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GREAT HARBOUR WAY
TE ARANUI O PŌNEKE

Parangarahu Lakes Area Co-Management Plan – Cycle Aware Wellington/ Great Harbour Way submission

We would like to make an oral submission. Please contact Alastair Smith agsmith37@gmail.com. Our submission may be made public.

Cycle Aware Wellington is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation aimed at improving conditions for existing cyclists and encouraging more people to bike more often. We advocate for cyclists who use their bikes for recreation and transport. Since 1994, we have worked constructively with local and central government, NZTA, businesses, and the community on a wide variety of cycle projects. We represent around 600 members and supporters.

The Great Harbour Way Trust (<http://www.greatharbourway.org.nz/>) promotes the concept of a walking and cycling route around Te Whanganui-a-tara, the harbour of Wellington, New Zealand, from Fitzroy Bay in the east to Sinclair Head in the west.

Key points of our submission

- Support ecological and cultural objectives of plan
- Support continued access for biking and walking
- Support access from the lakes area to Baring Head

Support ecological and cultural objectives of plan

The area is the eastern limit of the Great Harbour Way/Te Aranui o Pōneke.

The well researched report provides ample evidence of the unique qualities of the area, and we

support the aim of retaining and enhancing the ecological and cultural values of the area.

Support continued access for biking and walking

The cycle trip from Eastbourne to Pencarrow is a popular way of experiencing this part of the Great Harbour Way, and the network of tracks around the lakes provide an excellent way for people to experience and appreciate the area. In view of the distance from Burden's Gate, for many people cycling provides a more efficient way of exploring the area than walking.

We support completion of an alternative loop track along the side of Kohangatera to provide for circumnavigation of the lakes, and ask that this be a shared path for cycling and walking.

Support access from the lakes area to Baring Head

We support efforts to negotiate public access between the lakes area and Baring Head. This would provide an opportunity to access the eastern end of the Great Harbour Way from the Wainuomata Road, making for more efficient round trips. This would also enable the Rimutaka Cycle Trail to be extended from Orongorongo to Eastbourne, making this Nga Haerenga/NZ Cycle Trail a more rewarding route.

Nā mātou noa, nā Cycle Aware Wellington/ Great Harbour Way Trust
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