

Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan

Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao (Mauao Joint Administration Board)

13 February 2018

Objective ID No: A8429506



Executive summary

Recommendation	That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao: (a) Approve a final version of the Reserve Management Plan for adoption by Council, in accordance with section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, as set out at Appendix A, plus any changes recommended by the Mauao Trust to section 3.2 "Tangata whenua relationship, history and culture".
Summary of issue	The draft Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan (Mauao HRMP) was publicly consulted on during July, August and September 2017. There were 112 submissions to the draft Mauao HRMP, and the Mauao HRMP Hearings Panel heard those submitters who asked to speak to their submissions in October 2017, and undertook deliberations on the submissions in December 2017. The Hearings Panel agree to the proposed wording of the plan for recommendation to Council for adoption. Prior to recommending it to Council, agreement is being sought from Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao and the Mauao Trust. The proposed final plan is included at Appendices A and B. This includes the outcome of the deliberations, plus a minor amendment recommended by staff subsequent to the deliberations, to address safety issues raised by representatives of rock climbers.
Broader benefit / impact	Approval of the final Mauao HRMP for adoption by Council will progress the process to adopt a final plan. Adoption of the Mauao HRMP enables management of the historical, cultural, ecological and recreational values of the reserve, whilst recognising tangata whenua relationships, culture and traditions with Mauao.
Strategic context	Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 requires all administering bodies to prepare reserve management plans for reserves. The Mauao HRMP will set the strategic direction for the management of Mauao. It will enable the development of a programme of works to deliver the outcomes of the plan, by Tauranga City Council working with iwi as strategic partners.
Next steps	- Approval of the Mauao HRMP by the Mauao Trust. - Report to Council seeking adoption of the Mauao HRMP.

Discussion

Background

1. At the Council meeting of 18 July 2017, Council adopted the draft Mauao HRMP for public consultation, in accordance with section 41 of the Reserves Act.
2. Public notice was given on Saturday 22 July 2017 that the draft plan was available for comment. Submissions closed two months later on Wednesday 27 September 2017.
3. 112 submissions were received.

4. A hearing was held on 31 October 2017, and of the 23 submitters who wished to be heard, 18 spoke to their submissions. Deliberations were undertaken on 5 December 2017, at which the Mauao HRMP Hearings Panel agreed to amendments to the draft plan to develop a final version.
5. For two issues discussed at the deliberations, the Hearings Panel agreed to staff making amendments to the plan after undertaking some further work, and these issues are discussed in sections seven to ten of this report.
6. After the deliberations, staff commenced engagement with representatives of the rock climbing community to commence the process for them to seek approval from Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao to allow specific rock climbing routes. During those discussions, the representatives noted that the sentence at Management Statement 5.3.14(a) “No new holes are permitted to be drilled to install bolts or anchors for sport rock climbing” would pose problems, as from time to time, existing bolts need to be replaced for safety reasons. Therefore, it is recommended to amend the wording of this sentence, as detailed at section 11 of this report.

Section 3.2 “Tangata Whenua relationship, history and culture”

7. The Hearings Panel agreed that the final wording of section 3.2 of the plan “Tangata whenua relationship, history and culture” shall be confirmed with the Mauao Trust and their recommendation included in the plan for adoption by Council without further deliberation. Confirmation of the final wording of section 3.2 of the plan is being sought from the Mauao Trust at the joint meeting between the Trust and Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao on 13 February.

Management Statement 5.1.6(c) Utilities

8. The Hearings Panel agreed that the wording for Management Statement 5.1.6(c), relating to utilities on the summit, would be developed by staff outside the deliberations, and provided to the Hearings Panel for confirmation.
9. Staff prepared proposed wording, and circulated to Hearings Panel members after the deliberations. Six of the ten hearings panel members responded to the request for feedback on the wording proposed by staff, including the Chair of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao. The Chair has confirmed that he considers this majority agreement is sufficient to accept the proposed wording.
10. The proposed wording reads “Allow utilities to be provided on the summit only where approval has been sought from and given by Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao. Approval will only be given where Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao is satisfied that the placement of the utility will avoid adverse effects on the maunga’s historic, cultural, archaeological, ecological, landscape, and recreational values. Maintenance and improvement of existing utilities is acceptable but must be in accordance with this Plan”.

Proposed Additional Amendment – Management Statement 5.3.14(a) Climbing

11. It is recommended to amend this sentence to read “No new holes are permitted to be drilled ~~to install bolts or anchors~~ for sport rock climbing, unless approval is given by Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao”. This proposed wording is supported by the Chair of the Mauao HRMP Hearings Panel and the Chair of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao. This proposed change will not change the outcomes of this management statement, but will rather clarify the intent.

Approval Sought

12. Approval is being sought from Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao to the words in the final formatted version of the plan at Appendix A. This final version includes the proposed wording for Management Statements 5.1.6(c) Utilities and 5.3.14(a) Rock Climbing as detailed above, plus any changes as a result of advice received from the Mauao Trust with regard to section 3.2 “Tangata whenua relationship, history and culture”.

Options

Option 1: Approve final version of the Mauao HRMP

14. Approve a final version of the Mauao HRMP for adoption by Council.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Will enable the final Mauao HRMP to be adopted by Council.	Not applicable

Budget - Capex	Not applicable
Budget - Opex	Not applicable
Key risks	Not applicable
Recommended?	Yes

Option 2: Do not approve final version of the Mauao HRMP

15. Do not approve a final version of the Mauao HRMP for adoption by Council.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Nil	Will not enable the final Mauao HRMP to be adopted by Council.

Budget - Capex	Not applicable
Budget - Opex	Not applicable
Key risks	Will delay the formal adoption of the management plan and the ability to commence implementation of projects/actions identified in the plan
Recommended?	No

Significance and engagement

16. Under the Significance and Engagement Policy, this decision is considered low risk, as there is a strong and logical flow from a prior decision.

Next Steps

17. Staff seek approval from Mauao Trust to the final Mauao HRMP.
18. Staff seek Council resolution to adopt the final Mauao HRMP.
19. Council, as delegate for the Minister, approve the RMP under section 41(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Appendices

No.	Title
A	Final formatted version of Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan <i>Objective ID: A8451275</i>
B	Track changes version of the Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan, showing changes from draft plan to final plan. <i>Objective ID: A8433457</i>

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Enterprise approach and collaboration

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