# WAIMEA RIVER PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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# 1. Sport Fishing for Youth Charitable Trust\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Restrictions on the establishment of a put-and-take fishery.	The wording of Policy 80 is too restrictive and ambiguous.	Amend Policy 80 so that it permits rainbow trout and Chinook salmon and removes ambiguity regarding mitigation of effects. A subsequent submission and information presented at the hearing by the Trust and Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council clarified the request to the establishment of a new purpose-built pond for a contained put-and-take fishery of rainbow trout and Chinook salmon.	Amend Policy 80 [now 85], as follows: "Permit the establishment of a contained put- and-take fishery (in consultation with Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council) for the purpose of introducing young people to recreational fishing. The fishery is to be restricted to rainbow trout and Chinook salmon."

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# 2. Waimea Hops Ltd

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Oppose access to the park from Aldourie Road.	Aldourie Road does not provide legal public access to the park; privately-owned land separates it from the park.	Do not provide access to the park from Aldourie Road.	There is unformed public access (via marginal strip or similar) between Aldourie Road and the park. Any future development of access here will include consultation with adjoining landowners and the Engineering Department of Council.

#### 3. Downer EDI Works

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Continuation of gravel extraction	Have been operating at this site	Seek extension of gravel extraction	Council welcomes further discussion about the
and processing at the Bartletts	without any major issues since	consent and lease of gravel	long-term future of gravel-processing plants and
Road site (Policy 113).	1992. Have consents for gravel	processing site. Wish to discuss	about screening, safety and other issues
	extraction (till 2016) and a lease	options with Council, including	associated with the existing plants. Amend
	for gravel processing (till 2017).	screening, safety issues and further	Policy 113 [now 119] to: "Discuss with gravel
	Gravel processing provides a	assistance with river berm	processing plant operators, prior to lease
	valuable resource for the local	management (e.g. Challies Island	renewal, possible relocation outside the park.
	construction industry.	restoration project).	Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel

processing plant operators to minimise the adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities."

#### 4. Timothy Robinson\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Vehicle access to the park.	The berm land roads provide access for recreation, including access for disabled people. The park provides opportunities for young people to experience some freedom and let off steam in their vehicles. The roads are poorly maintained and frequently pot-holed.	Improve the access to the berm lands and river by permitting vehicle access. Maintain the roads by grading once or twice a year.	A majority of public submissions requested that motor vehicle access to the park be restricted. However, Council agrees that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65. Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river." Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Protection of fauna habitat.	River backwashes have been filled and modified, displacing important habitat for birds and fish, including whitebait.	Reinstate river backwashes and create permanent connections between these ponds and the river.	Agree. The plan proposes protection and restoration of wildlife habitat (policies 33 [now 38] and 39 [now 44]) and controls on habitat modification on leased land (Policy 117 [now 124]). Your suggestions are noted.

#### 5. GH Challies\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Page numbers in document.	Lack of page numbers made compilation of a submission more difficult.		<ul> <li>Apologies for lack of page numbering. Other copies of the document did have page numbers.</li> <li>Council will ensure future copies do have page numbers.</li> </ul>
Public access between the park and Redwood Road (2.3).	There is no right to public access over Part Lot 1 DP 5442. Therefore access to Redwood	Stop advocating public activities which conflict with established farming practice.	Reference in the plan to Redwood Road is in relation to the objectives of the Regional Cycling and Walking Strategy; it is not a plan

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	Road along the stop bank is not an option. Public access will conflict with an existing right to move cattle across the stop bank.		policy. However, the plan does propose to formalise use of the legal right-of-way between the park and the formed portion of Cotterell Road (see below).
Waimea Augmentation Scheme 7.2).	This scheme is for the purpose of augmenting the water supply in Waimea Basin. It is costing water users a lot of money and should not be used for other projects.	Hands off augmentation money.	Waimea River Park may be an appropriate location to undertake restoration work that may be required to mitigate the effects of construction of the proposed Lee Valley Dam. It is appropriate to note this possibility in the Plan.
Opportunities for public access (9.1).	The public already have access to the riverbed and there are over 1000 hectares available on Rabbit and Rough islands for public use.		
Gates and electric fences (9.1).	If people find gates and electric fences inconvenient they should go elsewhere. The contribution of leaseholders should be appreciated and respected.	The costs associated with moving fences and or infrastructure should not be foisted on leaseholders.	The contribution of leaseholders is appreciated (see 10.2). The plan proposes to continue leasing substantial parts of the park for grazing (Policy 114 [now 121]). Council also intends to encourage and provide for a wider range of uses. Some alteration to gates and fences may be necessary to facilitate this use (e.g. policies 63 [now 69] and 64 [now 70]). Amend Policy 64 [now 70]: "Require electric fences alongside defined walkways and tracks to be set back from the cleared path of the walkway or track".
Horse access along stop bank to Cotterell Road (9.4).	There is no legal access from the park to Cotterell Road. If horses are not allowed on stop banks in other parts of the park, why are they allowed on the stop bank here?	Stop advocating and promoting public access across my private property. Disallow horses on stop banks.	There is a legal right-of-way between the park and the formed portion of Cotterell Road. Council intends to formalize public use of this right-of-way, as follows: Amend Policy 58 [now 64]. Add a new policy [65]: "Investigate provision of marked public foot and cycle access along the Right of Way between Cotterell Road and the northwest corner of the park, in consultation

			with affected landowners." Horse riding will be prohibited on all stop banks, by amending Policy 76 [now 81], as follows: "Prohibit horses on stop banks because the presence of horses conflicts with walkers and cyclists and with the integrity and management of stop banks."
Dogs (9.10).	Dogs and people are a threat to the survival of rare native birds, particularly near Pearl Creek. Increased public use will affect predator control work, increase problems with dogs and affect farming activities.	Terminate the proposed park on the west side of the river where the stop bank swings west away from the river towards Pearl Creek. Strictly no pet dogs in this area.	Council has resolved to address the effects of dogs on wildlife as part of the next review of the Dog Control Bylaw.

# 6. Tasman District Gundog Society

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	Our club require vehicle access to the river for transporting equipment and older people for training and championship events. Restricting vehicle access at car parks will lead to conflict with other users.	Unrestricted access to our public river reserve.	A substantial majority of public submissions requested that motor vehicle access to the park be restricted. However, Council agrees that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65. Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river." Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Dog access (9.10).	Question why people want dog access restricted as a majority of park users are people exercising their dogs.		Dog access to all parts of the park will be permitted, subject to the requirements of the Tasman District Dog Control Bylaw. Amend Policy 95 [now 100]: "Allow dogs in the park subject to the Tasman District Council Dog

			Control Bylaw 2009."
Mountain bike track (Policy 72).	Concerned that the proposed mountain bike track will conflict with game-bird hunting.	It is unfair to restrict access to existing users by granting concessions for new activities.	Council considers that there is sufficient space in this part of the park to accommodate game-bird hunting and a mountain-bike track. The location of any dedicated mountain-bike track will be discussed with park users. Amend Policy 72 [now 77]: "Develop a dedicated mountain bike track on the west side of the river between Challies Island and Appleby Bridge, in consultation with lessees and other users of the park". New recreational activities are permitted only if they are compatible with other park management objectives and do not require exclusive use of land that is presently available for public use (Policy 120 [now 127]).
Rubbish (9.8) and Picnic areas (9.6).	Nothing much has ever been done by TDC to prevent rubbish dumping or protect picnic areas.	Install more signs and possibly video surveillance. Protect picnic areas with post and rail fences and vehicle speed limits.	Policies 88 to 92 [now 93-97] propose ways of restricting rubbish dumping, including the provision of more signs. Policy 82 [now 87] and motor vehicle access (policies 65 to 70 [now 71-75]) are intended protect picnic areas and restrict dumping of rubbish.

# 7. Yvonne Burbidge and Anthony Russ

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Conflict with adjacent landowners (Objective 4).	This objective should be altered to include a provision to prevent conflict with adjacent landowners.	Include the words "or with adjacent landowners" in Objective 4.	Agree. Amend Objective 4 so it reads "Manage the riverbed and berm lands to provide opportunities for public access and recreational use in a way that such activities do not conflict with one another or with adjacent landowners and are compatible with river control and soil conservation policies".
Land acquisition (Policy 12).	Existing access should be utilised, rather than creating new access points. Access needs	Delete Policy 12 and utilise existing access points.	Disagree. It may be necessary and desirable to provide other access points to more effectively enable public use and enjoyment. Such access

	to be controlled; fewer access points will incur lower maintenance costs.		may replace existing access points and will not necessarily increase maintenance costs. Retain Policy 12.
Maintenance (mowing) of stop banks (6.2).	Stop bank maintenance, especially mowing, has been poor.	The stop banks should be mown more frequently and a trigger used to prompt regular maintenance.	Concern acknowledged.
Effects of horses and vehicles on integrity of stop banks.	The integrity of the stop banks is affected by horses and vehicles.	There is nothing preventing this occurring and it is doubtful that this situation will change.	The plan proposes to restrict motor vehicle access to the park (including the stop banks) (policies 65 to 70 [now 71-75]) and prohibit horses on stop banks (Policy 76 [now 81]).
Challies Island habitat restoration project (Policy 38).	Oppose this project because it will increase the flood risk to my property, increase nuisance animals (mosquitoes and ducks), and create noise and dust during excavation.	Excavation of further ponds near Challies Island should not occur. Delete reference to these ponds from the plan. If this activity does occur, there should be consultation with adjacent landowners and prevention of adverse effects.	Council acknowledges concerns about possible effects of this project on adjacent landowners. Council believes that it is possible to undertake this project without having significant adverse effects on adjacent landowners. Amend Policy 38 [now 43] to require consultation with adjacent landowners: "Continue development of ponds and restoration of wildlife habitat along the old back-channel at Challies Island, in consultation with adjacent landowners.
Planting of food trees and seasonal food crops for game-birds (Policy 49).	Oppose this policy, as removal of existing vegetation will reduce the overall habitat.	Do not remove all vegetation.	Policy 49 [now 55] allows the planting of food to improve wildlife habitat. Any such planting would be carried out by or in consultation with Fish and Game and is permitted only if it does not compromise other park values (such as existing wildlife habitat). Retain Policy 49 [55].
Gates across walkways (Policy 63).	Access to the current walkway is uninhibited.	Gates across walkways should hinder access, to prevent other inappropriate uses such as motorbike riding.	This policy does not intend to remove gates; rather it is intended to ensure that gates across walkways are not unnecessarily awkward for cyclists and pedestrians. Gates at walkway entrances will be designed to exclude motor vehicles (including motorbikes). Add explanatory text to Policy 63 [now 69].
Increased public access to the park.	Increased public access will result in access to areas closer to my property. Access at night will result in boy-racer	Additional access to the park should be restricted particularly at night to prevent inappropriate activities causing disruption to	Restrictions on motor vehicle access are proposed by policies 65 to 70 [71-75]. Improved management of other public access is proposed by the Public Access and Recreation Use

	activities, noise disruption and increased fire risk	neighbouring properties.	policies. Council believes that these policies and improved management of recreational use will reduce, rather than increase, adverse effects on adjacent landowners.
Shooting and construction of maimais at Challies Island (Policy 79).	Use of maimais will affect the privacy and security of adjacent homes. An increase in shooting will disturb stock, especially as the hunting period coincides with lambing.	Remove Policy 79 from the plan.	Adjacent properties and stock are buffered by the stop bank. Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council will be responsible for ensuring this activity poses no unacceptable risk or inconvenience to other park users (Policy 77 [now 82]).
Restrictions on dogs (Policy 95).	Dogs in the park are frequently not on leads and dog owners often do not remove dog faeces.	Add the words "All dogs must be on leashes and all faeces must be removed" to Policy 95. Provide bags for the disposal of dog faeces.	The requirements of the Dog Control Bylaw are clearly stated in the text. Policy 95 [now 100] enables future dog management to be compatible with any changes to the Dog Control Bylaw without having to amend the plan. Council will provide bags for dog faeces if required.
Landscaping and amenity planting.	Such planting should not adversely affect neighbouring properties.	Support Policy 106, but add the words "and does not negatively impact on neighbouring properties".	Concern acknowledged. Add the words "and where such planting does not adversely affect the enjoyment of neighbouring properties" to Policy 100 [now 111].
Control of pest plants (7.3).	Spraying of pest plants, such as blackberry and gorse, has not occurred.	Add a further policy requiring spraying of pest plants.	Policies 43 to 47 [now 49-53] (particularly Policy 43 [now 49]) require the control of pest plants.
Gravel processing plants (10.1).	There have been few negative impacts from their activities.	The gravel processing plants should be permitted to stay.	Council welcomes further discussion about the long-term future of gravel-processing plants and about screening, safety and other issues associated with the existing plants. Amend Policy 113 [now 119] to: "Discuss with gravel processing plant operators, prior to lease renewal, possible relocation outside the park. Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel processing plant operators to minimise the adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities."

# 8. Margaret Cotton

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	Restricting vehicle access will concentrate use at parking areas, limiting opportunities for the many people that go to the area with dogs.	Do not punish people who cause no harm because of a few who abuse the area.	A substantial majority of public submissions requested that motor vehicle access to the park be restricted. However, Council agrees that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65. Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river." Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Proposed mountain-bike track (Policy 72).	Concerned that the presence of a mountain-bike track will conflict with the existing game- bird hunting.	Do not promote use of the area by people who do not use the area now at the expense of others who do.	Council considers that there is sufficient space in this part of the park to accommodate game-bird hunting and a mountain-bike track. The location of any dedicated mountain-bike track will be discussed with park users. Amend Policy 72 [now 77]: "Develop a dedicated mountain bike track on the west side of the river between Challies Island and Appleby Bridge, in consultation with lessees and other users of the park".
Access for dogs (9.10).	The area is very popular for people with dogs. Concerned that encouraging cyclists and walkers to use the park will displace dog use.	There needs to be areas where dogs can run free.	Dog access to all parts of the park will be permitted, subject to the requirements of the Tasman District Dog Control Bylaw. Amend Policy 95 [now 100]: "Allow dogs in the park subject to the Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2009."
Signs (9.11) and damage to picnic areas (9.6).	Signs are rotting away and have not been replaced. TDC has done nothing to prevent damage to picnic areas by vehicles.	Protect picnic areas with post and rail fences and vehicle speed limits. Install more signs and possibly video surveillance.	Policy 97 [now 102] proposes improved signs for the park. Policy 82 [now 87] and restrictions on motor vehicle access (policies 65 to 70 [now 71-75])

are intended protect picnic areas and restrict dumping of rubbish.

# 9. NZ Horse Recreation Group

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	To reduce the need to use motor vehicles to gain access to the park, links are needed.	Provide links to other horse-riding areas.	Areas outside the park are beyond the scope of this plan. However, the plan supports development of these links through access policies (56 to 62 [now 62-68]) and through provision of a horse trail through the park (Policy 73 [now 78]).
Parking areas (9.2).	Riders from further afield need parking. Parking areas must be large enough for loading/unloading horses and be secure from theft.	Provide adequate car parks.	Provision of car parks and facilities is proposed by Policy 66 [now 71]. Provision of car parks suitable for vehicles and horse floats is proposed at Clover Road West and lower Queen Street (amended Policy 74 [now 79]). The plan does not preclude development of other car parks suitable for horse floats.
Horse riding (9.4).	Support the provision of horse- riding trails in the park. Support sharing trails with walkers and cyclists and believe conflicts can be managed.	Support shared use of trails in the park.	Support acknowledged. Plan policies do not prohibit horse-riding on walking tracks, except where those tracks are on stop banks.
Horses on stop banks (9.4).	Stop banks provide excellent riding trails because they shed water and do not get pugged. Grazing causes as much damage to stop banks as horse riding.	Permit horse riding on stop banks (Policy 76).	Council considers that horse-riding on stop banks will conflict with walkers, cyclists and the integrity and management of the stop banks.
Signs and Interpretation (9.11).	Conflicts between users can be mitigated through signs. There are many good international standards and examples of signs for shared-use trails.	Support development of signs to encourage appropriate behaviour.	Support acknowledged. Policy 97 [now 102] proposes development of signs and interpretation for the park.

# 10. Jason and Viki Deer

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	Restricting vehicle access will limit opportunities for use of the area to exercise gun dogs. Most people who use the park are exercising dogs, not mountain- biking. Opening the area to mountain-bikers will exclude the people that presently use the river tracks.	Oppose restrictions of vehicle access.	<ul> <li>A substantial majority of public submissions requested that motor vehicle access to the park be restricted. However, Council agrees that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65.</li> <li>Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river."</li> <li>Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."</li> </ul>

# 11. Kevin King

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Flood control (6.0).	Flood protection and aquifer recharge should be the priorities for management and expenditure. The river delta could be developed but flood flows at other areas, such as Challies Island, should not be restricted.	Focus expenditure on flood control and aquifer recharge. Restrict development, such as tree planting, so flood flows are not restricted.	Acknowledge concern. Protection from flooding and maintenance of the aquifer are the primary purposes of park management (Objective 1, policies 22 to 31 [now 27-36]); all other objectives and policies are subservient. Tree planting (policies 37 [now 42], 49 [now 54] and 106 [now 111]) and habitat restoration, such as the Challies Island project (Policy 38), are permitted only if they do not compromise the flood protection objective.
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	Motor vehicle access to the area north of Appleby Bridge is needed for white-baiting. Motor vehicle access to the east side of the river between Appleby Bridge and Clover Road is also	Oppose restrictions on motor vehicle access to the area north of Appleby Bridge and to the east side of the river between Appleby Bridge and Clover Road.	A substantial majority of public submissions requested that motor vehicle access to the park be restricted. However, Council agrees that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65.

	needed; I have never seen walkers and cyclists in this area.		Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river." Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Bridge at Lower Queen Street (Policy 62).	How could someone believe it possible that a biking bridge be built at Lower Queen Street?		Delete Policy 62.
Gravel processing plants (10.1).	Gravel processing plants have been there for 70 years. It is an ideal location, away from people, dust and noise. If they were forced to move, where would they go and at what cost to the end user?	Leave the gravel processing plants alone.	Council welcomes further discussion about the long-term future of gravel-processing plants and about screening, safety and other issues associated with the existing plants. Amend Policy 113 [now 119] to: "Discuss with gravel processing plant operators, prior to lease renewal, possible relocation outside the park. Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel processing plant operators to minimise the adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities."

# 12. Nelson Riding Club Inc.\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Horse riding (9.4)	Support proposals to provide for	Support policies 73, 74, 75 and 76.	Support acknowledged.
	horse riding, a horse riding trail		The plan proposes a horse-riding trail (Policy 7
	and horse access to stop bank		[now 78]) and permits horse riding in most other
	between Waimea River and		parts of the park. Council has resolved to
	Cotterell Road. Happy to assist		prohibit horse-riding on all stop banks by
	Council with the development		amending Policy 76 [now 81], as follows:
	of a horse trail.		"Prohibit horses on stop banks because the
			presence of horses conflicts with walkers and
			cyclists and with the integrity and management
			of stop banks."
Motor vehicles (9.2)	Support proposal to	Support Policy 67.	Support acknowledged. Motor vehicles include

	progressively prohibit unauthorized motor vehicle access. Assume this includes motor bikes.		motor bikes. Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Gates and stiles (9.2).	Note that gates also restrict horse access.	A 'horse stile' has been effectively used in Belmont Regional Park. This can be used with or instead of a locked gate.	Council will investigate this option.
Car parking for horse floats (9.4).	Provision of an additional parking area for horse floats at Lower Queen Street would enable better access to a variety of areas in the park. The proposed Clover Road West car park is well away from main roads.	Provide an additional parking area for horse floats at Lower Queen Street.	Agree. Amend Policy 74 [now 79], so it reads: "Provide suitable parking for vehicles and horse floats at the park boundaries at Clover Road West and at Lower Queen Street".
Signs (9.11).	Support the development of signs that include information on how pedestrians, mountain- bikers and horse riders should share paths and trails.	Support Policy 97.	Support acknowledged.
Public Safety (9.12).	There are three gravel processing plants between Clover Road West and Appleby Bridge. The horse trail needs to be sited away from these plants. There needs to be adequate warning of heavy vehicle movements.	Site horse trail as far away from the gravel processing plants as feasible (Policy 73).	Recommendation acknowledged, though the narrowness of the area between the plants and river will limit opportunities. Council welcomes further discussion about the long-term future of gravel-processing plants and about screening, safety and other issues associated with the existing plants. Amend Policy 113 [now 119] to: "Discuss with gravel processing plant operators, prior to lease renewal, possible relocation
		warning signs (Policy 102).	outside the park. Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel processing plant operators to minimise the adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities."

Public Safety (9.12).	Many people do not appreciate	In the few areas where visibility is	Acknowledge concern. Support for mitigation of
	that horses may react by shying	limited, the horse, mountain-bike	hazards (Policy 99 [now 104]) acknowledged.
	or bolting if they unexpectedly	and walking tracks should be	Council will attempt to address this concern by
	encounter a walker or cyclist.	separate and clearly marked.	methods including improved visibility, adequate
		- ·	signs or separate trails.

# 13. Clive and Margaret Richards\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Horse riding (9.4).	Horses cause less damage than mountain-bikes, are less dangerous than dogs and co- exist well with walkers.	Permit horse-riding in all areas, including the stop banks (Policy 76). Passing bays could be provided on stop banks.	Council has resolved to prohibit horse-riding on all stop banks by amending Policy 76 [now 81], as follows: "Prohibit horses on stop banks because the presence of horses conflicts with walkers and cyclists and with the integrity and management of stop banks."
Paintball (10.3).	Paintball should be nowhere near a public walkway.	Relocate Paintball to Rabbit Island (Policy 118).	Council considers that there is sufficient room at the proposed location (the existing pine plantation) or elsewhere in the park to locate a paintball operation without causing conflict with other users. Amend Policy 118 [now 125]: "Review the paintball operation at Challies Island back- channel when this area is required for wetland restoration. Permit establishment of a paintball operation elsewhere in the park, provided the adverse effects of the activity can be avoided or mitigated."
Duck shooting (9.5).	Duck shooting conflicts with all other users of the park.	Prohibit duck shooting in the park (Policy 77).	Council considers that it is possible for duck shooting to continue in the park without causing conflict with other users. Policy 77 [now 82] requires Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council to manage duck shooting in a way that ensures there is no unacceptable risk or inconvenience to other users of the park.
Motor bikes (9.2).	Motor bikes are not currently an issue but, if use increases, there could be issues of noise and		Policies 65 to 70 [now 71-75] propose to progressively restrict unauthorised motor vehicle (including motor bike) use of the park.

reckless riding.	Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict
	unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the
	park where such restrictions will benefit or help
	protect park values or facilities present or
	developed in these areas."

#### 14. Anita Pearless

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	I regularly use the western side	Allow vehicle access to the western	A substantial majority of public submissions
	of the park to exercise my dog.	side of the park.	requested that motor vehicle access to the park
	Vehicle access to this area		be restricted. However, Council agrees that any
	allows me to exercise my dog		restrictions on motor vehicle access should
	off a leash without disturbing		occur gradually as park facilities are developed.
	other people. Preventing motor		Delete Policy 65.
	vehicle access will not make the		Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks
	rubbish problem go away; the		and other facilities at key access points to the
	problem will be moved		river."
	elsewhere.		Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict
			unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the
			park where such restrictions will benefit or help
			protect park values or facilities present or
		Provide cheaper options for rubbish	developed in these areas."
		disposal, such as no fees for taking	Rubbish dumping fees are outside the scope of
		rubbish to the tip.	this plan.

# 15. Kay and Kevin Bradley

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Dogs (9.10).	The majority of users of the area		Dog access to all parts of the park will be
	are families who own dogs.		permitted, subject to the requirements of the
			Tasman District Dog Control Bylaw. Amend
			Policy 95 [now 100]: "Allow dogs in the park
			subject to the Tasman District Council Dog
			Control Bylaw 2009."
Mountain-biking (9.3).	It is wrong that the plan		A number of public submissions requested
_	promotes mountain-bike usage		improved opportunities for mountain-biking in

	when mountain-bikers don't use surrounding roads now.		the park. Council considers that it is possible to provide opportunities for mountain-biking in the park without causing conflict with other users.
Rubbish disposal (9.8).	Understand about rubbish dumping.	Target the real offenders instead of the people who really do appreciate river access.	Plan policies, especially restrictions on motor vehicles (policies 65 to 70 [now 71-75]) and rubbish disposal (policies 88 to 92 [now 93-97]), are expected to reduce opportunities to dump rubbish and to encourage visitors to not dump rubbish.

# 16. Gabrielle O'Connor\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Land acquisition and disposal (5.4).	Family property lies adjacent to the park at Pearl Creek. It provides habitat for birds and further habitat has been fenced. Public access to these areas will disturb sensitive bird species.	Do not want public access to these areas.	Privately-owned land is outside the scope of this plan. Amended Objective 4 proposes to ensure that public access and recreational use of the park do not conflict with activities on adjacent land.
Foot access, walkways and tracks (9.1).	The family farm lies on both sides of the stop bank. Access across the stop bank is required for farm management. Gates are necessary for farm management; locked gates are necessary because people leave gates open, allowing stock to escape.	The needs of cyclists and walkers should not be given preference over the ability of people to continue normal farming activities (Policy 63).	Concern acknowledged. Council would like to discuss management of public access along this section of stop bank with the affected landowners. Add a new policy [65]: "Investigate provision of marked public foot and cycle access along the Right of Way between Cotterell Road and the northwest corner of the park, in consultation with affected landowners."
Horse riding (9.4).	The stop bank near Cotterell Road is narrow and unsuitable for horses, which could take fright at farming activities or other users. Horse riders are well catered for at Rough Island and in other parts of the park.	Oppose horse access along stop bank at Cotterell Road (Policy 76).	Council has resolved to prohibit horse-riding on all stop banks by amending Policy 76 [now 81], as follows: "Prohibit horses on stop banks because the presence of horses conflicts with walkers and cyclists and with the integrity and management of stop banks."
Dogs (9.10).	Dogs threaten wildlife and can disturb stock. There is important bird habitat north of Appleby	Prohibit dogs from the area north of Appleby Bridge.	Council has resolved to address the effects of dogs on wildlife as part of the next review of the Dog Control Bylaw.

	Bridge, especially near Cotterell Road.		
Grazing (10.2).	Money received from grazing leases provides important revenue for maintenance of the berm lands and riverbed.	If land is removed from grazing to provide for recreation, the new land use should be required to pay a lease rental equivalent to that received from a grazing lease.	Concern acknowledged. Lease rentals and use of revenue from leases are outside the scope of this management plan. However, any loss in rental income would be considered by Council before granting any new lease.
Planning context (2.3).	It is a major oversight that landowners along Pearl Creek were not consulted about mentioning Pearl Creek in the plan. It is not public property.	Why is Pearl Creek mentioned when it is not part of the park?	Pearl Creek is mentioned in that part of the plan (2.3) only because the document mentioned (Waimea Flood Control Area and Pearl Creek Discussion Document) includes Pearl Creek in its title. Here, and elsewhere in the plan, Pearl Creek is mentioned only as a good example of habitat restoration. The plan and its policies do not cover Pearl Creek. The text of the plan (2.3) will be amended to clarify this.

# 17. NZ Transport Agency

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access and roads (9.2).	The Appleby Straight is a National Safety Coordination site due to the disproportionate number of accidents. The plan seeks to provide pedestrian and cycling access to the park adjacent to Appleby Bridge and to concentrate parking at key locations. The plan provides no traffic impact assessment or details of signage.	The plan needs to include a clear signage and access plan, with a traffic impact assessment that can be considered by the NZ Transport Agency.	Motor vehicle policies (policies 65 to 70 [now 71-75]) and Access policies (policies 56 to 62 [now 62-68]) are intended to reduce use of the park by vehicles and enable and encourage access to and use of the area by walkers and cyclists. The plan also proposes better access along the Waimea River (including access beneath Appleby Bridge). These policies are intended to enable continued public use of this area and reduce pedestrian and cycle use in the vicinity of Appleby Bridge. Council welcomes suggestions from NZTA about other policies which would reduce traffic movements and enhance public safety.
Paintball (Policy 118).	The plan proposes to relocate the Paintball operation closer to SH60.	This may increase traffic movements at the River Road intersection.	The location of any future Paintball operation is unclear. Access and traffic safety will be taken into consideration before any alternative location

is approved.

#### 18. JR and KJ Sutherland\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Commercial recreation (paintball) (10.3).	The lessee has not adhered to the conditions of the paintball consent. The proposed site is in a flood plain and would pose a threat to walkers and cyclists, disturb horses on the adjoining property and disturb stock.	Do not permit the paintball operation to continue or to be relocated to the vicinity of the pine plantation, i.e. delete Policy 118.	Council considers that it is possible to locate the paintball operation in the pine plantation area and to adequately mitigate any adverse effects of this operation. Any relocated paintball operation here or elsewhere in the park will be subject to a new lease agreement. Amend Policy 118 [now 125]: "Review the paintball operation at Challies Island back- channel when this area is required for wetland restoration. Permit establishment of a paintball operation elsewhere in the park, provided the adverse effects of the activity can be avoided or mitigated."
Pine plantation (10.3).	The pine trees have anchored the soil during floods, provide habitat for birds, and provide a sound barrier for homes in the area.	Do not remove the pine plantation (Policy 119). If pines are removed, a new tree plantation should be established.	The pines in this plantation have little (if any) commercial value. Council wishes to remove these trees before they pose risk to park visitors. Amend Policy 119 [now 126]: "Progressively remove trees from the plantations and replace with other plant cover, preferably native species."
Horse riding (9.4).	The stop banks provide a lot of safe off-road riding. Horses cause no damage to the stop banks.	Permit horse-riding on the stop banks (Policy 76).	Council has resolved to prohibit horse-riding on all stop banks by amending Policy 76 [now 81], as follows: "Prohibit horses on stop banks because the presence of horses conflicts with walkers and cyclists and with the integrity and management of stop banks."
River Road park entrance (9.2)	The River Road entrance to the park encourages vehicle-racing (which threatens the safety of walkers and cyclists) and rubbish dumping.	Close the River Road entrance to the park.	The plan proposes to restrict motor vehicle access to the park as facilities are developed. Motor vehicle access at River Road may eventually be restricted.

# 19. William Byrne

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Access for trucks (9.2).	Truck access is required through the park on the existing haul- road for gravel extraction.	Guarantee access along the haul- road at the confluence of the Wairoa and Wai-iti rivers.	Motor vehicle access will continue to be permitted, where authorized, for gravel extraction and cartage (Policy 69 [now 74]) subject to public safety (Policy 102 [now 107]). Amend Policy 23 [now 28] to clarify truck access, by adding the following words: "and authorized gravel extraction and cartage".
Purchase of land within the park (5.4).	Would like to square-off the bottom end of my property and tidy-up currently under-utilized land.	Permit disposal from the park of land along the lower Wairoa River (as discussed with Jim Frater).	Land disposal will only be considered if such disposal will not compromise park management objectives (Policy 13). Any proposed disposal would be subject to public consultation (Policy 14).
Planting at the confluence of Wai- iti and Wairoa rivers (7.2).	Planting may impede flood flows.	Ensure planting does not impede flood flows.	Agree. The proposed planting location has been approved by river engineers. Policy 37 [now 42] requires that such planting does not compromise flood control objectives.

#### 20. Fulton Hogan\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Plan Objectives (4.0)	While the plan recognises the importance of the gravel resource to the construction industry, it states that the presence of processing plants and stockpiles is not compatible with flood control objectives. The plan makes it clear that the expectation is that crushing plants will, over time, be required to relocate from the park. Where will the plants relocate to? And what will the cost to the community be?	Amend Objective 1 by adding the words: "recognising the presence of rock crushing and gravel extraction activities on the berm lands". Amend Objective 5 so it reads: "Manage the riverbed and berm lands to provide opportunities for commercial use (including rock crushing facilities and stockpiling of crushed product) in such a way as is compatible with river control and soil conservation (Objective 1), beneficial to park management and	While there may be a case for providing greater recognition of the importance of the gravel processing plants in the plan, it is not considered appropriate to amend proposed Objective 4.1 and Objective 4.5. Amended Policy 113 [now 119] and new Policy [120] recognise the importance of the gravel processing plants.

		not unduly conflicting with other management objectives."	
Gravel processing plants (10.1). Leases (10.4).	Gravel for construction and roading use (high-end uses) is a critical and valuable resource for the District. It is important that such material is able to be processed in an accessible location. Otherwise the cost of the material becomes very high. Crushing plants can be compatible with recreation and flood protection objectives. The provisions of policies 122, 123 and 124 are too restrictive.	Change Policy 113 to: "Encourage gravel processing operations to move to locations outside of the park no later than 25 years from the issue of the Waimea River Park Management Plan". Add the words "in certain circumstances" to the text descriptions (10.1) of the effects of gravel stockpiles and gravel processing plants. Amend policies 122, 123 and 124 so that the importance of gravel	Council welcomes further discussion about the long-term future of gravel-processing plants and about screening, safety and other issues associated with the existing plants. Amend Policy 113 [now 119] to: "Discuss with gravel processing plant operators, prior to lease renewal, possible relocation outside the park. Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel processing plant operators to minimise the adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities." Disagree. It is not appropriate to give greater recognition to gravel extraction or processing in
	125 and 124 are too restrictive.	extraction and gravel processing activities to the people of the District is considered.	the lease policies.
Access for gravel extraction (TDC Consent No. RM010449).	To make available high-quality aggregate and allow access between the resource and the crusher site.	Retain access to this area to allow continued extraction of aggregate as consented.	Motor vehicle access will continue to be permitted, where authorized, for gravel extraction and cartage (Policy 69 [now 74]) subject to public safety (Policy 102 [now 107]). Amend Policy 23 [now 28] to clarify truck access, by adding the following words: "and authorized gravel extraction and cartage".
Challies Island wetland development (7.2).	Development of wetlands at this site benefits the public and provides a supply of high- quality aggregate.	Continued development of the Challies Island wetlands and provision of high-quality aggregate from this area.	Agree. Policy 38 [now 43] proposes continued development of wetlands at the Challies Island back-channel. Policy 111 [now 117] permits continued gravel extraction and Policy 112 [now 118] encourages such extraction to meet other park objectives, such as habitat restoration.

#### 21. Peter Burton

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Community involvement (5.3).		Support enhanced community involvement (Policy 7).	Support acknowledged.
Land acquisition (5.4).	A priority for land acquisition should be to extend the park to the Brightwater Bridge.	Support Policy 10; extend park to Brightwater Bridge.	Support acknowledged.
Riverbed management (6.1).		Limiting of heavy machinery (Policy 23) should specifically include modification of the riverbed for jet-sprinting.	Policy 23 is considered adequate. Delete Policy 121. Any application for jet-sprinting events will be considered under the objectives of the plan.
Gravel processing (10.1).		This section needs to be stronger. Gravel processing operations to move to locations outside the park by 2015 (Policy 113).	Council welcomes further discussion about the long-term future of gravel-processing plants and about screening, safety and other issues associated with the existing plants. Amend Policy 113 [now 119] to: "Discuss with gravel processing plant operators, prior to lease renewal, possible relocation outside the park. Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel processing plant operators to minimise the adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities."
Pine plantation (10.3).	The trees in this plantation do not present a hazard to the public. Any paintball operation in this area should be required to operate with the trees left standing.	Retain the pine trees until native vegetation is established.	The pines in this plantation have little (if any) commercial value. Council wishes to remove these trees before they pose risk to park visitors. Amend Policy 119 [now 126]: "Progressively remove trees from the plantations and replace with other plant cover, preferably native species."

# 22. Martin Conway\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Mapping	The scale of the maps is too small (1:8000 at A3 but A4 in report) to be able to make	Improve the scale of the maps.	Accept. Maps at a better scale are required for the final plan.

	sensible comments on the areas assigned to various uses.		
Zoning	Prefer an integrated approach to planning to that of zoning. Rigid land-use zones tend to exclude opportunities for other uses.	Support multiple-use approach of the plan but recommend a much closer integration.	Agree. Shaded areas on planning maps will be clearly identified as indicative areas, rather than precise zones.

# 23. Paintball Nelson Ltd (Mark Paynter)\*

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Paintball operation (10.3).	Would prefer to remain at present location because of the costs of relocation and the terrain at the present location is perfect. Finding another location would be difficult. A paintball club has been started and is popular.	Prefer to remain at present location. If required to relocate, would like a water supply at the new location, prefer that only unsafe trees were removed and that other vegetation is allowed to regenerate. Will need sufficient time and an overlap between the sites so as not to adversely affect the business.	Concerns acknowledged. The present paintball location is unsuitable in the long term. Council will discuss with the operator the logistics and timing of moving the operation. Amend Policy 118 [now 125]: "Review the paintball operation at Challies Island back- channel when this area is required for wetland restoration. Permit establishment of a paintball operation elsewhere in the park, provided the adverse effects of the activity can be avoided or mitigated." Amend Policy 119 [now 126]: "Progressively remove trees from the plantations and replace with other plant cover, preferably native species."

# 24. Alan and Vicki Gardner

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Park and management plan.	We use much of the area on the east side for swimming, walking, cycling and horse- riding. The present state of the river banks and access roads is risky and dangerous. Gravel crushing operations appear to have expanded in an ad hoc way	Support the plan as presented and look forward to improvement as a reserve, with areas allocated for outdoor activities, smaller controlled extractive use, and safe green areas between.	Support acknowledged. Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel processing plant operators to minimise the adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities."

#### for 20 years or more.

#### 25. National Council of Women of New Zealand Inc.

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Public access and recreational use (3.5).	Welcome increase and upgrading of walking/cycling/horse-riding tracks.	Do not think motor vehicles can share these paths.	The plan proposes to encourage recreational use (policies 56 to 62 [now 62-68]) and eventually restrict motor vehicle use (policies 65 to 67 [now 71-75]).
Restoration of indigenous vegetation and habitat (7.2).	The planting of native species and increasing the wetlands will provide habitat for endangered species and cover for introduced species.		Agree. The plan proposes restoration of indigenous vegetation and habitat.
Foot access, walkways and tracks (9.1).	A foot bridge over the lower Waimea River would open up this area to walkers and cyclists.	Support proposals in this section of the plan (including Policy 62).	Policy 62 has been removed, though the plan does not prevent construction of a foot bridge.
Motor vehicle access and roads (9.2).	Limiting road access should reduce the dumping of rubbish and save Council costs for removal.	Support this section (9.2).	Support acknowledged.
Mountain biking (9.3).		Support the development of a dedicated mountain bike track (Policy 72).	Support acknowledged.
Hunting and fishing (9.5).		Agree with all parts of this section.	Support acknowledged.
Dogs (9.10).	Suggest that exercising of dogs be permitted but with leash restriction in more sensitive areas of the park.		Dog access to all parts of the park will be permitted, subject to the requirements of the Tasman District Dog Control Bylaw. Amend Policy 95 [now 100]: "Allow dogs in the park subject to the Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2009."
Leases (10.4).		Agree with the management of the leases.	Support acknowledged.

# 26. Brian and Hilary Ford

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Park and management plan.	Concerned at change to status quo. Development of park may lead to increase in vandalism and conflict with grazing management. It also may improve weed control, improve habitat for wildlife and provide additional exercise and picnic areas.	Question the need for more than formulation of a plan at this stage.	There is strong public support for improved management and facilities for the park area. Council is confident that this can be achieved over time. Development will be guided by the management plan and will include consultation with lessees and other affected parties.
Picnicking (9.6).	Picnic area would dissect and compromise our interest in the grazing area.	Would not like to see formation of a picnic area at Challies Island (Policy 82).	Accept. The proposed picnic area will probably be located at or near the Challies Island road entrance or back-channel, in consultation with affected lessees.
Mountain bike track (9.3).	The site of the proposed mountain bike track is a bit vague.	The mountain bike track should be sited so that it does not interfere with grazing management (Policy 72).	Accept. The proposed mountain bike track will be located somewhere between Challies Island and Appleby Bridge, after consultation with affected lessees. Amend Policy 72 [now 77]: "Develop a dedicated mountain bike track on the west side of the river between Challies Island and Appleby Bridge, in consultation with lessees and other users of the park".
Hunting (9.5).	Shooting at maimais will risk increased disturbance of stock.	Oppose increased shooting at maimais.	Adjacent properties and stock are buffered by the stop bank. Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council will be responsible for ensuring this activity poses no unacceptable risk or inconvenience to other park users (Policy 77 [now 82]).
Plant pest control (7.3).		Would like to see removal of old man's beard and reduction of broom, without removal of desirable habitat for wildlife.	Agree. These suggestions will be included if practicable in the proposed Pest Control Plan (Policy 44 [now 50]). Funds may limit the extent to which this control can be achieved.
Walkways and electric fences (Policy 64).	Would Council mow or spray the 2m set-back areas between	Question the minimum distance between cleared walkways and	Council will take this concern into consideration. Amend Policy 64 [now 70]:

	walkways and electric fences?	electric fences.	"Require electric fences alongside defined walkways and tracks to be set back from the cleared path of the walkway or track".
Rubbish disposal (9.8).	Doubt that rubbish dumping would be reduced with increased use of the park		Concern acknowledged. Council expects that with restricted motor vehicle access and more deliberate management of the park and facilities,
	because most dumping would occur near dark or day's end.		dumping of large quantities of rubbish will be reduced.

# 27. Transpower NZ Ltd

Issue	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Recognition of and protection for network utilities in the park.	Transpower owns and operates New Zealand's high voltage transmission network. This national grid has national significance under the RMA. A national policy statement and National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission recognise and protect the national grid. Two high voltage transmission lines cross the park. Transpower requires access to these lines for maintenance and requires protection of these lines from activities and developments within the park.	<ul> <li>Recognition of Transpower's assets in the Waimea River Park and provide for access for maintenance and upgrading works.</li> <li>Protection of transmission assets from activities and development within close proximity, e.g. tree planting and stop bank construction.</li> <li>Request amendments and additions to the following parts of the plan (outlined in detail in submission):</li> <li>Add text to 3.1</li> <li>Add sub-section (5.7 Network Utilities) to section 5.</li> <li>Add policy to 9.13.</li> <li>Amend text (9.14) and amend policy 107.</li> </ul>	Accept. Apologies for this oversight. The plan has been amended to provide the relief sought by Transpower (as outlined in submission) by insertion of new policies 22 to 26. The high voltage transmission lines have been marked on the management plan maps.

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	Provisions of the plan will result in restrictions on motor vehicles, rubbish dumping and damage. Gates and fences will restrict motor vehicle access to grazing leases and revegetation sites.	Support restrictions on motor vehicle access. Support use of fences and locked gates to restrict motor vehicle access (Policy 65).	Support acknowledged.
Grazing (10.2).	Welcome the emphasis the plan places on the important role of grazing as weed control.	That renewal of grazing leases considers the important stewardship role of farmers in management of the park.	Role of grazing acknowledged. It is expected that non-renewal of grazing leases (or parts of leases) will occur only in circumstances where another specified use is agreed (policies 116 [now 123] and 122 [now 128]). Any such change will take into account the future management of the leased area.
Restoration of indigenous vegetation and habitat (7.2).	Areas cleared for grazing are being successfully managed by farmers. Revegetation should be located in other areas, in the first instance.	Support revegetation of native species in areas that are not already cleared for grazing (and successfully managed).	Comments acknowledged. Policy 37 [now 42] indicates that priorities for revegetation will be in areas that do not conflict with other uses. Areas suggested in the plan (7.2) for revegetation are not presently grazed.
Flood protection (4.1).	Protection of nearby farmland and urban areas from potential flood risk should be a vital aspect of park management.	Ensure the primary purpose of the proposed management plan continues to be to ensure that land surrounding the Waimea River is protected from the river during times of flood.	Support acknowledged. Objective 1 and the plan policies are intended to ensure that flood protection and river control remain the primary objectives of park management.
Community involvement (5.3).	Farmers grazing in the park have the greatest stake in how the area is currently managed.	Ensure farmers are included in any focus group.	Request acknowledged. Policies 7 to 9 provide for the involvement of farmers in park management. Lessees will be consulted where proposed management affects their activities.

# 28. Federated Farmers of NZ, Nelson Province

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Status of plan.	A statutory plan would provide the public and relevant statutory agencies greater certainty that the plan will be implemented in a consistent manner.	Adopt the plan as a statutory management plan under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.	Council has resolved that the plan will not be a statutory document.
Map (1.0).	The map is difficult to read.	Improve the quality of the map so that is clearly shows key features and the extent of the park.	Accept. Detailed maps are appended to the draft plan (p38-40). The quality of the main map will be improved.
Purpose and structure (2.1).	Support existing range of uses proposed.	Support.	Support acknowledged.
Land covered by plan (2.2).	Unclear whether the maps form part of the plan.	Include specific reference to maps that show the location, extent and land status of land subject to provisions of the plan.	Accept. Clearer maps and map references will be included.
Planning context (2.3).	The status of the park policies, other Council policies and effect of the Local Government Act and Reserves Act are unclear. Vesting the park under the Reserves Act would provide the public with greater surety of consistent management.	Amend the plan to include a policy requiring Council to vest the park under the Reserves Act 1977.	Council has resolved not to vest the park lands under the Reserves Act and that the park management plan will be a non-statutory plan.
Location and description (3.1).	This description would be improved by adding reference to a redrafted map.	Add reference to a redrafted location plan showing the park's entrances, parking areas, cycle and pedestrian paths, roads and other features.	Accept. Detailed maps will be provided with the final plan.
River control and soil conservation (3.2).	This section would benefit from an introductory text.	Add introductory text that sets out the purpose and context of succeeding sections.	Accept. Introductory text will be added.
Natural values (3.3).	This description would be improved by a fuller description of fish species present.	Add text listing fish species present (text provided in submission).	Accept. Suggested text will be added.
Historic values (3.4).	This section does not include	Include information about the	Accept. Text will be added.

# 29. Department of Conservation, Nelson/Marlborough Conservancy\*

	any reference to water abstraction, such as the establishment of the Waimea East Irrigation Scheme.	presence and effects of water abstraction, in particular the Waimea East Irrigation Scheme.	
Commercial activities (3.6).	A policy is needed to address effects of back-filling of berm lands with waste material.	Include policy to address the effects of back-filling of berm lands. Clarify text on existing commercial	These effects would be addressed as part of the process of granting resource consent. Amend text as suggested.
		activities (as outlined in submission).	
Objectives (4.0).	The substantial capital investments that flood protection works protect justify	Support objectives 1 to 5; appreciate higher status of objective 1.	Support for objectives acknowledged.
	the status of Objective 1. Integration of park management with management of the Waimea Inlet is important.	Add "maintenance of water quality" to Objective 1. Add reference to other objectives to Objective 3 (historic resource protection).	Agree. This is consistent with the primary purpose of park management. Disagree. Objectives 2 to 4 are intended to have equal status. Integration of these objectives is implicit.
		Add a further objective: "Manage the river bed and berm lands within the Waimea River Park, and public lands within and adjoining the Waimea Inlet in an integrated manner, consistent with other river park objectives".	Agree that this would be useful objective, though this plan only covers the Waimea River Park. Add: "Objective 6: Manage the riverbed and berm lands in a way that is compatible, and wherever possible integrated with, management of Waimea Inlet, consistent with other Waimea River Park management objectives".
Management plan review (5.1).	The meaning of Policy 2 is unclear.	Amend Policy 2 by inserting the words: does not provide guidance regarding" between "or" and "new activities".	Agree. Amend Policy 2 as suggested.
Tangata whenua (5.2).	Wording of second sentence is too limited.	Change sentence so that it ends: "important to Council".	Agree. Change second sentence as suggested.
Community involvement (5.3).	Policy 7 should also refer to enhancement.	Add "enhancement" to Policy 7.	Agree. Amend Policy 7 as suggested.
Land acquisition and disposal (5.4).	These policies do not provide sufficient public confidence, as the plan is a non-statutory document.	Support policies 10 to 14 in principle, though should be strengthened by requiring any land disposal to be included in the Long	This management plan cannot pre-determine the content of the LTCCP.

		Term Council Community Plan.	
Compliance and law enforcement (5.5).	Policies 15 and 16 would be strengthened if the plan was a statutory management plan. Policy 17 is not appropriately worded, as policies are not enforceable in the same manner as bylaws.	Retain policies 15 and 16; delete Policy 17.	Accept. The limitations of a non-statutory management plan are acknowledged. Amend Policy 17 by replacing "policies in this management plan" with "Waimea River Park bylaws"
Species and habitat protection and management (7.1).	The Waimea berm lands provide a unique opportunity to restore habitat types in a highly modified area.	Retain policies 32 to 36.	Support acknowledged.
Restoration of indigenous vegetation and habitat (7.2).	Support these polices. The policies would be improved by addition of a policy identifying opportunities to connect other restoration areas and/or the Waimea Inlet.	Retain policies. Add a new policy signalling Council's intention to enhance functioning of Waimea Inlet and create corridors between the mountains and the sea.	Support acknowledged. Add a new policy "Encourage restoration of vegetation and habitat that enhances protection of the Waimea Inlet and/or enhances links between the mountains and the sea".
Plant and animal pest control (7.3).	Naturalized plants should be referred to as pest plants in this section of the plan.	Change "naturalized plant species" to "pest plant species".	Agree. Amend text as suggested.
Protection of historic resources (8.1).	Support policies, but note potential conflict with Policy 109.	Retain policies 51 to 53.	Support acknowledged.
Buildings and structures (9.14).	Support Policy 109, though it could make the preservation or restoration of historic buildings within the park more difficult.	Amend Policy 109 by adding the words: "subject to an assessment that they do not have archaeological, cultural or historic significance".	Agree. Amend Policy 109 as suggested.
Gravel extraction and processing (10.1).	Support policies 110 to 113. Accept some gravel extraction will be necessary. Support phasing out of gravel processing plants at an earlier time.	Retain policies 110 to 112. Replace Policy 113 with: Phase out the activity of gravel processing within the river park by not renewing licences for this activity when they become due for renewal".	Support for policies 110 to 112 [now 116-120] acknowledged. Views on Policy 113 acknowledged. Amend Policy 113 [now 119] to: "Discuss with gravel processing plant operators, prior to lease renewal, possible relocation outside the park. Add a new policy [120]: "Work with gravel processing plant operators to minimise the

			adverse effects of the plants on other park values and activities."
Grazing (10.2).	An additional policy to address the adverse effects of grazing, such as the effects of fertiliser use.	Add a policy: "Review the terms and conditions of grazing leases when they are due for renewal to ensure they are compatible with objectives and policies of this plan.	This issue is partly addressed by Policy 123 [now 129], though a new policy [131] has been added for clarification, as suggested.
Commercial recreation (10.3).	Support policies 118 to 121.	Retain policies.	Support acknowledged.
Leases (10.4).	Support policies 122 and 123.	Retain policies 122 and 123. Amend policy 124, by adding the words "either in whole or part" after the word "lease".	Support acknowledged. Agree. Amend Policy 124 [now 130] as suggested.

# 30. Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc., Nelson Tasman Branch

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Objectives (4.0).	In general we fully support the objectives and policies of the plan.		Support acknowledged.
Restoration of indigenous vegetation and habitat (7.2).	All care must be taken to ensure that proposed activities do not derogate from the potential for habitat restoration and enhancement. There appears to be little planting of riparian vegetation.		Agree. It is considered that the existing policies (and the addition of a policy relating to Waimea Inlet and establishment of links between the mountains and sea [48]) provide for potential habitat restoration. Support for riparian planting acknowledged.
Legislative protection (2.3).	Legal protection of the park under the Reserves Act 1977 would help ensure that the relevant values were adequately protected.	Support proposal for park to be managed as if it were protected by the Reserves Act 1977 and encourage Council to seek legal protection for the park.	Support acknowledged. Council has resolved that the plan will be a non- statutory management plan.
Dog control (9.10).	The Dog Control Bylaw is not restrictive enough.	Dogs should be on a leash at all times.	Council has resolved to address the effects of dogs on wildlife as part of the next review of the Dog Control Bylaw.
Predator control (7.3).	Support active trapping of all predators.		Support acknowledged. Plan policies encourage predator control. Actual control will be determined by available resources.

Motor vehicle access and roads (9.2).	Do not support vehicle use in the river beds.	Motor vehicles should be prohibited.	Agree. Policies 65 to 67 [now 71-75] aim to progressively restrict unauthorized motor vehicle use in the park.
Commercial Recreation (10.3).	Support the proposal to decline jet boat sprint activities in the park.		Policy 23 is considered adequate. Delete Policy 121. Any application for jet-sprinting events will be considered under the objectives of the plan.
Leases (10.4).	Lease renewal should take into account actual and potential values as required by the RMA.	Amend Policy 122 as follows: "Ensure that the actual and potential natural values, including wildlife and habitats, and other"	Agree. Amend Policy 122 [now 128] as suggested.
	Lease renewals should be publicly notified, as they would be required to be under the Reserves Act.	Require public notification of new leases or lease renewals.	Council does not consider this necessary.

# 31. Nick, Joy, Conor and Freya Jackson

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Motor vehicle access and roads (9.2).	Restrictions on motor vehicle access will restrict our access for fishing, swimming and dog- exercising.	Retain existing vehicle access to the Waimea River.	A substantial majority of public submissions requested that motor vehicle access to the park be restricted. However, Council agrees that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65. Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river." Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Dogs (9.10).	The Waimea River is one of the few locations where dogs can be walked in un-crowded areas and enjoy the benefit of clean water recreation.	Restrictions on vehicle access will force dog owners into a condensed group.	Restrictions on motor vehicle access will be gradually phased in as park facilities are developed. Dog access to all parts of the park will be permitted, subject to the requirements of the

			Tasman District Dog Control Bylaw. Amend Policy 95 [now 100]: "Allow dogs in the park subject to the Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2009."
Mountain Biking (9.3).	Mountain bikes have already had many hours and thousands of dollars poured into their interests. It is unfair and discriminatory if it is at the expense of other users.	Object to mountain bike access happening at the expense of other users.	Council considers that there is sufficient space in the park to accommodate a mountain-bike track. The location of any dedicated mountain-bike track will be discussed with park users.
Rubbish disposal (9.8).	Restrictions on vehicle access will not solve the rubbish- dumping problem; it will simply shift the problem elsewhere.	Instead of restricting vehicle access, Council should adopt an active policing and prosecution policy against the few offenders.	Council considers that restrictions on motor vehicle access (policies 65 to 67 [now 71-75]), management of rubbish disposal (polices 88 to 92 [now 93-97]) and law enforcement policies, along with Council bylaws, provide the best method of addressing illegal dumping of rubbish. These policies are not intended to discriminate against a majority of park users.

# 32. Ornithological Society of NZ, Nelson/Golden Bay Branch

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Closure for community and commercial events (5.6).	There is no guidance in Policy 19 that would avoid adverse effects on riverbed birds of community or commercial events, such as jet-sprinting.	Reduce potential disturbance on riverbed birds.	While protection of habitat is provided for elsewhere in the plan, it would be appropriate to clarify Policy 19 by adding the following words: "or disturb wildlife."
Horse riding (9.5).	Horse riding on the riverbed could be detrimental to threatened bird species.	It is unclear whether the plan allows horse riding in the riverbed.	Concern acknowledged. Amend Policy 75 [now 80] by adding the words: ", or where riding will not adversely affect wildlife and wildlife habitat".

# 33. Daelyn Partnership (Stephen Sutton)

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
River park idea.	The whole river park idea is	Instead of wasting money on this	There is wide support for improved management
	daft.	plan, Council should put its time	of the Waimea River berm lands. It is expected

		into looking after the river banks and keeping the berms free from weeds and rubbish. It is not always a good idea to have the general public so close to farmland.	that improved management, as proposed by this plan, will assist in keeping the river berms free of rubbish and weeds and will provide ways to manage public use of the area so as to limit adverse effects on adjoining properties.
Flood threat.	Facilities such as toilet blocks and mountain bike tracks will be affected by floods. There are plenty of other options for mountain biking in the Nelson region.	Do not put toilet blocks, picnic areas and mountain bike tracks on the berm lands.	Toilet facilities proposed for the park are at locations that are outside the stop banks or where the risk of flooding has been assessed as low by Council engineers. The parts of any proposed mountain bike tracks that are within the stop banks should be able to be easily repaired after flooding.

# 34. William Cook\*

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Protection of wildlife and wildlife	The riverbed, Pearl Creek area	More restrictions on wheeled	The plan proposes to progressively restrict
habitat.	and estuary provide important	vehicles in riverbed.	unauthorized motor vehicle access to the park.
	habitat for bittern, banded rail,	Removal of stop banks from park	Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict
	marsh crake, fernbird, banded	or screening of wildlife habitat	unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the
	dotterel, black-fronted dotterel,	adjacent to the stopbanks.	park where such restrictions will benefit or help
	Caspian tern, white-fronted tern		protect park values or facilities present or
	and black-fronted tern.		developed in these areas."
			Amend mountain biking policy (Policy 71 [now
			76]) by adding the words: ", or do not comprise sensitive wildlife habitat".
		More restrictions on dog-	Council has resolved to address the effects of
		exercising.	dogs on wildlife as part of the next review of the
			Dog Control Bylaw.
		Include Pearl Creek in the plan.	Pearl Creek lies outside the park, though the
			plan policies aim to be compatible with
			management of sensitive wildlife habitat at Pearl
			Creek and Waimea Inlet.

# 35. Marie O'Connor and Glenn Leys

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Horse riding (9.4).	The stop bank between Waimea River and Cotterell Road is unsuitable for horse riding. It is steep, has crossing points for cattle, does not provide through access and adjacent roads are dangerous for riding.	Do not permit horse-riding along the stop bank between Waimea River and Cotterell Road.	Council has resolved to prohibit horse-riding on all stop banks by amending Policy 76 [now 81], as follows: "Prohibit horses on stop banks because the presence of horses conflicts with walkers and cyclists and with the integrity and management of stop banks."
Picnicking, camping and overnight stays (9.6) and Toilet facilities (9.7).	Given the state of Appleby Bridge picnic area, how does Council propose to manage five new sites? Overnight camping is common at Appleby. Septic tanks are not suitable in the river flood plain.	Council should maintain the current area to a reasonable standard before opening up more sites. Consider similar practices to those at Rabbit Island to keep the area clean and user-friendly.	Picnic areas and toilet facilities will be developed over time, as resources permit and when motor vehicle access at each site is restricted. Toilets will discharge to chambers, not ground soakage systems. Council will use experience gained at Rabbit Island to manage picnic and toilet facilities in the park.
Rubbish disposal (9.8).	Waimea Park has a lot to offer recreational users. Management of rubbish, toilet facilities and access is required.	Implement policies 89 and 90 at Appleby Domain immediately.	Concern acknowledged. Appleby Bridge picnic area is a priority site for improved management.

# 36. Fergus O'Connor\*

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Paintball (10.3).	The existing paintball location has a suitable scrub environment and has caused no environmental or neighbourhood issues.	The paintball operation should stay where it is (Policy 118).	The present paintball location is intended for eventual habitat restoration. Council considers that a suitable alternative location for paintball can be found in the park.
Restoration of indigenous vegetation and habitat (7.2).	The deep ponds dug at Challies Island back-channel threaten the integrity of the stop banks.	These ponds should not be extended to the paintball area.	Council engineers consider the excavation of ponds in the Challies Island back-channel does not threaten the integrity of the stop banks.
Foot/cycle access (Policy 58).	Foot and cycle access on the west side of the river north of Appleby Bridge could be provided on existing roads,	Provide foot/cycle access along existing roads.	Amend Policy 58 [now 64]: "Investigate provision of a walking/cycle track on the west side of the Waimea River between Appleby Bridge and the northwest corner of the park, in

	rather than interfering with leased lands.		consultation with affected lessees, provided adverse effects on wildlife can be mitigated."
Flood risk.	The park proposal has reached this stage without a full understanding of the devastating ability of floods.	Happy that the area be improved and maintained but believe that it is a slightly naive and costly idea.	Acknowledge the effects of flooding. Flood protection and river control remain the primary objective of park management. River engineers have been closely involved in discussions about the park concept and development of the draft management plan.

# 37. Brightwater Community Association Inc.\*

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Game birds (9.5).	Shooting of game birds will conflict with other uses.	Exclude game birds.	Council considers that it is possible for game- bird shooting to continue in the park without causing conflict with other users. Policy 77 [now 82] requires Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council to manage shooting in a way that ensures there is no unacceptable risk or inconvenience to other users of the park.
Recreational facilities (9.1, 9.3, 9.6).	Support further recreational facilities.	Provide scattered picnic facilities.	Additional picnic facilities are proposed, as resources permit, by Policy 82 [now 87].
		Create children's trails and fitness trails.	Foot and cycle tracks are proposed by policies 56 to 62 [now 62-68].
		Provide good tracks for cyclists to prevent track damage.	Cycle tracks are proposed by policies 71 and 72 [now 76 and 77].
		Remove gates along Waimea Walkway and replace with gates across vehicle access.	It may be impractical to remove all gates. Policy 63 [now 69] proposes that gates do not hinder walking and cycling access. Support for walking and cycling is acknowledged.
Native trees (7.2).	Native trees provide shade for tracks and the river, which enhances the health of the river habitat.	Support public involvement in tree planting.	Support acknowledged. Native tree planting is proposed by policies 37 and 41 [now 42 and 46]. Public involvement in tree planting is supported by Policy 42 [now 47].

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Land status.	Concerned that the park lands are in freehold title. This represents a potential loss of future public access if lands continue to be alienated, such as recently for a vineyard.	An explanation is requested from Council regarding the change in land status.	Land disposal is restricted by Policy 13 and subject to public consultation (Policy 14).
Hunting and fishing (9.5).	Support draft plan policies that provide for the continuation and enhancement of current recreational use of the berm land areas for fishing and in particular game bird hunting. Introduction of any salmonid or other fish species is most appropriately dealt with through the provisions of the Conservation Act.	Retain policies 48 to 50, 77 to 79, and 81. Amend Policy 80 by deleting the words "already present in the area".	Support acknowledged. Amend Policy 80 [now 85], as follows: "Permit the establishment of a contained put-and-take fishery (in consultation with Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council) for the purpose of introducing young people to recreational fishing. The fishery is to be restricted to rainbow trout and Chinook salmon."
Horse riding (9.6).	Horse-riding is incompatible with hunting. It would be appropriate to restrict horse- riding during the four-month game bird hunting season, especially as hunting has been displaced from Rough Island by development of the equestrian centre.	Re-word policies 73 and 75 so they apply only for an eight-month period (1 <sup>st</sup> September to 30 <sup>th</sup> April) each year.	The plan prohibits horse-riding on the stop banks. Any potential conflicts between horse- riding and game-bird hunting will be monitored.
Challies Island development (7.2).	Support the extension of the Challies Island restoration project so that it links with Waimea River. Support the provision of opportunities for hunting and hunter training.	Retain policies 37 to 42, and Policy 95 (dog access).	Support acknowledged. Amend Policy 38 [now 43] by adding the words: "linking the existing pond with Waimea River."
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	Unsure whether erecting locked gates is the most equitable	If Council pursues policy of restricting motor vehicle access,	Council proposes that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park

# 38. Fish & Game NZ, Nelson/Marlborough Region\*

	solution, as this will restrict access to less able hunters and hunters with gear such as decoys.	there should be provision for payment of a bond for a key to provide access to legitimate recreational users.	facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65. Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river." Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Native tree planting (7.2).	Suggest that Council apply to Government's afforestation grants scheme, as this would enable significant areas of native forest to be established at minimal cost to the ratepayer.		Suggestion welcomed. Council will consider this opportunity.
Royalties/lease rentals (10.0).	Gravel extraction can provide substantial funds which can be used for development, such as the Challies Island wetland restoration project.	All future royalties from gravel extraction should be used to develop the river park, thereby reducing the costs to ratepayers.	Suggestion acknowledged.
Partnership with Council.	Fish and Game would like to form a constructive partnership with Council's parks and reserves staff, such as that formed in Waimakariri River Park.	Seek partnership with Council staff.	Support for partnership welcomed. Policy 7 encourages the involvement of individuals and agencies. Council expects that a closer partnership will with Fish & Game will be desirable and necessary, especially with respect to the management of hunting and fishing in the park (e.g. policies 77 and 81 [now 82 and 86]).

# **39.** Bruce Taylor\*

Issue/Request	Explanation/Reasons	<b>Requested Action/Solution</b>	Council Response
Lower Queen Street developments (9.2 and 9.6).	The area at lower Queen Street is flooded 3 or 4 times a year.	Consideration should be given to flood risk before development of facilities such as car parks and toilets.	Agree. Development of any facilities in this area will be subject to assessment of flood risk and in consultation with adjoining landowners/lessees.
Appleby Bridge car park (9.2).	See no problem with development of a car park at Appleby Bridge by Fulton Hogan gate.	Support car park at Appleby Bridge (Policy 66).	Support acknowledged.
Signs (9.11).	There needs to be more signs discouraging rubbish dumping.	Support more signs.	Support acknowledged. Provision of better signs is proposed by Policy 97 [now 102].
Motor vehicle access (9.2).	Road below Appleby Bridge is threatened by river. If a locked gate is erected, vehicles will still gain access to the road from the riverbed. I will need a key for access for farm management.	Question blocking off road between Appleby Bridge and Queen Street.	Council agrees that any restrictions on motor vehicle access should occur gradually as park facilities are developed. Delete Policy 65. Amend Policy 67 [now 72]: "Restrict unauthorized motor vehicle access to parts of the park where such restrictions will benefit or help protect park values or facilities present or developed in these areas."
Swimming and white-baiting.	Over summer there can be 20 cars with families swimming and whitebaiting.	Please find a way of allowing swimmers and white-baiters access to this area.	Request acknowledged. Council expects that park management will maintain and enhance existing access for activities such as swimming and white-baiting. Amend Policy 66 [now 71]: "Provide car parks and other facilities at key access points to the river."