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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Comments

These comments are restricted to native bush parks/reserves in the Wellington area.

In general we agree with the principles and note that the plan “provides an aspirational vision of what we want to achieve. However, budgets and timings will need to be confirmed through our annual and long-term plans.”

Aspirations vs Reality - The aspirations throughout the document are laudable (eg in the Table “Outcome 2, which refers to expanding the Council’s pest management). However, in our submission on the 2013/14 Annual Plan we noted that the budget for Gardens, Beaches and Green Open Spaces has reduced in real terms. Also, in Section 1 you state that you will be doing “less of some things”. Local community restoration groups are increasing and WCC Park’s staff are hard-pressed to keep up with demands for maintenance and enhancement. Our concern is that while the document aspires to achieving more, in reality less will be achieved, unless budgets for Gardens, Beaches and Green Open Spaces in annual and long-term plans are increased.

10-Year Time-frame vs Council Changes – It appears likely that during the next 10 years various councils in the region will amalgamate. We request that WCC insist that the provisions in this document are retained if such amalgamations occur.

We support the submission of Frances Lee concerning Trelissick Park.

We do not wish to make an oral submission.

Regards,  
Peter Reimann  
(Trelissick Park Group)