

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.

ENTER YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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* Mandatory fields

I am making a submission

As an individual On behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation FRIENDS OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN BELT (THE FRIENDS)

I would like to make an oral submission to the Environment Committee on Tuesday 27 May.

Yes No

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

970-7496

Privacy statement Please be aware that all submissions (including name and contact details) are published and made available to elected members and the public. Personal information will also be used for the administration of the consultation process. All information collected will be held by Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington. Submitters have the right to access and correct personal information.

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? THE FRIENDS HAVE ADVOCATED FOR MANY YEARS THAT SPECIAL LEGISLATION IS NEEDED TO

(i) REINFORCE THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE (ii) PROTECT, MANAGE AND ENHANCE THE TOWN BELT (iii) LIST THE LANDS THAT HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL (AND OTHER ADJACENT AND APPROPRIATE LANDS) TO GIVE THEM TOWN BELT STATUS (iv) PROVIDE A MECHANISM TO ADD APPROPRIATE LANDS IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FURTHER LEGISLATION, AND (v) PREVENT FURTHER LOSS OF TOWN BELT LANDS IN THE FUTURE.

2. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS?

a. Land included as Town Belt and the statutory principles (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
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Why? *THE TOWN BELT HAS SINCE 1940 BEEN SET ASIDE AS FREELY AVAILABLE OPEN SPACE FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY. THE PAST 20 YEARS HAS SEEN THE COUNCIL SUPPORTED BY WELLINGTONIAN SUCCESS IN RECLAIMING LAND AREAS PREVIOUSLY LOST FROM THE TOWN BELT. THE PRINCIPLES IN SECTION 10 OF THE BILL MUST ALL BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER*

b. Removing the Town Belt from the provisions of the Reserves Act (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
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Why? *ALL RELEVANT PROVISIONS FROM THE RESERVES ACT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE TOWN BELT ACT AND PUBLIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT AND/OR LEGAL APPEAL ARE AVAILABLE*

c. Powers in respect of the Town Belt such as leasing, rights of way and easements (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
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Why?

d. Adding to and removing land from the Town Belt (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
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Why? *ADDITIONS ARE STRONGLY SUPPORTED. ALL PROPOSED REMOVALS MUST FIRST BE CONFIRMED AS INDEED APPROPRIATE (EG, WELD STREET).*

e. Management of the Town Belt including the provision for a management plan (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
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Why? *MANAGEMENT WILL BE AN ONGOING PROCESS AND THEREFORE WILL BE A NEED TO CONSTANTLY MONITOR ACTIVITY IN THE LIGHT OF PRESSURES FROM FASHIONABLE AND COMMERCIALISATION DEMANDS STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR THE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A SENIOR PERSON AS CURATOR FOR THE TOWN BELT TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND PRIME LIAISON POINT*

f. Giving the Chest hospital and Wellington Zoo special status (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
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Why?

3. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE RATIONALISATION OF LAND INTO AND OUT OF TOWN BELT IN THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS?

a. Upper Weld Street (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Support	Strongly support
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Why? *THE FRIENDS BELIEVE THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF WELD STREET REQUIRES SURVEYING BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION IS MADE ON EXCLUSION FROM THE TOWN BELT*

b. Corner of Washington Avenue and Brooklyn Road (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	<u>Support</u>	Strongly support
Why?				

c. Corner of Nairn Street and Brooklyn Road (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	<u>Support</u>	Strongly support
Why?				

d. Connaught Terrace land (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	<u>Neither support nor oppose</u>	Support	Strongly support
Why?				

e. Liardet Street (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	<u>Neither support nor oppose</u>	Support	Strongly support
Why?				

f. Mount Albert Road/Volga Street (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	<u>Neither support nor oppose</u>	Support	Strongly support
Why?				

g. Mount Victoria lookout (please circle)

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neither support nor oppose	<u>Support</u>	Strongly support
Why?				

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

THE SPIRIT OF THE ORIGINAL GIFT OF THE LAND SHOULD IN NO WAY BE BRANN IN TO QUESTION i.e. THE TRUST IN PERPETUITY ARE THE MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND CITIZENS, THAT MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN NOR FRUSTRATED. THE NEW ACT MUST ENSURE THE CITIZENS HAVE A POSITIVE ROLE IN THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TOWN BELT

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

THE ACT NEEDS TO ENSURE ITS WORDING PROVIDES CLARITY IN TERMINOLOGY TO AVOID CONFUSION IN LANGUAGE IS ELIMINATED FOR THE FUTURE.
 THE PHRASE "FOR BASE OF REFERENCE" IN THE DEFINITION OF TOWN BELT IN SECTION 4 OF THE DRAFT BILL SHOULD BE REMOVED.