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Process for finalising the Draft Regional Parks Network Management Plan

1. Purpose

To propose a process to the Committee for finalising the Draft Regional Parks Network Management Plan.

2. Background

Submissions on the Draft Network Management Plan closed on 16 May 2003. The submissions have been made available to Councillors for consideration and six submitters have asked to speak to their submissions during public participation at the Landcare Committee meeting Tuesday 15 July 2003.

Officers propose that the following process be followed to finalise the plan. Please note that this process applies only to the Network Plan. Another process will be agreed by the Committee to confirm the park specific management plans.

3. The process from here

The process we propose is following the adoption of this paper:

1. Councillors will discuss the issues in a workshop.
2. After the issues have been discussed in the workshop the Committee meeting will be reconvened and Councillors will formally provide direction to officers by approving or modifying recommendations as set out in report 03.344 and any other minor matters.
3. Officers that will then redraft the Plan over the next few weeks based on Councillor direction and including minor drafting changes.
4. The redrafted Plan will be circulated to Councillors – comments will need to be returned to officers by the deadline.
5. The redrafted Plan will then be officially ‘signed off’ by the appropriate committee and the full Council in August 2003.
6. The adopted Plan will be sent to the Department of Conservation for Ministerial approval.

The above process will allow the completion of the network plan in a reasonable timeframe while providing councillors the opportunity to address the submitters concerned.

4. Communication

This is a process report only so no communication is required at this stage.

Once the plan is finalised, submitters and the public will be provided with copies of the plan. There will be further communication opportunities at that time.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *receive the report.*
2. *note the contents of the report.*
3. *approve the process for finalising the Regional Parks Network Management Plan.*

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