

Port Hills Park Trust Board & Mt Vernon Management Committee



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SUBMISSION ON DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08

The Port Hills Park Trust Board (PHPTB) made submissions to the draft LTCCP 2006/16 regarding the proposed Cashmere Forest Park in 2006. The Council allowed us some time to explain the overall proposal and it seemed to be well received at the time.

This project is still proceeding and the detailed feasibility studies including recreation, forestry, zoning and the economics of the proposal are advancing satisfactorily. During the 2007/08 year a specific outline proposal will be published and consultations undertaken by the PHPTB as a preliminary step toward starting a public support and funding campaign.

At this stage the PHPTB wishes to remind the Council of the proposal and repeat its earlier submission. This includes the prospect that the Council should consider a part payment for the 350 hectare park in its planning over the next three years. With the other financial arrangements proposed it would seem likely that a grant of up to \$1 million would be requested of the Council probably in the 2008/2009 year.

The PHPTB therefore asks the Council to include in the LTCCP a specific provision for expenditure of \$1 million in 2008/09 as a contribution to the purchase of the proposed Cashmere Forest Park out of the provision in the 2006/16 LTCCP for:

- the \$21.256M budgeted under Parks, open spaces and waterways for capital expenditure to meet increased demand and/or
- the \$1.929M budgeted in the Capital Works Programme under Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways, Metropolitan Projects for Strategic Reserve Purchases

Yours faithfully

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