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**Statement of Proposal**  
**Town Belt**  
**Reserve Management Plan Review 2024**



## **Introduction**

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is seeking submissions on the proposed Draft Dunedin Town Belt Management Plan 2024 (the Draft Plan) ([link here](#)).

This statement of proposal sets out background information, what is being proposed, reasons for the proposal, how submissions on the proposal can be made and how long the consultation period will run for.

Management plans are a requirement under the Reserves Act 1977 to ensure proper management of reserves and they must be regularly reviewed.

The DCC's previous Dunedin Town Belt Reserve Management Plan 2007 (The 2007 Plan) is now out of date (see attachment B). The new plan's aim is to better honour the site's recreational, biodiversity, cultural and mana whenua values to help it receive the care and attention it requires (see attachment A). We would like your views on this.

## **Background**

The Dunedin Town Belt (the Town Belt) lies between Dunedin's hill suburbs and the city centre. It is a unique and important asset to the city, a high-profile public reserve, and is one of only three Victorian Town Belts in the world, (the others being Wellington and Adelaide). It is recognised and appreciated for its recreational, landscape, amenity, ecological, cultural, historical and educational values. It covers 202 hectares across Mornington, Roslyn, Māori Hill, Woodhaugh and Opoho and is made up of about 50 reserves, including 22 sportsgrounds.

The Town Belt is a remaining fragment of the great ngahere (forests) that grew around Dunedin. Māori used the area for hunting and resource gathering and the Toitū stream, which flows through the area, was important to them.

It has a network of tracks through woodland and parks as well as significant trees, historic buildings and panoramic views of the city, harbour and surrounding hills. The historic Southern and Northern Cemeteries are in the Town Belt. Although the Dunedin Botanic Garden is included, it has its own management plan.

Events are hosted in several areas of the Town Belt. It is also used for education purposes through Town Belt Kaitiaki, a student-led education programme for Dunedin schools and early childhood centres.

DCC's pest and weed control is supported by Predator Free Dunedin's City Sanctuary and community and school groups. Educational conservation panels are scattered throughout the area.

The Dunedin Amenities Society has been involved in preserving, protecting and developing the Town Belt since 1888.

## **What we're proposing for consultation**

In accordance with the requirement of the Act, we publicly notified our intention to review the 2007 Plan and invited initial feedback from interested parties earlier in 2024 (stage 1). As well as advertising in the Otago Daily Times and the Star, we notified the media and encouraged feedback through social media and the DCC's website.

We are about to open Stage 2 of the consultation process which seeks submissions on the Draft Plan. Beginning on 21 August, this will run for two months.

## **Have your say**

We would like to know what you think about the Town Belt, what the issues are and how these issues can be resolved. We would like to hear how you think reserves within the Town Belt Recreation Area can be best used and managed. We are interested in your thoughts on the future use of the Town Belt

Your feedback will help shape the Draft Plan. Parks and Recreation Services staff will be available to discuss the Draft Plan and explain how to make submissions.

The submission period runs from 21 August – 23 October 2024.

## **How to give feedback**

Feedback can be made via:

- Online: [www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultation](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultation)
- Email to: [parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz)
- Post to:  
Town Belt Reserve Management Plan Submissions  
Parks and Recreation Services  
Attention: Katie Eglesfield  
Dunedin City Council PO Box 5045  
Dunedin 9054
- Hand delivery to a DCC service centre or library.

For any queries, please email [parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz)

## **What happens next?**

- The submission period for stage 2 is from 21 August 2024 to 23 October 2024.
- Parks and Recreation staff have prepared the Draft Dunedin Town Belt Reserve Management Plan.
- 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 Town Belt Reserve Management Plan consultation.

Late submissions may not be accepted.