

b. Corner of Washington Avenue and Brooklyn Road (please circle)				
Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
Why?				
c. Corner of Nairn Street and Brooklyn Road (please circle)				
Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
Why?				
d. Connaught Terrace land (please circle)				
Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
Why?				
e. Liardet Street (please circle)				
Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
Why?				
f. Mount Albert Road/Volga Street (please circle)				
Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
Why?				
g. Mount Victoria lookout (please circle)				
Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
Why?				

4. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MAJOR CHANGES YOU THINK SHOULD BE INCLUDED?

The Reserve Act should be retained.
 The wide Making Powers awarded to the council as the term 'wide range of Recreation' will inevitably see more town Belt appropriate.

5. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU FEEL HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THE BILL?

'Wide range of Recreation' - is open to wide interpretation
 A casino, Lap dancing, a movie theatre?

6. YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Current legislation has failed in
 some instances to protect Town Belt
 even when legal opinion obtained
 by Council has said TB land
 should not be built on
 Current proposed legislation will
 provide ~~to~~ ^{little} protection

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Further information

Please visit our website Wellington.govt.nz for more information on the recreation activities on the Town Belt and what environmental projects are under way, including details on environmental community groups. The website and libraries also have copies of Council strategies and policies.

Thank you for your submission

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 BY 5PM ON MONDAY 19 MAY 2014**

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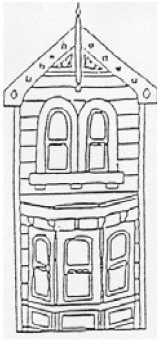
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Draft Wellington Town Belt Bill Submission

Introduction

The Newtown Residents' Association is the Incorporated Society representing the suburbs of Newtown, Berhampore, Mt Cook and parts of Melrose. We are an active local group of residents and businesspeople, concerned with maintaining and improving our suburb's liveability, connectedness and sustainability. For 100 years our organisation has worked actively to make our community a thriving, diverse, great place to live. We care passionately about the design, function and ecology of our urban and natural environment. The Association has a long history of contributing to Town Belt policy and Town Belt Management Plans.

The Newtown Residents' Association applauds the WCC and its officers for finally getting the draft bill out for consultation and hopefully shortly into the legislative agenda.

Submission

The Newtown Residents' Association supports the overall concepts of:

- Updating the legislative framework into a modern and living document.
- Providing key principles that act to provide clear guidance.
- Providing flexibility through 10 yearly management plans to cater for the changing expectations of the citizens of Wellington over time.

Our Residents' Association considers the Wellington Town Belt is an important heritage element that should be listed as such in the Bill as well as the District Plan to give it added protection.

Comments

The Newtown Residents' Association (NRA) does however wish to make the following comments and suggestions:

1. The NRA acknowledges that the council is the trustee on behalf of the citizens of Wellington, as long as the citizens of Wellington have regular access to consult and contribute to the on-going guardianship and development of the Town Belt through regular review of the Wellington Town Belt (WTB) Management Plan (Clause 20)
2. The NRA supports the principle of an Act to enable the Wellington City Council (Council) to manage the area but then with restrictions on what it can do The Bill confirms flexibility for the Council through formal public local processes rather than central/national legislative processes.
 - a. Local processes reviewing of the WTB Management Plan will enable changes to be made as circumstances change over time.
 - b. Terms such as license and easement etc are legally defined terms. We support that the interpretation of them overtime will be through review of the WTB Management Plan.
 - c. No one can see enough into the future to define exactly what terms will be needed (as part of the Bill) but the Bill should include clarification that these will be managed through the regularly reviewed WTB Management Plan (future proofed as needed). See Point 1.
3. The NRA supports the strong protection of the current “historic” Town Belt area under the original deed and supports where practical the addition of land to be managed as part of the Wellington Town Belt. [Our members are also supportive of how the Bill might allow the linking Outer Green Belt spaces and bird corridor to in future also enjoy Wellington Town Belt status.]
4. The NRA notes the restriction around space and lease terms for sporting codes with premises on the Town Belt. We support this principle, and the underlying principle of the codes to share space and resources to make effective use of this space. This would encourage the flexibility to be left to the local processes of the 10 yearly Town Belt Management plan and not through the national legal framework. Again, we fully support Clause 20 of the Bill
5. The NRA acknowledges and fully supports the requirement that Wellington Town Belt land cannot be lost unless acquired under the Public Works Act. If this occurs then WCC should negotiate replacement with suitable land, sometimes more than equivalent to what is lost under the footprint of the acquired land. This strategy needs to include a premium value approach – getting the best outcome for the Town Belt as compensation if this might occur. We support a change to this section to be that any outcome considerably improves the Town Belt.

6. The NRA supports the concept that commuter cycle and walk ways may be considered as an acceptable and appropriate activity within the Wellington Town Belt. Many of Wellington's streets are just not wide enough for safe travel for all. Cycling through the town belt as a commuting activity is in fact a circuitous journey, a recreational activity combined with travel. This is worth acknowledging in the Bill. The Town Belt Management Plan should identify all the recreational amenities that can be reached by a connected recreational cycling network. Just as vehicle access is paved for convenience safety and durability so too should some Town Belt cycleways be. Cycling through the town belt is already an accepted occurrence and the Bill and Plan need to accommodate this.
7. The NRA notes that some historic access issues have been resolved by taking land out of the Town Belt, (Liardet, Mt Albert, Weld, Brooklyn and Nairn) which seems a sensible approach to these long standing issues, however the NRA feels a similar mechanism for other long standing access issues will be carried forward under the new Bill.

Newtown Residents' Association has submitted before that the limited vehicle access to the Carmichael Reservoir above the south end of Coromandel Street has long been supported by the Association and as nothing has changed in regard to the issues, particularly parking for local Newtown residents in this area, we continue to advocate for this access to be accommodated under the new Bill.

Newtown Residents' Association does not wish this to be treated as an encroachment as that means the access will eventually cease.

Newtown Residents' Association asks that the route be listed as road reserve, but with limited local (swipe card / txt code) access. Limited controlled access provides a desirable gravel road, with a slow moving traffic that makes a pleasurable unique Town Belt experience. This rural back-road atmosphere is part of our community's historic fabric and very significantly provides a degree of supervision and safety for users of this area of the Town Belt.

The residents here provide significant Kaitiaki over this area. Local residents and our Association members really appreciate that this area is clearly cared for by the immediate local residents. With the moveable barrier control locals vehicular use of the utility access is well managed.

The NRA is also very supportive of measures to improve public transport and cycling commuting into the city. A constant theme for this intensification is that space is needed for parking at home while travelling by public transport, cycling or walking. This edge of the Town Belt by the reservoir is performing a valuable environmental function hosting cars that stay home.

Similarly we are also concerned that some residents in Volga Street who have been parking on what was road reserve now lose this ability if this land passes into Town Belt. This would be a significant and no doubt unexpected change for the owners of these properties.

- 8. Whilst many including Councillors and Officers may feel the time taken to get to a new Bill has been long, we do not support clause 24 (2) of the proposed Town Belt Bill.

“24 Transitional provisions

(2) As soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, the Council may, without complying with section 20(6), make changes to the Wellington Town Belt Management Plan (June 2013) that are consequential on the commencement of this Act.”

The NRA is not comfortable supporting this, as the final outcome of the Bill is unknown and nor is the possible interpretation by Council Officers and Councillors known at this stage.

We would like to see a consultation process for any changes to the Wellington Town Belt Management Plan retained whenever changes are to be made to it, including any changes now during the transitional process.

The NRA also expects the final version of the Bill will be circulated to submitters.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Newtown community, and on behalf of past citizens and future citizens of Wellington, the Newtown Residents' Association thanks you for helping us to look after this important part of our city. With our suggestions and refinements included we are supportive of this Bill going to parliament.

The Newtown Residents' Association would like to be heard in support of this succinct submission. Please do not hesitate to contact me at martin.hanley@vuw.ac.nz, or on 389 7316 if you would like our Association to provide more detail on this important Wellington issue.

Yours sincerely



Martin Hanley
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 Newtown Residents' Association

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT WELLINGTON TOWN BELT BILL

You can comment on the Bill by completing this submission form or writing down your comments and sending them to the Council by:

- **Going online:** Wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say
- **Email:** townbelt@wcc.govt.nz
- **Post:** FREEPOST, Wellington Town Belt Bill, Parks and Gardens (REPL01), Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington 6140
- **Fax:** 801 3155

You can also attend a public meeting at St Johns in the City Conference Centre on the corner of Willis and Dixon streets between 5.30pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 May. Comments are due by 5pm on Monday 19 May 2014.

What happens next

1. Comments on the Bill will be considered.
2. Oral hearings will be held on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 May (reserve day if required) for submitters.
3. The Council will take submissions into account and approve a final version of the Bill.
4. A local Member of Parliament will sponsor the final version as a local bill through the Parliamentary process. There is likely to be the opportunity for further public comment at the Select Committee stage.

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If yes, provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged. Email me.		

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1. OVERALL, DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE GENERAL DIRECTION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BILL?				
(please circle)				
Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
Why?				