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**Statement of Proposal
Reserves Management Plan General
Policies Review 2024**

Introduction

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is seeking submissions on its Draft Reserves Management Plan General Policies (the draft plan). This Statement of Proposal provides background information, what is being proposed, reasons for the draft plan, explains how to make submissions and specifies the duration of the consultation period.

The draft plan provides general policies for the use, management, administration and development of all DCC reserves (see Appendix A). Management plans are a requirement under the Reserves Act 1977 for all reserves under the DCC's authority.

The DCC's current Reserve Management Plan General Policies (see Appendix B) has not been comprehensively reviewed since it was adopted in 2005. The draft plan has been updated to reflect emerging issues and best practices, provide improved clarity and guidance regarding reserve decision-making and better consideration of mana whenua values. We would like your views on this.

Background

The Reserves Management Plan General Policies is an omnibus management plan adopted by the DCC in 2005 to provide general management policies across its reserve network. These policies ensure the proper use, development, maintenance, protection, and preservation of Dunedin's reserves. Under the Act, we're required to regularly review reserve management plans and must consult with the public when we do this.

The DCC prepares individual management plans for specific reserves according to identified priorities and unique or special values. The Reserves Management Plan General Policies are an integral part of these specific management plans and are intended to be read alongside management plans for specific reserves. Where any issue on a reserve is addressed by both the draft plan and a management plan specific to that reserve, then the policies in the specific management plan take precedence.

The DCC provided a notice of intent to review the current plan in May 2023 and invited the public to provide submissions as to how the plan could be improved. The DCC received 96 submissions and these were considered in the formation of the draft plan.

What we're proposing

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that the DCC publicly notifies the draft reserve management plan, inviting feedback from all interested parties. We will advertise our intention in a local newspaper, notify the media and encourage feedback through social media and the DCC's website. Parks and Recreation Services staff will be available to discuss the proposal and explain how to make submissions.

In the draft plan, we address issues that have emerged since the current plan was adopted, such as climate change and the DCC's commitment to carbon reduction. The draft plan has

stronger acknowledgement of mana whenua as a DCC partner and gives deeper consideration to the impacts of reserve decision-making on Māori values. The draft plan has been updated to reflect changes in best practice, new technologies such as electric vehicles and drones, and align with the DCC's other strategic documents and legislation. The draft plan also provides more detail as to how the DCC evaluates requests and proposals relevant to reserves, their uses, administration and development.

Have your say

We would like to hear your thoughts about the draft plan and its suitability for managing DCC reserves. Your feedback is an important part of the review and will help shape the final document. The submission period is from **Monday, 27 January 2025 and will close at 5pm on Monday, 31 March 2025.**

If you would like to speak about the draft plan at the Council Hearing, **please indicate in your submission your intention to speak.**

How to give feedback

A submission form is attached as Appendix C. Submission forms can be sent these ways:

- Online: www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultation
- Emailed to: parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz
- Posted to:
Draft Reserves Management Plan General Policies
Parks and Recreation Services
Attention: S Hogg
Dunedin City Council
PO Box 5045
Dunedin 9058
- Delivered to a DCC service centre or library.

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

The proposed next steps are:

- The submission period is from Monday, 27 January 2025 to 5pm Monday, 31 March 2025.
- Council Hearing (if required, date to be decided), and consideration of all submissions.
- Adoption of a final plan.