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Report 08.389

Parks, Forests and Utilities Committee

Minute extract from meeting held on 19 June 2008

Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area Public Access Plan review and update

Resolved

That the Committee

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves to the provisions of the revised access plan (2008).*
4. *Approves to the proposals for access as described within the revised Access Plan (2008) as follows:*
 - (1) *Increasing the number of visitors permitted within the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area from 900 per year to 1,200 per year.*
 - (2) *Changing the guiding ratios for the tramping tours into the Orongorongo Catchment from 2:15 to 2:25.*
 - (3) *Allowing conference field trips to be added to the public access trips into the water collection area, provided the overall number of visitors into the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection area does not exceed 1,200 per year.*
 - (4) *Allowing the Ranger to determine the dates, numbers and routes for all public tours provided the number of visitors remain within the maximum number permitted each year.*
 - (5) *Allowing educational or special interest groups managed access into the area between the treatment plant and the water intakes, depending on staff capacity*
5. *Agrees that the staff have discretion to review the ballot system each year based on the presence of animal pests in the water collection area.*
6. *Agrees to strengthen the biosecurity provisions as in the revised access plan (2008).*
7. *Agrees that applications for research are considered from all individuals and organisations on a case by case basis, with appropriate assessment criteria, and*

granted at the discretion of the Manager, Parks and Manager, Water Supply.

8. *Approves the incorporation of the Wainuiomata/Orongorongo Water Collection Area Access Plan into the Wainuiomata Water Collection Area Management Plan and any other publications on the Wainuiomata Water Collection Area.*