## Review of Greater Wellington Parks, Forests and Reserves Bylaws 2009

## Identification of perceived problems relating to parks and reserves management 2015-2016

The following information and analysis outlines GWRC officer responses to the review of park and reserve planning issues which relate to the *Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks, Forests and Reserves Bylaw 2009* and the Rules for Use and Development identified in the operative Parks Network Plan (2011) which many of the bylaws are based on.

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Other issues relating to the Parks Network Plan and other guidelines/ other agency rules.	Table of activities & rules expanded to include fishing and maximum camping stay period per year.  Some maps require updating Add a requirement to apply the NZ Track Standards consistently, and also a rationale for why tracks are a particular standard.  Identifying facilities or services to be removed in future	Rules for use and development to be updated in review of PNP.  Policy direction for application of track standards to be added to PNP and references to other NZ Standards or other agency standards used (e.g. DOC Track Construction Standards).  PNP maps to be updated with facilities to be removed.  Can be accommodated in future review of PNP (2017-19)	To be included within the review of the Parks Network Plan.
Feedback discussio	 n with whole of parks team at par	ks department meetings	
Feedback sought on use of e-bikes in parks, drones/UAVs and other compliance issues.	Many electric bikes are being used in parks and no issues reported with visitor behaviour. QEP cycleway is particularly popular for e-bike use, as well as mobility scooters because the sealed surface makes it suitable for them. The use of e-bikes is allowing many more people to recreate in parks, and for family groups to recreate together. Rangers were overwhelmingly positive about the use of e-bikes on trails. There was some confusion about bicycles with motors being 'motorised vehicles'.  For bikes rated above the NZTA power output (300w) and considered to be motorbikes, the Akatarawa Forest Park is	A guideline for GWRC rangers and others will outline the current rules and help identify different types of ebike and mobility scooters. Similar to the drones/ UAV guideline, it will reference NZTA & Land Transport Act definitions and rules.  Any definitions in the PNP should be consistent with bylaw definitions.  No changes to the actual bylaws are required, but updating the vehicle and aircraft definitions to encompass unmanned aircraft and motorised vehicles will ensure consistency with other legislation and rules, particularly where clarification has been made in relation to electric bicycles.	As above, develop e-bike/mobility device guideline and reference definitions of motorised vehicles and unmanned aircraft in the plan and bylaws to be consistent with NZTA/ Land Transport Act definitions and CAA Rule definitions.

Question/ issue	Bylaws	Analysis/ options to address issue	Recommended outcome
	the key location for this activity.		
	However identifying the power		
	outputs of bikes may be difficult		
	for some types of e-bike.		
	Different shapes and styles of		
	mobility scooter are emerging		
	and being used on trails. A		
	covered scooter was seen on the Hutt River Trail, but was		
	identified as being compliant		
	with (NZTA) mobility scooter		
	specifications.		
	Rangers considered that the		
	existing bylaws relating to		
	nuisance behaviour and		
	dangerous or distressing		
	activities (Bylaws 3.10 and 3.21)		
	were adequate to manage any inappropriate e-bike or mobility		
	scooter use in parks – if this		
	behaviour was to occur in parks		
	in future.		
Review of breache	s of bylaw letters		
Review of letters	Most common Bylaw breaches:	Vehicle use, access in areas not	No change
issued regarding	3.1 – Entering areas closed or	permitted and nuisance behaviour in	
breaches of	restricted to public	campgrounds are the most	
bylaws &	3.2 Nuisance - alcohol or drugs	commonly occurring breaches of	
compliance database	3.5 – Conducting activity not	Bylaws in parks and reserves. Bylaws address a range of	
spreadsheet	permitted in management or	management issues.	
spi cadsirect	access plan (driving in areas	management issues.	
	closed to vehicles)		
	3.10 –Carry out activity likely to		
	be dangerous to others		
	3.15 – Hunting without permit/		
	breach of permit conditions		
	3.21 - Nuisance and offensive behaviour – (most common in		
	campgrounds)		
	3.23 - Drive vehicle in disorderly		
	or dangerous manner (hoon		
	behaviour)		
	3.24 –Use vehicle outside		
	defined road or track (trail bike		
	access)		
	Transport retired to 1		
	Trespass notices issued under Trespass Act 1980		
	1163pass Act 1360		