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We would like to thank Council for cooperation with our group in restoring Trelissick Park towards becoming a native bush wilderness.

Our comments relate to Section 2.1 "Gardens, Beaches and Green Open Spaces".

We note that increases of operating and capital expenditure from 2012/13 are below the rate of inflation. This amounts to a reduction in real terms.

We know of no other city so well integrated with its many parks and bush reserves. As a result, Wellington has a unique profile, both in New Zealand and internationally. These parks and bush reserves are essential for the well-being of people and the ecology. Local community restoration groups are increasing and WCC Park's staff are hard-pressed to keep up with demands for maintenance and enhancement.

Our requests are as follows:

- Substantial increases of the operating and capital expenditure amounts shown in the draft plan for Section 2.1, to maintain and further enhance Wellington's ecology, reputation and profile.
- Trelissick Park is classified as a Key Native Ecosystem (KNE). Over the last few years WCC, in collaboration with the Regional Council and ourselves, have made considerable progress with animal and plant pest control. It is essential that this is continued, also with follow-up of pest plant control to ensure previous work is not wasted.

We would like to speak to this submission.

Regards,
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(Chairman
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