



Statement of Proposal

Review of Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan 2010

Introduction

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is commencing a review of the Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan 2010 (the Plan).

This Statement of Proposal provides background information on the Plan, explains why it is being reviewed, outlines the proposed review process, and describes how members of the public can provide feedback.

Management plans provide a framework for the management, administration, use, protection, and development of reserve land. They help ensure that decisions about public reserves are consistent with the values of each reserve while balancing conservation, recreation, cultural heritage, and community interests. Management plans are a requirement for all reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977 (the Act).

The Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan 2010 applies to a number of coastal reserves across the Dunedin district, including reserves at:

- Brighton
- Island Park
- Karitane
- Kuri Bush
- Long Beach
- Ocean Grove
- Ocean View
- Te Rauone
- Waikouaiti
- Warrington

Maps of applicable reserves are provided in Appendix 10.2 of the Plan.

Background

The Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan was adopted in 2010 to guide the long-term management of Dunedin's coastal dune reserves. These reserves help protect and stabilise the coastal environment while supporting significant natural, landscape, cultural and recreational values. They also provide important opportunities for conservation, public recreation, and community enjoyment.

Management plans prepared under the Act ensure reserve land is managed in a way that protects its values while providing for appropriate public use and enjoyment.

Since the Plan was adopted, there have been changes in the information, policy context and management approaches relevant to coastal environments. Climate change, coastal hazards, dune restoration, biodiversity and ecological resilience are among the matters that may need to be considered through the review.

The review also provides an opportunity to better recognise and incorporate the history, cultural values, and aspirations of mana whenua. Council acknowledges that the existing Plan contains limited information on these values and wishes to work alongside mana whenua throughout the review process.

In addition, community expectations and recreational use of coastal reserves continue to evolve. The review will help ensure the Plan continues to reflect how people use and value these reserves, while balancing recreation with the protection of sensitive coastal environments.

What we are proposing

In accordance with section 41 of the Act, Council is giving public notice of its intention to review the Plan and invites submissions from interested individuals, organisations, and stakeholders. As well as advertising in the Otago Daily Times and the Star, we will notify the media and encourage feedback through social media and the DCC's website.

Many of the reserves included in the Plan contain recognised wāhi tūpuna values. Council will work alongside mana whenua throughout the review process and will invite both Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki with interests in the area to partner and provide feedback to help inform the review.

The reserves are located within the jurisdictions of four Community Boards: Saddle Hill, Otago Peninsula, West Harbour, and Waikouaiti Coast. These Community Boards will be invited to participate throughout the review process.

Have your say

We would like to know what you think about the Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan 2010. In particular, we are interested in your views on how the Plan could better reflect the changes, challenges and opportunities that have emerged since its adoption. We want to hear how you think these coastal dune reserves should be protected, managed, and enjoyed into the future.

Your views will help shape the draft management plan, which will include further public consultation later in 2027.

How to give feedback

[Fill in the feedback form here](#)

Or feedback forms can be:

- Emailed to: parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz
- Posted to:
Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan 2010
Parks and Recreation Services
Attention: S Hogg
Dunedin City Council
PO Box 5045

Dunedin 9054

- Delivered to a DCC service centre or library.

For any queries, please email parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz

What happens next?

- The submission period is from ***Thursday 29 October 2026 until Friday 27 November 2026 at 5 pm.***
- Parks and Recreation staff will review feedback and prepare a draft Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan
- Later in 2027, the draft Plan will be notified for public consultation, with details about how to make submissions.

Please note: Your name and submission will be made public as part of the DCC's decision-making process. This information will be included in papers available to the public and the media but will only be used for the Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan review consultation.

Late submissions may not be accepted.

[Thank you for your submission.](#)

Submission Form

We're asking for your feedback on our review of the **Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan 2010**. We'd like to hear your thoughts on the management of our coastal reserves, including which management actions are working well, and which require improvement. The submission period is from **Thursday 29 October 2026 until Friday 27 November 2026 at 5 pm**.

What do you think is currently working well in the management of DCC's coastal reserves? (1000 words max)

What changes or improvements would you like to see in the management of these reserves in the future? (1000 words max)

Do you have any further comments? (500 words max)

Do you want us to update you on the next stages of this project *(required)

Yes/No

Your details

If you would like to be contacted for further follow up, or to be updated on this work, please ensure you provide your contact details below:

Name:

Organisation (*if applicable*):

Email (*please type in a valid email address eg [name@name.co.nz](#) etc*):

Contact phone number:

Thank you for your submission