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MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BELMONT RESERVE

The proposal is to enter into a formal agreement with the Greater Wellington Regional Council for them to manage Council land adjacent to Belmont regional Park

Belmont Reserve is a 105 hectare area of land adjacent to the Belmont Regional Park and accessed off Horokiwi Road. The map below shows the Wellington City Council (WCC) reserve land in relation to the Belmont Regional Park area.

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) currently manage Belmont Reserve and include the land in their Parks Network Plan (a combined management plan for all of their parks and reserves) as part of Belmont Regional Park. The regional park is managed to protect landscape, ecology and heritage values and provide for outdoor recreation. The Parks Network Plan includes a policy that states:

To adopt a management agreement for the ongoing management of land purchased by adjoining territorial authorities to be included as part of Belmont Regional Park

There is a policy in the WCC Northern Reserves Management Plan (2008) around future management of the reserve (legally described as Pt Sec 14-16 & 20 Horokiwi Road District) that states:

8.6.2.1 Investigate future management options in consultation with Greater Wellington Regional Council for the 105ha bush area off Horokiwi Road, recognising that this land is adjacent to Belmont Regional Park.

A draft agreement has been prepared outlining the responsibilities of each party and to enable GWRC to continue to manage the land as part of the Belmont Regional Park. To do this, Wellington City Council must transfer its powers and responsibility for management to Greater Wellington Regional Council. There is provision for this type of agreement under Section 17 of

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the Local Government Act 2002.

As Council remains the land owner, there are some responsibilities that cannot be transferred. This includes the approval for placement of utilities structures and the grant of easements. The remaining conditions in the agreement clarify when GWRC will be required to consult with WCC in their decision making (and vice versa) and the scope of the GWRC maintenance responsibilities.

Both the GWRC and WCC reserve management plans provide consistent management objectives for the land and were developed in consultation between the councils and with the public. The proposed management agreement will formalise the existing situation rather than result in new or unexpected management practices. The values of the reserve will remain appropriately managed. There will be no long term financial implications to entering into the agreement.

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