

## 20. DRAFT STRATEGY: GRAZING MANAGEMENT OF CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL RESERVES ON THE PORT HILLS

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The purpose of this report is to allow the Board to receive this discussion document "Grazing Management of Christchurch City Council Reserves on the Port Hills", and to provide comment back to the Parks and Waterways Unit.

Portions of the Port Hills lie within the Wigram Ward, and members will recall the annual inspections undertaken to view land acquisitions and land management issues of this important geographical feature area of the city.

The Port Hills Reserves are managed for a range of values, but primarily they are managed for conservation, recreation and visual values. Fire risk and erosion are also important considerations.

The purpose of the report is to:

- consolidate the relevant existing information available for each reserve (including legal, administrative and practical aspects)
- outline the Council's rationale in using grazing as a means of grassland management
- to propose a pattern of grazing for each reserve
- to outline and facilitate the process of issuing grazing licences.

The closing date for submissions/comments is 26 November 2001, but the Parks and Waterways Unit do acknowledge that today's meeting is the first opportunity for the Board to receive the document for consideration; therefore, a "late" submission/comments will be received by the Unit.

**Recommendation:** That the Community Board receive the "Draft Strategy: Grazing Management of Christchurch City Council Reserves on the Port Hills" for consideration.