

Tātou ki Uta - Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan

Consultation closes at **12pm on 5th August 2025**.

We've drafted a plan to guide the management of Wellington's beloved coastal parks and beaches. The full draft plan can be viewed online at wcc.nz/coastalplan. A physical copy is also available at Te Awe Library.

Tātou ki Uta the draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan proposes several changes to better protect and enhance our coastline. We want your feedback to ensure the plan reflects the community's priorities.

There are multiple ways you can provide feedback:

- **Fill out the submission form** at wcc.nz/coastalplan
- **Fill out a paper submission form** - return your completed form by post or email (no stamp needed).
- **Send feedback by post** to:
Coastal Reserves Management Plan
Parks & Open Space
Wellington City Council
PO Box 2199
Wellington 6140
- **Send feedback by email** to coastalplan@wcc.govt.nz

Privacy statement - what we do with your personal information

Submissions including your name and opinions are published and made available to Wellington City Council elected members, pouiwi and the public from our offices as a hardcopy (available on request) and on our website. Councillors may wish to contact you about your submission. We will contact you first to obtain your permission to pass on your contact details to them. Contact information will be used for the administration of the consultation process. For example, informing you on the outcome of the consultation or contacting you to arrange an oral submission.

Our staff will have access to submissions in their capacity as Council employees.

Except for your name, personal details like contact information and demographic information will be redacted prior to publishing. Please note that you should not include any personal information in the free text fields of this survey if you do not wish it to be made public.

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Guidelines for people around usable feedback

- **Be specific** - include details like the exact location, the species or habitat you are referring to, or the activity you are commenting on.
- **Highlight gaps** - let us know if there's anything important you think is missing from the plan, or that you expected to see but couldn't find.

Your details	
Name:	
Suburb:	
Email:	
Are you making this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?	
☐ Individual	☐ Organisation:
Would you like to make an oral submission to the Councillors?	
☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, please give your phone number so that a submission time can be arranged.	

1. Overall direction

Tātou ki Uta - The draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan sets out how Wellington’s coastal parks and reserves will be managed over the coming years.

Do you support or oppose the overall direction of the draft plan? (Choose one option)					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know

2. Coastal values and pathways

The plan has five core values that will focus our management of coastal parks and reserves.

The following section asks questions about the five values and the supporting pathways.

Value 1 – Mana whenua – Active partnership with mana whenua					
Wellington’s coastline holds deep cultural and ancestral significance for mana whenua, who have enduring responsibilities as kaitiaki (guardians). The Council’s partnership with mana whenua, guided by the Tākai Here agreement, ensures co-management of coastal spaces, the protection of cultural sites, and the integration of mātauranga Māori into decision-making.					
This value is supported through three pathways:					
• Strengthening mana whenua presence and leadership on the coast • Recognising treaty settlements in coastal management • Restoring traditional Māori place names and strengthening te reo Māori					
To what extent do you support or oppose this value? (Choose one option)					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Please let us know a bit more about your choice.					

Value 2 – Whai Wāhi – Access to the coast for recreation and enjoyment

Wellington's coast is a hub for recreation, wellbeing, and connection to nature, offering everything from surfing, swimming, and fishing to walking, boating, and off-road driving. Research highlights the positive impacts of blue spaces on mental and physical health. To support diverse experiences, the Council provides essential coastal amenities such as walkways, boat ramps, wharves, toilets, and playgrounds.

This value is supported through seven pathways:

- Strategic placement and provision of coastal amenities
- Connected coastal paths and tracks
- Support for water access and recreation
- Enhancing coastal accessibility and equity
- Managing coastal leases & commercial use for public benefit
- Providing for freedom camping that respects the coastal environment
- Providing opportunities for dog recreation without harming coastal wildlife

To what extent do you support or oppose this value? *(Choose one option)*

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Please let us know a bit more about your choice.

Value 3 – Hononga Taiao – Enduring connection to the landscape

Wellington's coastal landscapes tell a story of transformation, shaped by natural forces and nearly 1,000 years of human settlement. The coastline's rugged cliffs, shifting shorelines, and sheltered bays reflect both wild beauty and cultural heritage. While development has altered parts of the coast, its essence endures.

This value is supported through three pathways:

- Protect the coastal character through careful design
- Enriching coastal experiences through storytelling
- Recognising and honouring coastal cultural heritage

To what extent do you support or oppose this value? *(Choose one option)*

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Please let us know a bit more about your choice.

Value 4 – Tiaki Taiao – Protection & restoration of coastal ecosystems

Wellington's coastal ecosystems are taonga, home to diverse species and critical to the health of the environment and community. Biodiversity restoration, wildlife protection, and better ecological management will ensure these ecosystems thrive for future generations.

This value is supported through seven pathways:

- Targeted ecosystem restoration
- Wildlife recovery
- Controlling invasive species
- Strong collaborative relationships for coastal restoration
- Remediating and mitigating coastal infrastructure impacts
- Enhancing litter management
- Sustaining the coast as a storehouse

To what extent do you support or oppose this value? (*Choose one option*)

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Please let us know a bit more about your choice.

Value 5 – Taiao Tuatahi – Nature-first approach to resilience

Wellington's coast is shaped by waves, storms, erosion, and earthquakes – natural processes now intensified by climate change. Rising sea levels, stronger storms, and increased fire risks require a new approach to resilience – one that works with nature rather than against it. Nature-based solutions, adaptive planning, and emergency preparedness will help protect both the environment and coastal communities.

This value is supported through three pathways:

- Prioritising nature-based solutions for coastal protection
- Adaptive planning for sea-level rise
- Managing the threat and impact of wildfires

To what extent do you support or oppose this value? (*Choose one option*)

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Please let us know a bit more about your choice.

Sector-specific feedback

The plan takes a sector-based approach to ensure management is tailored to the unique needs of different coastal areas. Sectors are the geographic areas that the plan covers - there are eight in total.

The plan also includes plans for each sector.

Would you like to provide feedback on a specific coastal sector?	
☐ Te Kopahou & coastal route	☐ Te Whanga Rāwhiti Eastern Bays
☐ Tapu te ranga Southern Bays	☐ Mātai Moana coastline Shelly Bay Rd & Massey Bay Rd
☐ Hue te Para Lyall Bay	☐ Ākautangi Cobham Dr to Point Jerningham
☐ Rangitatau Moa Point to Breaker Bay	☐ Te Rāngai o Onemutu Oriental Bay
If you have feedback on a specific sector(s), please provide your comments below. <i>(Please be as specific as possible, including locations, sites, or issues if you can.)</i>	

Key proposed changes to coastal reserve management

This plan proposes several shifts in how we manage coastal reserves. We'd like to hear your views on the following proposals:

A stronger commitment to nature-based adaptation Using nature-based solutions like dunes and wetlands to manage coastal climate impacts, rather than hard infrastructure.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Strengthening wildlife protection Seeking resources to enhance protections for kororā (little penguins), geckos, and seals.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Strengthening dune management Giving dunes more space to move and function as natural coastal defences.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
A new approach to 4WD access at Te Kopahou Introducing new management options for 4WD access, including closing gate access at night, and future planning for a permit based system.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Repositioning Mātai Moana coastal road as a recreation precinct Seeking to transition the coastal road to a more accessible recreation zone, improving walking and cycling connections while providing ecological protections.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Transforming Ākautangi/ Evans Bay Marina Precinct into a coastal recreation hub Upgrading facilities to support water-based recreation and improve public access.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
A commitment to inclusive access and essential facilities Improving beach access, pathways, and amenities to ensure coastal spaces are welcoming and usable for all – including proposing new or upgraded public toilets at Island Bay, Breaker Bay, and Mātai Moana.					
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A new future for the ex-Māranui depot site at the western side of Lyall Bay Exploring recreational and public uses for the future of this site.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Strengthening Māori identity on the coast Restoring Māori place names, cultural storytelling, and interpretation.					
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Landscape and amenity planning Sector-based plans to enhance coastal experiences and reduce visual clutter by guiding the placement and design of parking, seating, fencing, and signs.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Creating a penguin protection area at Rangitatau Strengthening efforts to safeguard kororā (little penguins) from threats like dogs and development.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know
Planning for the future of coastal structures Reviewing at-risk coastal buildings, amenities, and infrastructure and relocate where at risk of sea level rise.					
☐ Strongly support	☐ Somewhat support	☐ Neutral	☐ Somewhat oppose	☐ Strongly oppose	☐ Don't know

Additional comments

Please share any additional feedback you have on the draft plan.

This might include things we haven't specifically asked about - such as:

- Appendix A: Rules for use and development of parks and reserves
- Appendix B: Name change proposals
- Anything else you feel is missing or would improve the plan

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