

Raglan (Whaingaroa) Coastal Reserve Management Plan Submission

Raglan Community Board

Please find below the Raglan Community Board's Submission on behalf of the Raglan community with respect to the Draft Raglan (Whaingaroa) Coastal Reserve Management Plan.

Part A General Overview

- **A.3** With the disestablishment of the Raglan Coastal Reserves Committee which had a strategic oversight responsibility, it is the Raglan Community Board's view that this Raglan Whaingaroa Coastal Reserve Management Plan be formally reviewed and put out for community consultation every 5 years.
- Between these five year review periods twice-yearly updates on the reserves need to be provided to the Raglan Community Board (RCB).
- RCB are looking at the inclusion of this statement of oversight/governance into the RCB Charter:
 - RCB, in their governance role, will take on the delegation for oversight of the management of the coastal reserves – in place of the previous Coastal Reserves Committee.
 - To ensure effective stakeholder engagement (as laid out in the draft plan) is occurring.
 - To ensure clear, concise, event management rules are in place and an effective scheduling of events through the event calendar.
 - To be involved in more detailed, future focused strategy around the management and development of the reserves.

Part B Papahua Reserve

- **B3.2.d Respect.** Rephrase second bulleted point to read: Identify and clearly define the role of the Raglan Holiday Park Papahua Governance Board, including clarity details roles, custodianship and responsibilities.
- **B3.4.e.** Rephrase point to read: Continue monitoring of dune changes and erosion, as well as from the headland of Rokikore around to the mouth of the Opotoru stream, specifically to deal with the recent increased foreshore erosion in this area.

- **B3.4.g** Council to develop a sea level rise long term plan specifically for Papahua Reserve that aims to either maintain the life of the existing facilities or has a managed retreat strategy that also will retain the existing facilities in a different location. This plan needs to take into account and reference to related Council plans eg. District Plan, Stage 2, Natural Hazards and Climate Change.
- **B.3.5.iv** This section needs to reference the terms of the tuku and that the Council will derive no profit from any activities occurring on the reserve.
- **B.3.5.e** This action should be rewritten to clearly articulate that the process is to be done in partnership with the Soccer club as follows: “In partnership with the Raglan Football Club develop a long term strategy that will allow soccer to expand in Raglan by utilising existing fields and developing alternative fields, either within the Raglan Recreation Centre / sports hub field complex, other sports based reserves or consider feasibility of Wainui Reserve.
- **B.3.5 Activities in Papahua Reserve (table).** Add in skateboarding.
- **B.3.5 Leases.** Add in lease for Jo’s Takeaways.
- **B.3.5.g Third bullet point.** Reword to read: “Holding events **during** the Christmas Holiday Period...”
- **B.3.6.c** The current dog permitted area includes on leash signage indicating from the footbridge to the right foreshore to enable dog walkers to access the beach freerun area. This signage and ability needs to stay and be spelled out in this policy.

Part C Waikeri (Manu Bay) Reserve

- **C.3.4.d** Investigate and develop a plan to pipe the toilet facility effluent to the existing wastewater treatment plant.
- **C.3.5.v** We support the continued Policy of no commercial concessions operating on this reserve.
- **C.3.5.e** Reword to read: “Community and **competitive** surfing and/or fishing...”
- **C.3.6 Accessibility and Information** Add policies regarding access/accessibility as set out under Papahua in B.3.6.i and B.3.6.ix
- **C.3.7.c** We do not support additional water-permeable hardstand parking. However signage directing overlength vehicles to the area behind the toilets and consideration of improved drainage for that area.

Part D Wainui Reserve

- **D** As one of the more diverse activity area’s and largest area this section of the management plan needs a more detailed long term strategy developed. Horse riding, mountain bike riding and forest walks within the Wainui reserve are all opportunities to attract more visitors to Raglan therefore the strategy should consider how to encourage this expansion of activity use. This long term strategy should consider a wide range of recreational activities, not only the existing ones. Consideration for the land disposal of fully quaternary treated wastewater non hazardous standard instead of direct harbour disposal. Building long-term, community resilience - for example permaculture principles for farming, community-based power generation via solar

and/or other opportunities as they arrive, potable water storage, community gardens and food forests, manuka honey and other aspirational activities.

- **D.3.2.d** Remove bullet point 2 as this committee no longer exists.
- **D.3.4** Whole section needs to be rewritten as it incorrectly identifies Papahua not Wainui.
- **D.3.4** Policy needs to be developed and implemented in this section that identifies the nesting of coastal seabirds in particular Oi and penguins and actively protects their existing habitat and expands their habitat. expanded warning informational signage installed to keep dogs and people out of the dunes.
- **D.3.4.g** Investigate and develop a plan to have all toilet facility effluent pumped to the existing town wastewater treatment plant.
- **D.3.5** Current farming area is not obvious to visitors that it is public land and access is allowed. Also this management plan needs to clearly have a long term strategy for the farming areas beyond an aspiration to sustainable farming practices. What is the climate change impact and future operational costs for the farming operation is it commercially viable. There is a desire to explore a diverse range of alternative land activities as we set out above in point D. We don't believe there is any value in the current farming practices that are taking place on the reserve.
- **D.3.6.a** The forestry activities should be phased out in a manner that reduces the impact on the users of the immediate forest area and the reserve users from the harvesting. Cost to council of NZ ETS land use changes if forests are post 1990. Consider a risk assessment around fire control strategy in the pines.
- **D.3.6.b** As part of the wider Wainui reserve section of this management plan a long term strategy needs to be developed that identifies where to expand native planting and identify suitable potential activities in those areas. Council should explore the registering of the native area planted since 1990 for the generation of NZ ETS NZU's as a revenue stream that can be used to support the care and revitalisation of the Wainui reserve from farming.
- **D.3.7 Recreation and Leisure** There is currently no reference to fees and charges. Suggest similar wording to Manu Bay, C.3.5.iv and similar wording to 'Community events:...' under 'Explanation' on page 40.
- **D.3.7.iii** The potential for a self contained freedom camping area to be located at the north car parking lot needs to be considered as this will eliminate the impact of freedom camping in the town area.
- **D.3.7.ix.g** Add in a new point to read: "For any surfing school activities. Only locally owned and run surf schools to operate from the reserve. All surf schools to operate only from a designated carpark within the vicinity of the toilets in the main carpark."
- **D.3.8.i** The impact of erosion to the beach foreshore facilities i.e. life saving tower, toilets need to be considered and a long term management plan developed. Work closely with Waikato Regional Council Coastal Plan.