



Submission of Civic Trust Auckland

Tupuna Maunga o Tamaki Makarau Authority Consultation July 2015

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Civic Trust Auckland is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region.

The aims of the Trust include:

- Protection of natural landforms
 - Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
 - Encouragement of good planning for the city and region.
1. CTA has long had an interest in the management of the volcanic cones of the Auckland region.
 2. CTA has made numerous submissions over the years to various council and Local Board plans and surveys.
 3. CTA has for many years supported both the Volcanic Cones Society and Friends of Maungawhau.
 4. CTA has actively supported the annual Maungawhau “Love Your Mountain Day”, both financially and with active volunteers. Audrey van Ryn, Secretary of CTA was the chief organiser of the 2014 Love Your Mountain Day, which attracted record crowds.

5. CTA is strongly opposed to the recent interim guidance on volcanic view shafts released by the Proposed Auckland Plan Hearings Panel "Interim Guidance Text for Topic 020 View shafts" dated 17 July 2015.

We are very disturbed by the actions to disregard all the existing rules over volcanic view shafts, which have been developed and supported by local authorities over many years.

6. CTA would strongly support any action by the Tupuna Maunga o Tamaki Makara Authority to have the existing view shafts protected in the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan.
7. CTA supports statements made about the retention of these view shafts by both the Albert Eden Local Board in its August meeting agenda, and by the Auckland Council Heritage Advisory Panel at its meeting on 28 July 2015.
8. CTA supports and endorses, in general, individual submissions made by Friends of Maungawhau members.
9. CTA supports using and building on existing plans for the maunga already in existence, particularly those plans done for Maungawhau both in 1987 and 2007.
10. CTA endorses the development of a comprehensive conservation plan for each maunga as a necessary part of any integrated management plans.
11. The conservation plan should set out the iwi ancestral associations and histories for each maunga and include how they are valued as cultural and historical landscapes.
12. In the development of any management plans, groups with an interest should be invited to contribute to the development phase, rather than waiting to make submissions on a draft plan. This would usefully capture the knowledge and experience of the many volunteers and organisations that have been caring for these maunga in their communities.
13. Within the management plan, CTA would ask that the following issues be included:
 - a. The public must continue to have freedom of entry and access to all maunga reserves.
 - b. The protection of the physical features, both natural and those of historic heritage must be paramount.
 - c. The historic reserve and heritage role of these maunga is to be advocated for to have greater weight over the general use of the maunga for recreation.

- d. These differing roles can be combined with developing historic and cultural heritage trails as part of an Auckland wide greenways network. The Coast to Coast Walkway and the Te Araroa National walkway could be given greater prominence.
- e. Commercial operators using the maunga should contribute financially to their care and upkeep.
- f. A professional ranger service should be considered.
- g. No takeaway food or beverages should be available on any maunga, due to litter issues.
- h. The role of volunteers should be valued and continued, to empower each local community to have a stake in and responsibilities for caring for their local maunga.

CTA would welcome the opportunity to speak to this submission in the appropriate forum.

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