

Individual Submission on Draft Town Belt Management Plan

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Purpose of TBMP (s1.3)

Section 1.3 states:

“The purpose of the Wellington Town Belt Management Plan is to provide the Wellington City Council with a clear framework for making decisions and managing the Town Belt for the next ten years”.

This looks forward not backward: what is the relevance of the history and culture sections?

“History is Bunk, debunk and rebunk”

- Keep an open mind
- Use common sense and judgment

Questionable “facts”

- “The Town Belt was wrongly taken from Maori” (cf Error in Waitangi Report Ch 6)
- “Tinakori” is not a maori name (cf map p208 dated July 1840)

Partnership with Mana Whenua

“the Council will work in partnership with the wider community including mana whenua”

And Local History Associations?

More Research

- Waitangi Tribunal finding on Town Belt (Ch 6)
- Origin of name “Tinakori” (map p208)
- Occurrence of the couplet “Te Ahumairangi” prior to 1980
- Translation of the European idea of a Town Belt into Maori culture and history

Recommendation

Policies not History in TBMP

Encourage informed discussion of our history to avoid controversy.

Thank you

