Appendix 6: Achievements of the 1995 Town Belt Management Plan

The Town Belt Management Plan 1995 provided strategic direction for the future management and development of the Town Belt. In particular:

1. There has been significant recovery of original sections of Town Belt, including Telecom land at Te Ahumairangi Hill (23.33ha), and the Chest Hospital (3.21ha). Equally, there has been no further loss of Town Belt land held by Council, and encroachments on the Town Belt have been more effectively identified and monitored. Some major encroachments have been resolved, such as the Presbyterian Support Services easement in Berhampore. The Crown has not sold off any original Town Belt land since 1995.


3. Increased recreational use of the Town Belt has been possible with the following developments:

   **Major improvements to visitor and sporting facilities include:**
   - Mt Victoria lookout
   - Te Ahumairangi Hill (Tinakori Hill) landscape plan including the lookout at the southern end
   - Central Park redevelopment
   - Newtown Park
   - Rugby League Park redevelopment including the Te Whaea artificial turf
   - National Hockey Stadium parking
   - Development of two artificial sportsfields at Wakefield Park
   - New skatepark at Island Bay.

   **Improved access and events for recreational enjoyment include:**
   - City to Sea walkway
   - Mt Victoria track upgrades and mountain bike circuit
   - International mountain bike championships
   - World running championships.

4. Some surplus buildings have been removed from the Town Belt and the land has been returned to open space.

5. There has been interpretation and protection of some of the historic features, including restoring the Grant Road fountain and the entrance of Central Park, installing a plaque at Stellin Memorial, and providing information at the Mt Victoria and Te Ahumairangi Hill lookouts.

6. The managed vegetation on the Town Belt has flourished, largely as a result of protection by the Council, weed and possum-control programmes and the great work of volunteer groups involved in revegetation and restoration projects. There are now 13 volunteer groups working on the Town Belt.
• A possum-control programme covers the entire Town Belt.
• A weed-control programme for the Town Belt targets, in particular, old man’s beard, banana passionfruit and climbing asparagus.
• Revegetation of 27ha with native ecosourced plants.

7. The managed vegetation on the Town Belt has been gradually changing from pine trees to native forest. Over 26ha of exotic trees (mainly pines) have been removed and areas replanted with native species in accordance with the Town Belt Management Plan.

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