STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Reserves Manager

REFERENCE: P110

DATE: 8 May 2007

SUBJECT: Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan

PURPOSE

To provide the Committee with the submission summary and the proposed draft of the Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan and to seek approval for this to be publicly notified.

A copy of the submission summary is attached; a copy of the draft plan will be circulated prior to the meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the May 2006 meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board they resolved to write to Tasman District Council requesting that a review of the 2001 Tata Beach Management Plan be undertaken.

This request was put on the agenda of the June 2006 meeting of this Committee who resolved that staff be requested to carry out this review.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

Mike Harding was contracted to carry out this work for Council. Mike has prepared a number of Reserve Management Plans for Council in the past.

A guidelines document was prepared and put out for public comment.

Thirty eight submissions were received; the information in these submissions was used to prepare the draft plan.

The main issues for discussion on the Reserve areas were:

Vehicle access to the Esplanade Reserves

The draft plan will recommend that vehicle access to the southern area of the front beach reserve is closed to vehicles other than maintenance vehicles and that the car parking available on the southern side of the boat ramp be moved back to allow for pedestrian access and landscaping.

Car and boat trailer parking

The plan will state that Council does not intend (at this stage) to develop additional car or boat trailer parks on the reserve land.

Pedestrian and cycle access

A number of the issues were raised regarding improving the pedestrian and cycle access which are issues for Council's Engineering Department and will be forwarded to them. Other pedestrian/cycleway issues will be investigated by Parks & Reserves staff.

The Boat Ramp

The main issues were regarding maintenance of the boat ramp which is outside the scope of the Management Plan; these will be forwarded to the Engineering Department to follow up.

Encroachment on reserves

The main issues were encroachment of fences and structures and the dumping of and burning of rubbish on reserve land. Policies in the plan should address these issues.

The Coast Care programme

Comments asking Council to continue to support the programme and how effective it seems to be.

AFFECTED PARTIES

Tasman District Council, iwi, residents and home owners of Tata Beach, the general public and visitors to Tasman District.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee approves the Draft Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan and releases it for public comment.

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Reserves Manager

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