemented with the Outline Plan for earthworks and vegetation management activities beyond the limits proposed in condition 4.

Provided they are consistent with the designation purpose and in accordance with reserves management plan, earthworks and vegetation management activities required to maintain, repair, upgrade, replacement or remove existing buildings, structures, park facilities, public spaces and amenity areas, including all pest plant control activities, are assessed as having negligible potential adverse effects due to existing use. These activities are included in proposed condition 4 (below the limits specified) to be exempt from the requirement to submit an Outline Plan.

Undertaking earthworks and vegetation management within the parameters set out above will ensure the any damage to the natural environment and habitat values will be minimised (and in the case of invasive weed removal, benefited), and impacts on any features of historical or cultural importance are avoided. Earthworks and vegetation management will be undertaken using the minimum necessary principle, with the exception of pest plant control for restoration purposes. Further, all known sites of special spiritual, historical or cultural significance to Māori will be avoided as far as practicable, with a standard accidental discovery protocol implemented.

These activities are an appropriate use and development to manage the park facilities and protect the natural character and amenity values of the riparian and coastal environments, together with significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna. These activities have low impacts on the visual amenity and landscape values of the areas surrounding the park due to its rural and/or relatively remote locations.

In regard to commercial activities and temporary activities, these types of activities would not generally require earthworks and vegetation activities to be undertaken to support them. These activities generally use existing suitable locations within the park, including adjacent to parking areas or in proximity to existing buildings. Therefore, these types of activities are considered to have a less than minor effect on the natural character and amenity of the park in terms of earthworks and vegetation clearance.

The provisions of the relevant regional plan for the Wellington region may also apply to these activities.

5.5 Effects on heritage buildings, structures and areas

External alterations or additions and full or partial demolition of heritage buildings or structures may have potential adverse effects due to the damage or loss to historic heritage values, with the scale of the potential effects being dependent on the scale of the activity.

As the detail of any external alterations or additions and full or partial demolition of heritage buildings or structures is unknown at this time, an Outline Plan requirement will be used to provide, on a case-by case basis, an assessment of the potential effects of each activity and additional conditions for that activity if required.

Provided they are consistent with the designation purpose and in accordance with reserves management plan, the following activities are assessed as having negligible potential adverse effects:

- maintenance, repair and internal alterations/ additions to heritage buildings or structures;
- new buildings, structures and support structures within historic heritage areas⁵; and
- external alterations/ additions and full or partial demolition of non-heritage buildings and structures within historic heritage areas.

These activities are included in proposed condition 4 to be exempt from the requirement to submit an Outline Plan.

The provisions of the Building Act 2004 and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 may also apply to these activities.

5.6 Noise effects

In general, the public work is not expected to result in elevated noise levels or noise that may be considered of annoyance by occupiers of neighbouring properties. Further, the Belmont Regional Park environment is a large open space and any activities that are likely to generate noise are also likely to be

⁵ Note: there are no historic heritage areas currently identified within Belmont Regional Park within the Operative HCC District Plan or Draft District Plan.

located some distance from the park boundaries and therefore sensitive receivers.

The activities included in this NOR that are assessed as having negligible potential adverse effects due to noise on adjoining residential activity areas include:

- commercial activities;
- temporary activities, including events;
- motorised recreation; and
- motorised activities on the surface of waterbodies.

These activities are included in proposed condition 4 to be exempt from the requirement to submit an Outline Plan.

GW notes that motorised activities on the surface of waterbodies for the purpose set out in the NOR will have positive effects on the maintenance of indigenous biological diversity within the regional park. This is considered an appropriate use and development within the regional park setting.

Any potential noise effects from the activities listed above will be mitigated due to the relatively remote location of the Belmont Regional Park outside of Lower Hutt urban centres. GW considers the reserve management plan permissions process (Toitū Te Whenua section 8) to be the most appropriate method of managing these activities within the Belmont Regional Park.

5.7 Traffic effects

As a public work, this NOR enables GW to create, maintain, operate and manage appropriate infrastructure that supports the transport network within the Belmont Regional Park, including road signage, carparking facilities and speed control.

The potential for adverse effects or cumulative effects due to increased traffic on local roads outside of the designation boundary e.g. due to increased patronage of the regional park, is unknown and challenging to predict or assess. GW does not control or manage many of the carparking areas available for public use at or near the entrances to the regional park; these are road reserve in many cases or located on HCC-managed land. In respect of the commercial activities and temporary activities, not all of these activities would result in additional traffic movements to and from the park, as a lot of these activities are incidental to the park's operation (i.e. visitors would be visiting the park anyway, and this specific activity would not be their sole reason to visit).

Where larger-scale commercial activities and temporary activities are proposed for within the Belmont Regional Park, these would require a traffic management plan and/or limits on numbers of people present/participants in the activity as part of the assessment and approval process for concessions and permits under the operative reserve management plan. GW considers the

reserve management plan permissions process (Toitū Te Whenua section 8) to be the most appropriate method of managing these activities within the Belmont Regional Park.

With this consideration, the activities included in this NOR that are assessed as having negligible potential adverse effects due to traffic on adjoining residential activity areas include:

- residential activities;
- visitor accommodation, including camping;
- temporary activities, including events; and
- any future development of park facilities e.g. visitor centres, museums and experiences in existing buildings.

These activities are included in proposed condition 4 to be exempt from the requirement to submit an Outline Plan.

Any potential traffic effects from the activities listed above will be mitigated due to the relatively remote location of the Belmont Regional Park outside of Lower Hutt urban centres. Further, GW considers it appropriate to address the potential effects of activities undertaken under the designation relating to vehicular access, circulation and provision for carparking in the Outline Plan, where required.

The adaptive re-use and multi-utilisation of existing buildings and structures for different park facilities and purposes, in accordance with the reserves management plan, may contribute to future changes in the patronage of the Belmont Regional Park and have flow-on traffic effects. These activities are encouraged as being an appropriate use and development within the Belmont Regional Park setting and are considered to have negligible traffic effects and positive overall effects.

5.8 Conclusion

As discussed above, multiple areas within the proposed Belmont Regional Park designation are identified as having significant natural, cultural and historic heritage values.

GW considers that any adverse effects on natural character, landscape and amenity values, natural hazards, indigenous vegetation and biological diversity, and significant sites can be appropriately managed such that they are less than minor. Many adverse effects related to construction-, earthworks or vegetation management-related disturbances will be localised, temporary and of short duration. No potential effects have been assessed as having a high potential impact.

Regarding these activities that will continue to be managed by the reserve management plan, GW as the Requiring Authority will still have the overriding financial responsibility for the public work, being the reserve land. GW provides

assurance that the potential adverse effects of any activities covered in this NOR can be mitigated via the reserve management plan permissions process and designation managed in such a way that avoids, minimises and remedies adverse effects.

GW considers the activities covered in this NOR to be appropriate and are assessed as having overall less than minor adverse environmental effects. Proposed conditions for the designation are provided to support the mitigation measures and confirm this assessment.

The designation allows GW to take a whole of catchment approach to works, operations and services provided in the regional park, specifically to ensure the ecosystems and habitats, natural character and amenity values, recreational benefits, and cultural and historic heritage sites are protected, restored and managed appropriately.

Overall, the actual and potential effects of the designation are considered to be less than minor as the designation reflects the activities already undertaken at these sites.

6. Matters to consider under section 171 of the RMA

GW, subject to Part 2, has considered the effects on the environment of allowing the requirement, having particular regard to any relevant provisions of a national policy statement, a New Zealand coastal policy statement, a regional policy statement or proposed regional policy statement and a plan or proposed plan.

6.1 Part 2

Part 2 of the RMA sets out the purpose and principles of the Act. The purpose of the RMA (Section 5) is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. By designating the public work, GW enables the continued management of the use, development and protection of natural and physical resources within Belmont Regional Park, consistent with the intent of Section 5. These resources will be safeguarded in a way that enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being within the city of Lower Hutt.

6.1.1 Section 6

Section 6 matters of national importance considered to be of relevance to this NOR are:

- (a) relating to preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area), wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins, and the protection of them from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development;
- (b) the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development;

- (c) relating to the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna;
- (d) the maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes, and rivers;
- (e) the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga; and
- (f) the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.

As discussed within this NOR, GW considers the public work to be appropriate to ensure natural character, outstanding features and landscapes, significant indigenous vegetation and habitats, public access, iwi connections and historic heritage within the regional park is protected. Designating the regional park will assist in recognising and providing for these matters of national importance. The designation is consistent with Section 6 matters.

6.1.2 Section 7

Section 7 identifies a number of “other matters” to be given particular regard. Of relevance are:

- (a) kaitiakitanga
- (ab) the ethic of stewardship
- (b) the use and development of natural and physical resources
- (c) the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values
- (d) intrinsic values of ecosystems
- (f) maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment

GW considers the proposal to be consistent with these matters, in particular kaitiakitanga, and the intrinsic values of ecosystems and the quality of the environment, all of which are supported by the presence of regional park.

Ngāti Toa Rangatira has expressed their support in general for the proposed designation and recognise this as a tool for GW to manage their regional park assets. GW has not received comment from Taranaki Whānui in regard to the proposed designation, therefore their views cannot be assessed against the matters of (a) kaitiakitanga or (ab) ethic or stewardship. However, if GW receives comment from Taranaki Whānui during the District Plan review and notification process, further assessment against these provisions can be provided to HCC.

6.1.3 Section 8

Section 8 requires the principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi to be taken into account. The principles of Te Tiriti, as expressed by the Courts and the Waitangi Tribunal as embodying the spirit of Te Tiriti, are generally considered to be:

1. the concept of partnership to describe the relationship between the Crown and Māori i.e. the obligation on both parties to act reasonably, honourably, and in good faith;
2. the Crown's duty of active protection and obligation to take positive steps to ensure that Māori interests are protected; and
3. the principle of redress i.e. the Crown has a responsibility to take positive steps to remedy past Treaty breaches and grievances Treaty, arising from its duty to act reasonably and in good faith as a Treaty partner.

GW is committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its role as kaitiaki of the Belmont Regional Park with mana whenua partners. GW acknowledges Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as mana whenua of this rohe, and recognises the many connections and sites of significance to Māori within the regional park boundary.

GW values its partnerships with mana whenua relating to operational works within the Belmont Regional Park. Providing for parks and the activities undertaken within the parks through designations is not considered to raise any particular issues regarding the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

GW has not received guidance on this from Taranaki Whānui in regard to the designation. However, if GW receives comment from Taranaki Whānui during the District Plan review and notification process, further assessment against the principles of Te Tiriti can be provided to HCC. Ngāti Toa Rangatira did not comment directly on the proposed designation in regard to the principles of Te Tiriti, but confirmed that they are comfortable to be advised on any proposed works through the existing communication between GW and Ngāti Toa Rangatira.

6.1.4 Conclusion

The proposed designation, in providing for the operation and maintenance of regional park, is consistent with the sustainable management purpose in Section 5 of the RMA, providing for the well-being and health and safety of the community. Overall, the proposed designation is consistent with Part 2 of the RMA.

6.2 Relevant National Policy Statements

The **National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 (NPSIB)** is relevant to the NOR, in that its objective is to maintain indigenous biodiversity across Aotearoa New Zealand so that there is at least no overall loss in indigenous biodiversity. The application of the NPSIB is limited to terrestrial ecosystems, however provisions relating to promoting restoration and increasing indigenous vegetation cover extend to include natural inland wetlands.

The proposal to designate Belmont Regional Park will assist in ensuring consistency with this NPSIB by providing the mechanism under which GW and its mana whenua partners can recognise, protect and restore indigenous biodiversity. Managing the park in an integrated and coordinated way under the designation provides for appropriate development controls. The public work and the associated park management activities are an established activity that should be enabled as the effects of the activity (including cumulative effects) are no greater in intensity, scale, or character over time than at the commencement date; and do not result in the loss of extent, or degradation of ecological integrity. GW considers the use of this land as for regional park purposes as covered in this NOR is consistent with the NPSIB.

The **National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022 (NPSHPL)** has the objective to protect highly productive land for use in land-based primary production, both now and for future generations.

Policy 8 of the NPSHPL provides for the protection of highly productive land from inappropriate use and development. Section 3.9 sets out the situations where use and development of highly productive land that is not land-based primary production is appropriate. This includes: (e) it is for the purpose of protecting, maintaining, restoring, or enhancing indigenous biodiversity; (f) it provides for the retirement of land from land-based primary production for the purpose of improving water quality; (h) it is for an activity by a requiring authority in relation to a designation or notice of requirement under the Act; and (i) it provides for public access. GW considers the use of this land for Belmont Regional Park purposes as covered in this NOR is consistent with the NPSHPL.

The **National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM)** as amended in October 2024 sets out the objectives and policies for freshwater management based on the fundamental concept of Te Mana o te Wai that refers to the importance of water and recognises that protecting the health of freshwater protects the health and well-being of the wider environment. It protects the mauri of the wai. Te Mana o te Wai is about restoring and preserving the balance between the water, the wider environment, and the community.

The relevant NPSFM objectives and policies include: Policy 1 to give effect to Te Mana o te Wai; Policy 2 to actively involve mana whenua and provide for Māori freshwater values; Policy 3 to consider the effects of the use and development of land on a whole-of-catchment basis; Policy 9 to protect the habitats of indigenous freshwater species; and Policy 15 to provide for the social, economic, and cultural wellbeing of park visitors. GW considers this NOR to be consistent with the relevant provisions of the NPSFM.

6.3 Regional Policy Statement

The Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region (RPS) is relevant to this NOR. The RPS provides an overview of the resource management issues of

the Wellington Region and sets out the policies and methods to achieve integrated resource management of the natural and physical resources of the whole region.

Based on the operative RPS (updated December 2023), the Objectives and Policies relevant to this NOR are limited to those aimed at managing, protecting and restoring the environment, including areas with significant values identified, and providing for recreational activities. These are assumed to have been given effect to within the District Plan, and therefore a full assessment is not required against the operative RPS. In summary, noting the assessment of environmental effects above, the NOR is consistent with the relevant objectives and policies of the operative RPS.

GW notified Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 (PC1) to the RPS on 19 August 2022. GW gave public notice that it had made its decisions⁶ on submissions on PC1 on 4 October 2024.

The proposed changes were focused on implementing and supporting national direction and addressing issues of regional significance related to freshwater, urban development, climate change and indigenous biodiversity in the Wellington Region. Of relevance to this NOR, PC1 (Decisions version) contains decision-making principles to inform the management of indigenous biodiversity and a new definition for the effects management hierarchy in relation to indigenous biodiversity. It also contains new provisions for hazard risk management and climate change adaptation, the restoration and protection of the region's freshwater, appropriate use and development of land, and new provisions related to vegetation clearance. It is assumed that HCC will give effect to PC1 within the proposed District Plan.

6.4 District Plan

The operative District Plan (DP) contains objectives, policies and rules that provide for recreation activities that do not have adverse effects on adjoining residential activity areas and that are compatible with the characteristics of the land. The DP recognises Belmont Regional Park as areas of open space possessing important recreation, farming, conservation and landscape values. The DP also provides for the protection of significant natural, cultural and archaeological resources and heritage values located in Lower Hutt City and seeks for activities or developments to preserve the natural character, visual amenity values and landscape values of these resources. In summary, noting the assessment of environmental effects above, the NOR is consistent with the relevant objectives and policies of the operative DP.

This NOR has been briefly assessed against the objectives and policies in the Draft District Plan (December 2023 version). The overall themes in the Draft are expected to be carried over into the Proposed District Plan.

⁶ <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Plans-policies-by-laws/RPS/241004-Decision-Docs/Decision-version-of-Proposed-Change-1-and-Variation-1-provisions.pdf>

The areas proposed to be designated are zoned Natural Open Space (NOSZ) in the Draft District Plan. The NOSZ aims to provide for the operation and development of large parks, reserves and gardens owned and/or administered by Hutt City Council, Wellington Regional Council or the Department of Conservation.

The Draft Plan also identifies areas with overlays relating to natural character, natural features, heritage values and natural hazards, which restrict the level of development permitted within these areas. The NOSZ chapter provides for regional park related activities to an extent, although it appears the overlays further restrict the types and amount of development that occurs within the parks. This means that under the current Draft Plan rule framework, some general day to day activities may need to obtain resource consent in order to occur, and as such does not provide the certainty that GW as a Requiring Authority needs.

This NOR is generally consistent with the draft provisions of the Draft Plan. The NOSZ policies seek to provide for appropriate activities and built development designed, located and at a scale that are compatible with the purpose, natural character and amenity values of the zone. In the District-wide chapters, policies provide for the removal of vegetation within riparian margins, and in Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, for specific purposes. Policies also provide for earthworks within the overlays where they are of a scale that protects the identified values of the overlay and are undertaken in a way that avoids any significant adverse effects and avoids, remedies, or mitigates any other adverse effects on the identified values of the area. New use and development, including buildings and structures, are provided for in Natural Features and Landscapes, Natural Hazards and Natural Character chapters.

Appendix A: List of the land parcels

Map Key No.	Parcel ID	Legal description	VNZ_NO	Area (hectares)	Landowner Names
2	3761805	Part Sbdn A Sec 1 Hutt DIST		2.82	
3	4040241	Part Section 78 Hutt DIST		0.77	
4	3900644	Lot 31 DP 33346	16600 004 09	0.56	Wellington Regional Council
5	7559190	Part Section F Sec 1 Hutt DIST		0.01	
6	3825114	Section 104 Korokoro VILL	16600 028 00	7.55	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
7	3969966	Part Section 78 Hutt DIST	16600 028 00	0.11	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
8	4030238	Lot 13 DP 33346	16600 027 01	1.88	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
9	3853673	Part Section 78 Hutt DIST		0.27	
10	3788286	Lot 3 DP 66704	16600 028 00	0.21	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
11	3754227	Lot 2 DP 66704	16600 028 00	1.37	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
12	4063866	Lot 4 DP 74170	16600 087 04	0.88	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
13	3770629	Part Section 78 Hutt DIST	16600 173 09	6.82	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
14	7013465	Part Lot 3 DP 79178	16600 028 00	0.63	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
15	3776188	Lot 4 DP 68103	16600 027 01	0.01	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
16	3984765	Part Section 110 Korokoro VILL	16600 037 00	1.86	Hutt City Council
17	3968296	Section 39 Maungaraki VILL	16600 274 00	27.77	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
18	3794354	Lot 1 DP 15865	16600 170 00	1.59	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
19	3853339	Section 133 Korokoro VILL	16600 095 02	2.13	Department Of Conservation
20	3883051	Lot 1 DP 15895	16600 170 00	0.65	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
21	4009527	Lot 9 DP 87700	16600 271 17	1.54	Hutt City Council

22	3810158	Lot 1 DP 79235	16600 274 00	9.48	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
23	3964986	Part Section 3 Maungaraki VILL	16600 274 00	81.02	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
24	3969885	Section 29 Maungaraki VILL	16600 274 00	15.92	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
25	4022863	Section 6 Maungaraki VILL		22.15	
26	4043895	Section 5 Maungaraki VILL	16600 274 00	33.60	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
27	3867784	Section 4 Maungaraki VILL	16600 274 00	34.63	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
28	3944270	Section 7 Maungaraki VILL	16600 274 00	49.02	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
29	3938228	Part Section 8A Maungaraki VILL	16600 275 00	19.20	Conservation Department
30	3798020	Part Maungaraki 8A Block	16600 275 00	4.64	Conservation Department
31	3968806	Maungaraki 8B Block	16600 274 00	21.58	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
32	3896763	Lot 4 DP 41842	16600 274 00	2.30	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
33	4036958	Part Section 41 Normandale SETT	16151 125 00A	134.76	Wellington Regional Council
34	3896783	Lot 3 DP 43120	16103 411 00	0.01	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
35	3895777	Section 40 Normandale SETT	16151 125 00	157.69	Wellington Regional Council
36	6891204	Section 3 SO 368657	15601 005 02	772.01	Wellington Regional Council
37	3791074	Lot 30 DP 51125	16600 313 00	16.19	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
38	4017166	Lot 30 DP 53592	16600 313 00	9.76	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
39	3785792	Section 10 SO 36637	16151 121 00	1.11	Wellington Regional Council
40	3806710	Section 9 SO 36637	16151 121 00	0.45	Wellington Regional Council
41	3945650	Section 7 SO 36637	16151 121 00	4.73	Wellington Regional Council
42	4054123	Part Section 328 Hutt DIST		0.06	
43	3929936	Part Lot 2 DP 14817	16151 093 00	0.53	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
44	4004859	Section 6 SO 36636	16151 121 00	2.86	Wellington Regional Council
45	4039790	Part Section 328 Hutt DIST		0.34	
46	3938497	Lot 22 DP 53605	16151 154 00	20.57	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties

47	3783291	Part Lot 2 DP 14817	16151 093 00	2.02	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
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50	7737156	Section 3 SO 484502	16151 121 00	87.98	Wellington Regional Council
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56	7737154	Section 1 SO 484502	16151 121 00	28.07	Wellington Regional Council
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58	3769296	Part Section 677 Hutt DIST	16151 093 00	4.19	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
59	3966990	Section 2 SO 36635	16151 121 00	115.67	Wellington Regional Council
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62	3988016	Section 325 Hutt DIST	16151 093 00	25.81	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
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65	3874823	Part Section 342 Hutt DIST	16151 095 00	8.26	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
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78	6707137	Lot 3 DP 336385	16151 089 00	0.39	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
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83	7167480	Part Section 183 Hutt DIST		0.43	
84	3787721	Part Section 425 Hutt DIST		0.13	
85	3875663	Part Section 183 Hutt DIST	16151 089 00	3.23	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
86	3875018	Part Section 51 Hutt DIST		0.37	
87	3837931	Lot 53 DP 23934	16106 584 00	1.30	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
88	3848343	Part Lot 1 DP 22417		0.38	
89	3806182	Part Section 425 Hutt DIST		0.29	
90	3862638	Part Section 183 Hutt DIST		0.24	
91	3757739	Lot 52 DP 23934	16106 584 00	0.78	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
92	3987870	Part Section 51 Hutt DIST		1.91	
93	3984857	Part Section 428 Hutt DIST	16151 093 00	2.72	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
94	3907535	Section 1 SO 18087		0.02	

96	4013128	Part Section 425 Hutt DIST		4.64	
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99	4021568	Lot 1 DP 42107	16111 579 00	0.61	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
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113	6605645	Lot 38 DP 316810	16151 057 18	0.18	Hutt City Council
114	6578638	Lot 37 DP 89316	16151 057 12	0.48	Hutt City Council
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117	3806667	Section 256 Hutt DIST	16151 030 00	25.74	Wellington Regional Council
118	3910130	Part Section 259 Hutt DIST	16151 030 00	0.22	Wellington Regional Council
119	3886053	Part Section 260 Hutt DIST	16151 030 00	0.03	Wellington Regional Council
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132	3836284	Part Section 200A Hutt DIST	16151 030 00	48.03	Wellington Regional Council
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143	3769159	Part Section 198 Hutt DIST	16151 030 00	19.99	Wellington Regional Council
144	3756481	Part Section 14 Block IV Belmont SD	16151 030 00	37.72	Wellington Regional Council
145	3881757	Part Section 197 Hutt DIST	16151 030 00	20.51	Wellington Regional Council
147	3958026	Part Section 197 Hutt DIST	16151 031 00	0.05	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties
148	6707138	Lot 4 DP 336385	16151 089 00	0.71	Hutt City Council - Rateable Properties

Appendix B: Location map

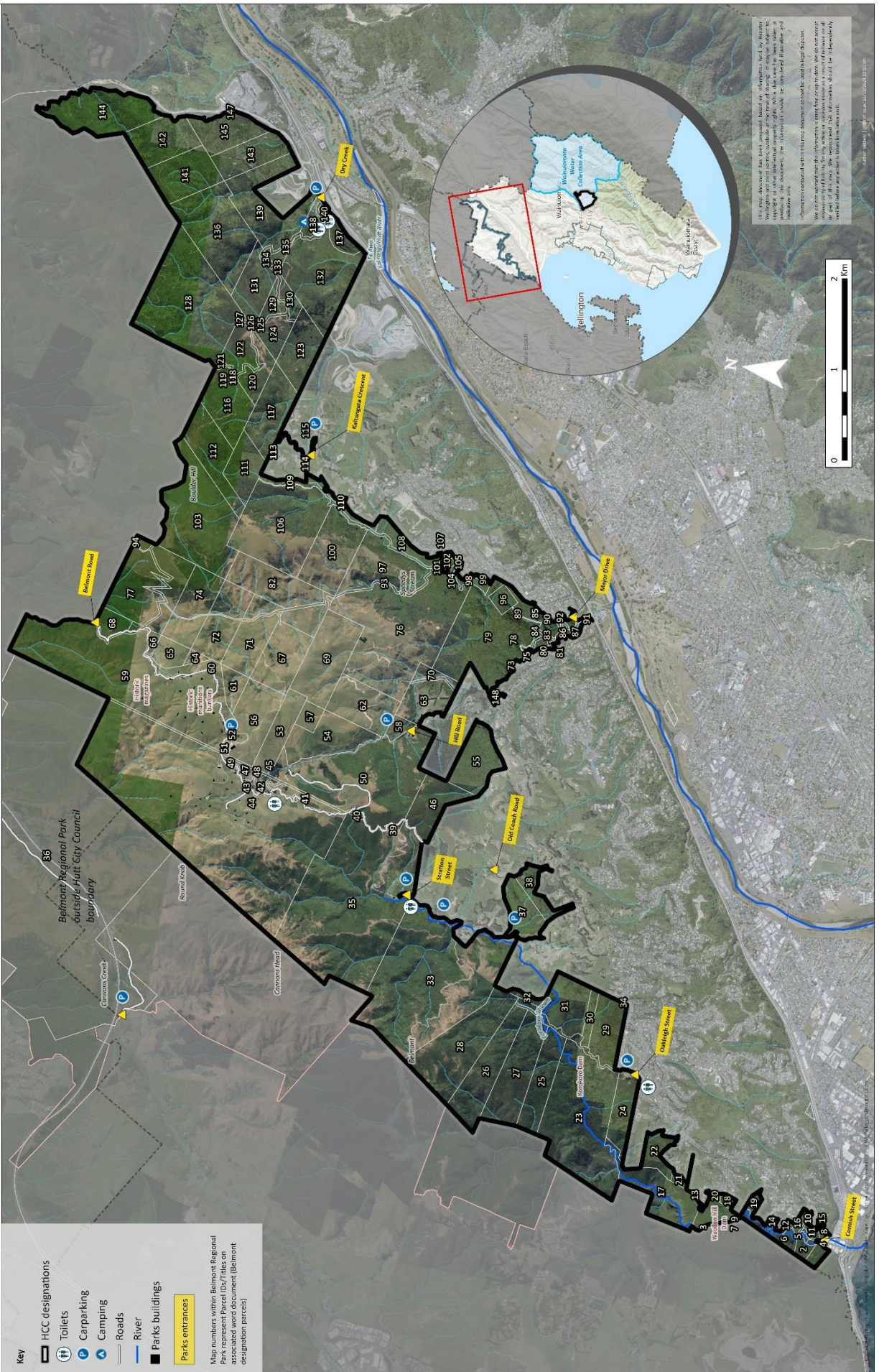
Belmont Regional Park Proposed designations for HCC District Plan



Key

- HCC designations
- Toilets
- Carparking
- Camping
- Roads
- River
- Parks buildings
- Parks entrances

Map numbers within Belmont Regional Park are shown in yellow boxes on the associated word document (Belmont designation parcels)



This map shows the location of the proposed HCC designations for the Belmont Regional Park. The map is based on aerial photography and is not to scale. The map is intended to provide a general overview of the park and its location. It is not intended to be used as a legal document. The map is subject to change without notice. The map is provided for information only. The map is not intended to be used as a legal document. The map is provided for information only. The map is not intended to be used as a legal document. The map is provided for information only.

Appendix C: Proposed conditions on designation

Belmont Regional Park

Definitions used in these conditions:

Building, earthworks, residential activity, sign, structure and visitor accommodation as defined in the National Planning Standards.

Historic heritage and infrastructure as defined in the Resource Management Act.

Construction means the creation, use and development of new park assets to an agreed functional and operational condition.

Maintenance and repair mean the works required to keep an existing park asset in an agreed functional and operational condition.

Park assets is a collective term for the buildings, structures, support structures, tracks and roads, infrastructure, facilities, amenity areas and resources that make up the public work.

Upgrade means the improvement, addition, alteration, relocation, replacement or increase in dimensions, to bring an existing park asset up to current standards or to improve the functional characteristics of the park asset, provided that the effects of the activity are the same or similar in character, intensity and scale as the existing structure and activity. Excludes maintenance and repair.

General conditions

1. Any works are to be consistent with the purpose of the designation and be undertaken in accordance with the operative reserves management plan.
2. Before any works are undertaken, an Outline Plan(s) shall be submitted in terms of Section 176A of the Resource Management Act 1991 to Hutt City Council, unless the works are exempt under Condition 4 from requiring an Outline Plan.
3. The Outline Plan(s) shall include those matters required by Section 176A of the Act. All work shall be undertaken in accordance with the Outline Plan(s).
4. The following works will be exempt from an Outline Plan pursuant to section 176A(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991:
 - a. the construction of new buildings, structures, support structures, infrastructure and signage up to 100m² in area and/or 10m in total height;
 - b. the maintenance, repair and upgrade of existing buildings, structures, support structures, infrastructure and signage;
 - c. all earthworks and vegetation management activities required to maintain and repair existing park assets;
 - d. earthworks required to upgrade existing park assets and/or construct new park assets:
 - up to 1,000m² in area per site per 12 month period;

- up to 2m cut/fill height;
 - on land with an existing slope angle of 34 degrees or less, where the 34 degree slope angle is sustained over a distance of at least 3m, measured horizontally – noting that earthworks associated with the repair, maintenance or upgrading of existing buildings or structures used to retain or stabilise earthworks are exempt from this;
- e. vegetation management activities and indigenous vegetation removal required to upgrade existing park assets and/or construct new park assets of up to 200m² in total area per 12 month continuous period per site;
 - f. the maintenance, repair and internal alterations/ additions to heritage buildings or structures;
 - g. new buildings, structures and support structures within historic heritage areas; and
 - h. external alterations/ additions and full or partial demolition of non-heritage buildings and structures within historic heritage areas;
 - i. commercial activities and temporary activities, including events, managed under the operative reserves management plan;
 - j. motorised activities on land and on the surface of waterbodies managed under the operative reserves management plan;
 - k. all rural activities within Belmont Regional Park;
 - l. residential activities within existing houses;
 - m. visitor accommodation within existing houses and camping activities managed under the operative reserves management plan; and
 - n. adaptive re-use and future development of new park facilities within existing buildings.

Note: This condition does not prevent the use of the land for the designated purpose.

Construction Management Plans

5. Prior to construction of new buildings, structures, infrastructure, support structures, or signage exceeding 100m² in area or 10m in total height, the requiring authority shall provide to the Hutt City Council a Construction Management Plan (CMP). The CMP shall include:
 - a. the proposed timeline of the works
 - b. a detailed design and construction methodology of how the works will be undertaken
 - c. Identification of the experienced person(s) intended to manage the environmental issues on site and identification of a representative to be the primary contact person in regard to matters relating to the works within the site.

- d. the 24-hour contact phone number(s) of the primary contact person to whom complaints and concerns about any of the works within the site are to be referred
 - e. Methods and measures to ensure that appropriately manage dust, rubbish and other materials potentially able to cause damage to the properties adjoining the site.
 - f. Construction activities shall comply with the provisions of NZS 6803:1999 Acoustics – Construction noise. If the provisions of NZS 6803:1999 cannot be met, then the requiring authority shall provide to the Hutt City Council a Noise Management Plan prepared by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant. The plan shall identify all potential sources of noise and include information on how the best practicable option will be adopted for keeping noise to a reasonable level. No work shall commence on site until the Manager has certified in writing that the Noise Management Plan is accepted. All construction works shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved Noise Management Plan.
 - g. Prior to the commencement of construction, the requiring authority shall submit a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to the Hutt City Council for the approval of the relevant Manager, Hutt City Council. The plan shall outline traffic and transportation requirements relating to the proposed works, and describe the management measures and methods which are proposed, together with any mitigation actions which might be required.
6. No construction works are to be undertaken until the relevant Manager, Hutt City Council, has certified the CMP in writing. No amendment shall be made to any approved CMP without the written approval of the Manager.
7. All construction activities are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved CMP.
8. Prior to undertaking earthworks in excess of those provided for by condition 4, the requiring authority shall provide to the Hutt City Council an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP), prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person. The ESCP shall:
- a. be prepared in general accordance with the Erosion and Sediment Control Guide for Land Disturbing Activities in the Wellington Region (GWRC, 2021);
 - b. include the following information as appropriate to the scale, location and type of earthworks being undertaken:
 - i. Drawings showing location and quantities of earthworks, contour information, catchment boundaries, and the proposed ESCP measures;
 - ii. A programme for managing exposed areas, including progressive stabilisation considerations and where areas of intermediate cover are used;
 - iii. Supporting calculations for the sizing of erosion and sediment controls;
 - iv. Details of construction methods to be employed, including timing and duration;

- v. Inspections, maintenance and record-keeping requirements for all erosion and sediment controls.
9. In the event of an accidental discovery or disturbance of archaeological matter, waahi tapu, taonga or koiwi (human remains) during the activities authorised under this designation, works in the immediate area or location where the material, artefacts or human remains have been discovered must immediately cease and, within 24 hours, the following parties must be informed:
 - a. Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (on behalf of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika);
 - b. Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira (on behalf of Ngāti Toa Rangatira);
 - c. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga;
 - d. New Zealand Police; and
 - e. Hutt City Council.

Further work at the site must be suspended until the appropriate procedures have been completed. Works in the site area shall not recommence until authorised by the relevant person who will consult with mana whenua, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga staff, the NZ Police (and any other authority with statutory responsibility) to ensure that all statutory and cultural requirements have been met.

Advice Notes:

- Archaeological matter includes any of, but not exclusive to: shells, animal bones (not associated with farming), human bone, dark or burnt soils and charcoal, fire-cracked rocks, artifacts (stone, bone, shell, glass, ceramic, wood), earthworks (terracing, storage pits, trenching), buried structures.
- If human remains are found, the Police should be contacted immediately. All works must cease until advice is given that works can recommence.