

09 May 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on your Long-Term Plan.

Over the years, our Trelissick Park Group have been very grateful for the support from Council in our efforts to restore Trelissick Park in the Ngaio Gorge area to a native bush wilderness. This support has included:

- Animal pest control
- Pest weed control
- Plants/planting
- Track/bridge maintenance
- Provision of signage
- Mowing
- Detritus trap maintenance
- Facilitating fish passage
- Attendance to problems (eg pollution/sedimentation, slips, fallen trees, rubbish, sewage leakage)

Trelissick Park has been designated a Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) and is an essential part of the ecological corridor linking Wellington Harbour with the outer green belt. Much has been achieved in restoring the Park over the last 20 years, but it is essential that there be no diminution in funding for the above activities – otherwise the pests and weeds will return and the past efforts will be for nought.

Furthermore, we request no diminution in current funding for WCC Parks and Gardens for their work across Wellington. We know of no other city so well integrated with its many parks and bush reserves. These spaces are essential for well-being of people and the ecology and give Wellington a unique profile internationally.

We have been asked to comment on where WCC could make savings to ensure there is sufficient resource for investing in the natural environment. This is covered in submissions as an individual.

We do not wish to make an oral submission.

Regards,

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