



Statement of Proposal

Draft Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan 2026

Introduction

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is seeking submissions on the Draft Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan 2026 (the draft Plan). This Statement of Proposal provides background information, outlines what is proposed and the reasons for reviewing the existing Plan, explains how to make a submission, and specifies the consultation period.

The draft Plan provides a policy framework for the use, management, administration and development of the Hereweka Harbour Cone property shown in Appendix A. Most of the property covered by the draft Plan is not currently held or classified as reserve. Council has therefore chosen to follow a consultation process modelled on the comprehensive review procedure in section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977. This is consistent with the approach used for Council's other reserve management plans and provides for a robust public consultation process.

The current Hereweka / Harbour Cone Management Plan 2012, included as Appendix B, has not been comprehensively reviewed since it was adopted. The draft Plan retains the 2012 Plan's central vision of maintaining a working rural landscape while protecting and enhancing the property's landscape, ecological, recreational, cultural and heritage values.

The draft Plan reflects current statutory and policy settings, clarifies the respective roles of Council and the established Hereweka / Harbour Cone Management Trust Board Incorporated, provides for Council to consider whether the land should be gazetted as reserve, strengthens recognition of mana whenua values and partnership, and gives greater emphasis to catchment-scale ecological restoration, catchment health and ecological resilience, heritage prioritisation, and structured recreation and visitor management.

Background

In January 2008, the Dunedin City Council approved the purchase of the 328-hectare property on the Otago Peninsula that has become known as Hereweka, or Harbour Cone. Council purchased the land to protect its significant landscape, ecological, heritage and cultural values, and in recognition of its recreational and tourism potential.

Council adopted the Hereweka / Harbour Cone Management Plan 2012 to provide an integrated policy framework for the multiple objectives the Dunedin community held for the property. The Plan was intended to ensure that management activities and enhancement work were based on sound principles and remained aligned with the property's values.

Management plans are prepared to provide a framework for the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, development and preservation of public land, as appropriate. They provide direction for decision-making and help manage potential conflicts between different activities, values and community expectations.

Following adoption of the 2012 Plan, Council determined that an independent charitable trust would be the most appropriate vehicle for undertaking much of the property's day-to-day management in accordance with the Plan. In July 2015, the Dunedin City Council and the Hereweka / Harbour Cone Management Trust Board Incorporated entered into a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Memorandum of Understanding describes the respective roles and responsibilities of Council and the Trust, including responsibilities relating to the administration and review of the Management Plan. It provides that Council and the Trust will jointly lead any review of the Plan. Council retains responsibility for formally considering submissions and adopting the final Management Plan.

What we are proposing

Council is proposing to replace the Hereweka / Harbour Cone Management Plan 2012 with the Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan 2026.

Although most of the property covered by the Plan is not currently held or classified as reserve, Council has chosen to follow a consultation process modelled on the comprehensive review procedure in section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977. This will maintain consistency with the review of Council's other reserve management plans and help ensure a robust and transparent public consultation process.

Consistent with that process, Council will publicly notify the draft Plan and invite submissions from interested people and organisations.

In addition to placing a public notice in the Otago Daily Times, Council will notify media outlets and promote the consultation through social media and the DCC website. Parks and Recreation Services staff will also be available to discuss the draft Plan and assist people with the submission process.

Have your say

We would like to know what you think about the Draft Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan 2026.

In particular, we are interested in whether the draft Plan:

- appropriately responds to the issues, challenges and opportunities affecting the property;
- adequately protects and enhances its landscape, ecological, cultural and heritage values;
- provides appropriate opportunities for recreation, public access and community involvement; and
- provides clear direction for the property's future use, protection, management and development.

Submissions will help inform the final Plan presented to Council for consideration.

How to make a submission

Fill in the feedback form [here](#):

Or feedback forms can be:

- Emailed to: parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz
- Posted to:
Draft Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan 2026
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, 10 September 2026 until Tuesday, 10 November 2026 at 5pm.**
- Following the close of submissions, hearings will be held to allow submitters to speak to their submissions. The hearing date(s) will be advised directly to submitters.
- After considering submissions and hearings, a final Management Plan will be prepared for consideration by Council.

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 Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan consultation.

Late submissions may not be accepted.

[Thank you for your submission.](#)

Appendix 1:

Draft Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan Feedback Form

We are seeking your feedback on the Draft Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan.

The review of the 2012 Management Plan commenced in July 2025, when the public was invited to provide initial feedback on how the Plan could be improved and how Hereweka Harbour Cone should be used, protected, and managed in the future.

The Draft Management Plan has been prepared with full consideration of the feedback received during that first stage of public consultation.

The current submission period is open from **Thursday, 10 September 2026 until Tuesday, 10 November 2026 at 5pm.**

1. Please provide feedback on the Draft Hereweka Harbour Cone Management Plan. Feedback might include suggestions for improving the Plan, or which policies you support or don't support.

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2. Do you have any other comments?

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3. Do you wish to be heard by the Hearings Committee in support of this submission?

Y / N

4. Do you want us to update you on the next stages of this project?

Y / N

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 address:

Contact phone number:

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