

BOWENVALE RESERVE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A LICENCE TO GRAZE SHEEP

Bowenvale Reserve is a recreation reserve administered by the Council under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977. The recreation reserve consists of grassland, exotic forest, regenerating bush, and rock outcrops. Bowenvale Reserve is bounded by Victoria Park to the west, Thompson Scenic Reserve and Scott Reserve to the south, and Mt Vernon Park and Huia Gilpin Reserve to the east. As part of the Port Hills Reserves, this Park is managed primarily for the conservation of indigenous grass species, recreation, and visual values. To avoid further deterioration of the indigenous vegetation the Council intends to grant a sheep-grazing licence as a conservation management tool, primarily to conserve the ecological values of the tussock grassland.

The council invites proposals from interested parties for a licence to graze sheep on the land described in the schedule below for a maximum period of 5 years.

Any successful proposal will be subject to public notification and the provisions of Section 74 of the Reserves Act 1977, which requires the Council to consider any submissions or objections.

Schedule

Approximately 183 hectares being part of Lots 5 -11 of DP 28817, Lots 13-19 of DP 28817, and part of Lot 1 28705

Proposals are to be in accordance with the document entitled "Request for Proposals for Gazing Licence-Bowenvale Reserve dated October 2003 (RFP 03/04-55) and must be received by 5 pm on Wednesday 3 December 2003.

To obtain a copy of the RFP document or further information from the Council's Parks and Waterways Unit, contact Tony Hallams Policy and Leasing Officer, telephone 941-8320 or Paul Devlin Head Port Hills Ranger, telephone 025-226-7962 or 941-7570 between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.