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Re “Proposed future use of the Brook Holiday Park “

This is a fantastic facility, which can be used to fully showcase the natural assets of this region.

This is adjacent to the Brook Waimarama sanctuary, so it has a MAJOR role in enhancing this wonderful project, which is going to become increasingly wonderful as the health and numbers of the birds and bush increases.

To make this a successful project (the sanctuary) there has to be a fantastic entranceway, to welcome visitors from near and far to enjoy, support and appreciate this project for years to come.

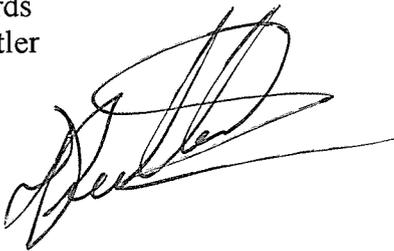
Wouldn't it be amazing for overseas visitors to rock on up (with wallets at the ready), to a world class fantastic facility to enjoy the sanctuary, and birds, many of which are critically endangered, but able to live and prosper, in **Nelsons backyard**.

Wouldn't it be great to be able to stay in a really snazzy campground here , jazzed up or retro cabins , nice café , and bar?... what a great visitor and local attraction ... maybe have some really spectacular toilets (like Kawa kawa) , maybe an opportunity for Nelsons arts community to get really involved .

Seems like there hasn't been huge investment in the Brook area, but this area is hugely used as a recreation area, by heaps of people (mountain bikers; walkers; trampers; and lovers of the outdoors and nature), so maybe it is now time to spend and really enhance this area, particularly in light of the sanctuary's success, and hopefully the gondolas success.

The Brook camp is a precious area; it really could play a major and leading role in showcasing Nelson as an innovative place, where nature and people can interface in this (potentially) wonderful environment ...

Kind regards
Donna Butler



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To the NCC Council,

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I'm writing my views on the Brook Management Plan as a private individual who occasionally uses the walking tracks in the Reserve, and who appreciates the view of the beautifully wooded undeveloped Reserve area as seen from various points around Nelson.

My natural bias is to preserve the Brook Reserve as a mostly undeveloped "natural" area, with public access limited to walkers and people on non-motorized bikes. More and more of the undeveloped land around the city is getting developed for intensive human use, houses, roads, mono-culture pine forests, etc, and I believe it would do a great disservice to the community if the Council were to allow further development of the area.

I am particularly alarmed by the proposal to build a privately owned and operated gondola on publicly owned property in the Reserve. Not only is this a misuse of public land for private profit, but there are serious legal issues around allowing a private for-profit company to build a substantial and highly visible infrastructure on land they do not own. The argument that some other cities have gondolas is not a fair one, as all these are on private land. What is going to happen to this highly visible and high maintenance infrastructure if and when it turns out to be uneconomical? Will NCC then be subject to the blackmail of "Well its there on public land and NCC should take it over and run it at a loss." The promotion of tourism by NCC via information centres, websites, etc is marginally an acceptable use of public funds, but to get involved in a high profile, expensive, and potential tax burden is NOT in the wider public interest.

It seems to me from the gondola group's public statements, that the main reason for the proposal is to draw the tourist dollar to Nelson. As a tax payer and retired private individual, tourist dollars mean nothing to me. None of those dollars ends up in my pocket, and there is a pretty good chance that I will end up having to fork out some of MY tax dollars for "unforeseen" support or bail-out of an unsightly monument to someone's "bright idea."

I'm not a mountain biker, but it is obvious to me there are heaps of trails for bikers of all levels of fitness and competition here in Nelson. It seems to me that the whole point of mountain biking is to get physical exercise, get out in unspoiled nature, and get away from energy-intensive technology. The argument that bikers really need to use a mechanical gondola to get to the top of the mountain so they can hoon down with little sweat is not in keeping with the nature of the

sport.

From an aesthetic point of view, the proposed gondola would give the whole area the feeling of a theme park, and would be highly visible from many parts of Nelson. The organizers will probably think its a great idea to have it lit up at night!

Finally, I might remind you all that there already is a "gondola" type of tourist attraction right here in Nelson at the "Happy Valley Adventure Park" on the Cable Bay Road. For \$85 anyone can ride the exciting "Skywire," longest and highest flying fox in N.Z. Has anyone at NCC done research into the profitability of this operation?

Respectfully,
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18 December 2014

Submission re Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

Dear Sir/Madam

I'd like to see the reserve preserved for recreation in some way - definitely NOT subdivided for housing!

I'd also like to see some continued provision made for long term 'campers' in the reserve.

I'm unlikely to need to use this provision myself...but I have spent quite a lot of time walking through the camp and have recognized that we do, as a city, need to make provision for those that cannot afford the high housing costs in Nelson.

I've also seen the use of mobile homes in camp grounds overseas with permanent residents in them.

Maybe we could provide some of these for low rental, or allow people to bring their own to a site, thus raising the standard of accommodation for those that need it.

I'm not sure what the answer is - but I think the people who live there, and those that may be in need later, need some consideration in this plan.

Yours sincerely



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8 January 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Tim Hardiman. I am 44 and a father of 4 between the ages of 7-12. I have been using the Brook/Fringe area in a recreational manner for 25+ years. The area is special for Nelson and the prospect of it being set aside for a recreational reserve is very exciting. I think I have a balanced view of how the area should be used that will benefit all users. Firstly the prospect of a gondola up Fringe Hill is one of the most exciting pieces of news for the Nelson area for some time and if done well could be a world class attraction. The area as a whole needs to accommodate all spectrums of uses from day walkers, native seekers, mountain bikers, restaurateurs, visitors, history seekers, kids of all ages, arborists and the like.

I'd like to see a labyrinth of walking and biking tracks to suit all ages, carefully positioned and built with consideration of all uses beginning at a bottom hub. The area in due course will need to accommodate parking, the Gondola base (?), entry to the Fringe adventure park, retail, and access to restaurant/cafe on top of Fringe hill. The lower area could have bike hire and gift shops and a cafe as well as an area for kids or teens by way of a jump style bike park.

In time I'd like to see the best recreational area in the world that will rival other recreational parks in the northern hemisphere.

I think wise investment to professional design would be a necessity but an excellent bike park would bring in huge numbers of visitors among mountain bikers from off shore during our summer.

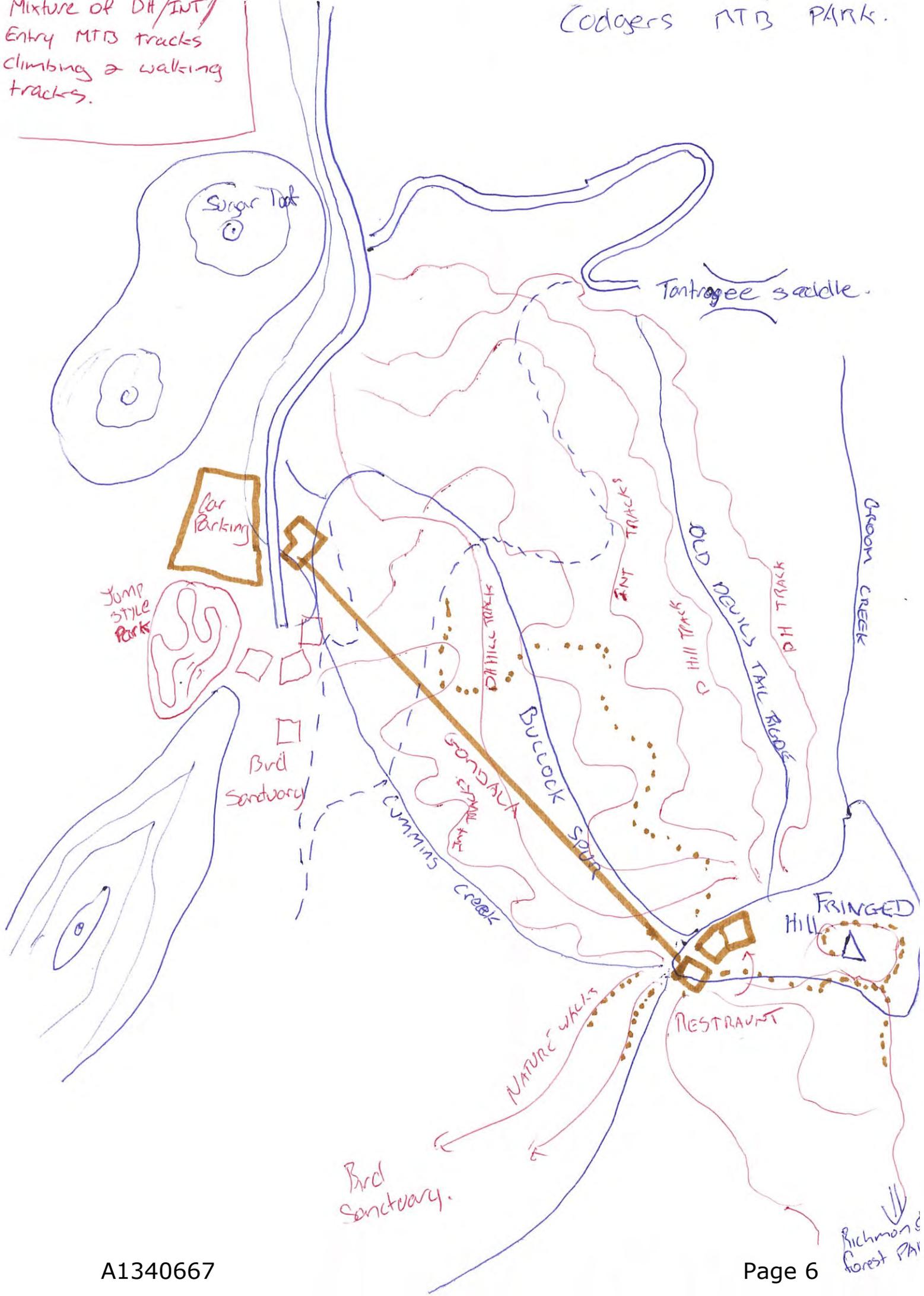
Nelson has a jewel that few cities have with this area. A hike 800 meters within a stones throw of the city is special and not only could accommodate world class events, but provides great access to the Richmond Forest park, which in my mind is one of the best kept secrets of our region. I think it's time for the secret to get out.

Regards,

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Mixture of DH/INT/
Entry MTB tracks
climbing & walking
tracks.

Codgers MTB PARK.



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Dear Sir or Madam

Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

Please find enclosed comments on behalf of the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions in relation to these comments, or would like to discuss any matters further.

Kind regards



Martin Mongan
Director of Regional Economic Development and Business Relationships

SUBMISSION TO: NELSON CITY COUNCIL - DRAFT BROOK RECREATIONAL RESERVE
MANAGEMENT PLAN

FROM: NELSON MARLBOROUGH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) recognises the Nelson City Council's (NCC) undertaking for a comprehensive approach to planning for the potential uses for the Brook site and has identified the following key themes:

- **Education**
- **Tourism/Community/Visitor Activities**
- **Accommodation**
- **Public Open Space**
- **Conservation & Science**

NMIT recognises that the intent in the first instance is that of an initial planning process to identify 'Big Picture' opportunities for the site, as distinct from detailed specific proposals and that short and long term proposals for use of the site will eventuate from the permitted uses identified in the plan.

1. Education

NMIT has invested significant resources into developing education programmes and partnerships to deliver high quality ecology and conservation educational opportunities to the local, regional and national communities.

NMIT is the only tertiary institute in the country that works in partnership with the Department of Conservation (DOC) to provide graduates with the National Certificate in Conservation (Trainee Ranger) (Level 3). Skills acquired on the programme lead to a range of work opportunities as a ranger and other outdoor occupations. Trainee Ranger Certificate graduates have the opportunity to apply for a limited number of two-year ranger trainee contracts within Department of Conservation (DOC) or seek employment with local employers, including Nelmac.

With the closure of the Brook Conservation Education Centre, NMIT/DOC has worked to maintain the partnership with the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary (BWS) to continue offering the nationally unique Trainee Ranger programme. All three parties are committed to re-establishing the training centre at a site adjacent to, but preferably within, the Sanctuary to provide the educational benefit of access to the Sanctuary. Having gained a Council resolution from NCC allowing the re-location of the centre to a portion of the Brook Recreation Reserve, the partners have made plans to re-establish the centre, with the goal of accommodating the Trainee Rangers at a new facility in the reserve.

NMIT submits that provision should be made within the plan for educational facilities to further the efforts of the valuable partnerships already established to provide high quality educational programmes. This would by necessity include purpose built facilities for classrooms, break-out rooms and administration.

2. Accommodation

NMIT has identified the provision of appropriate accommodation as a positive asset for both the Nelson local community and domestic and international visitors. The current facilities at the campground would require significant upgrades to meet the needs of the now more sophisticated traveller, e.g. campsites, cabin and motel options.

3. Open Space

NMIT recognises the public value of this unique open space.

NMIT submits that provision should be made within the plan for public recreational access to area of the site in keeping with traditional uses - including picnic areas, swimming, and wildlife viewing. Provision should also be made for enhanced planting of the area to enhance the conservation benefits, while providing screening for delineated areas for a range of proposed and potential segregated activities across the site.

4. Conservation & Science

NMIT has been supportive of the Brook Trust over the last several years to remove pest plants and performing pest animal control in the adjacent areas. To further enhance and develop these and other conservation and science initiatives, facilities will be needed and would align well with the proposed education facilities noted above in education.

5. Tourism/Community/Visitor Activities

To grow the visitor market the region needs to continue to develop infrastructure conducive to the needs of the local and visitor markets.

NMIT supports the Nelson Cycle Life Society's proposal of developing a Gondola and mountain bike facility in the upper Brook Valley in principle, providing all relevant issues can be addressed, complementing the increasingly popular mountain biking activities in the adjacent Tantragee/Maitai area, Fringed Hill/Dun Mountain, and Marsden Valley/Involution track systems.

Combined with the BWS the site has the potential to be a popular visitor attraction hub and providing a significant range of activities for locals and visitors.

The site layout lends itself to segregation between different activity zones, with the upper bench easily separated and dedicated to education and visitor activities, leaving the lower area for accommodation and camping activities clearly segregated from the visitor attractions.

Further to the concept of a tourism hub, the Brook Recreation Reserve could offer an excellent range of other activities for residents and visitors.

NMIT envisions future opportunities for special education, training, and conference activities at the site, including leadership training, lectures, and special events. The site would lend itself particularly well to outdoor events to augment the already established annual Sanctuary open days, including sculpture exhibitions, concerts, and weddings.

Examples of reserves with a range of offerings allowed for under a Reserve Management Plan include:

- Nelson’s Tahunanui Reserve
- Tasman’s Kaiteriteri Reserve
- Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools Reserve
- Queenstown’s Ben Lomond/Queenstown Hill Reserve.

Parking and traffic management facilities are required for the existing permitted activities at the site, including the campground and the Sanctuary, and should also be future-proofed for other possible activities to be developed over time, such as the proposed Gondola. Priority should be given to the Sanctuary’s traffic and parking requirements, since NMIT holds Resource Consent for the development of the Sanctuary as a visitor attraction.

Car parking and traffic flow management, including provision for coach parking and turnarounds, should consider the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, the Brook Conservation Education Centre, and potentially other attractions such as the proposed Gondola.

Planning should also include emphasis of public transportation and bicycling to the site, with allowance for associated infrastructure such as a covered bus stop, covered bicycle parking, and a mountain bike cleaning station.

NMIT submits that for such activities to be developed over time, allowance must be made in the Management Plan for commercial enterprise, including opportunities for concessionaire contracts for food and beverage, souvenirs, the Gondola and other adventure sport activities.

6. Conclusion

- NMIT’s education partnership with DOC and BWS to deliver the Trainee Ranger programme and other field courses through the Brook Conservation Education Centre is a valuable asset to Nelson. Given the fact that the centre’s current site is now unusable, it is a priority to relocate this facility to a portion of the reserve—as recognised and endorsed by Nelson City Council.
- The community supports the long-established presence of a campground at the site, and NMIT believes a re-developed campground with a range of accommodation offerings will continue to be a valuable core use for the reserve.
- We see this accommodation facility as a foundation to support a range of recreational opportunities that radiate from the site, including the Sanctuary, the walking and mountain bike tracks, the proposed gondola, and potentially other activities as outlined in this submission.
- A balance should be met between providing open space and esplanade area along the Brook Stream for residents’ walks, family times, and picnics, with catering to the interests and spending of domestic and international visitors. Existing natural features such as the Brook Stream and the Redwood grove should be enhanced to provide natural open spaces, while other portions of the site should be reserved for the development of visitor activities with provision in the plan for commercial activities potentially to include food and beverage, retail, conference centre, adventure sports, and enhanced accommodation.
- Traffic flow management prioritisation should be given to the now well-established Sanctuary and to the campground, with future-proofing included for the proposed Gondola and other attractions.

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Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

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14 January 2015

Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

To whom it may concern

Attached is comment in response to the request for suggestions about how the reserve should/could be used in the future.

This suggestion supports the development of the park to honour the Nelson City Council Eureka Sister City agreement and relationship.

I am happy to participate in any conversations in regard to the Brook Recreation Reserve.

Yours sincerely

Gail Collingwood

Sister City Coordinator – Nelson City

Phone 545 1210

Response to the request by Nelson City Council for suggestions for the proposed Management Plan for the Brook Recreation Reserve.

The Nelson City Council has invited suggestions from the community to help in the preparation of a draft plan to manage the land within the boundaries of the Brook Recreation Reserve.

The Nelson Eureka Sister City Association has an interest in this Reserve dating back to 2005.

The Eureka Sister City Association (ESCA) respectfully “suggests” that the Nelson City Council resolution to establish a Eureka Park approved by the Community Services Committee and confirmed by a council meeting in 2007 be upheld and work to complete this park is progressed in the coming 2015 -16 financial year.

The site for the Eureka Park incorporates an impressive stand of mature redwood trees and is included in the area of land proposed to be in the final draft management plan. Within the park the proposal is to upgrade and develop the existing track into a usable walkway and several family picnic areas were to be developed .

The Nelson Eureka Sister City Association request that the proposed park to acknowledge the formal Sister City relationship between Nelson City Council and Eureka, USA is confirmed in the proposed management plan for the Brook Recreation Reserve and that this park is developed in the coming financial year.

NB It is noted that the ESCA minutes refer to the land identified for the park as being in the “Water Reserve Land”, up “The Brook” or “The Brook Valley”. Is the Brook Recreation Reserve a newly named reserve or one of the above?

Background.

The minutes of the Eureka Sister City Committee formally record the earliest discussions in respect to the Eureka Park commenced in May 2005 involving several Nelson City Council staff and ESCA toward attaining the goal to establish a park to acknowledge the joint sister city relationship - nearly 10 years ago.

The ESCA minutes record as follows:

- May 2005 staff suggested the Brook Valley with the established redwood trees as a suitable site.
- August 2005 the site was visited by NCC staff and ESCA, agreement was reached that the land would be a suitable site for a park. A submission formally seeking permission to use the land was compiled and sent to council.
- November 2005 the Mayor of Eureka visited the proposed site and enthusiastically endorsed the land planted with mature redwood trees.
- February 2006 Pat Jones, Sister City Coordinator presented to council along with David Butler from the Waimarama Sanctuary Trust. The Trust had not had sufficient time to consider the park and a

decision to progress this was deferred for two years. A notice board and a design layout were to be drawn up and ESCA were to continue meeting with staff.

- May 2006 staff and ESCA met at the park with the Association agreeing to pay for a sign that included the ESCA logo
- November 2006 sign almost completed
- 2006 ESCA Annual Report provided further information regarding the park design which included natural picnic areas. It was proposed to increase the number of redwood trees and remove the wilding pines
- 2005 – 10 ESCA Business plan includes the Eureka “Garden”
- March 2007 NCC were notified the sign was completed and ready to be installed - council approval was awaited
- 2007 Community Services Committee granted approval and the recommendation referred on to full council. An offer was received from a Native American to carve and donate a totem pole for the park
- 2008 Meeting held with Waimarama Trust
- November 2010 following the ESCA AGM questions about the status of the park were asked - staff email response “I am uncertain as to the status of Eureka Park I will check and let you know”

The Nelson City Sister City Co-ordinating Group supported the Eureka Park proposal and minutes report frequent updates in regard to the slow delivery of the plans for the park and advised submissions to the annual plan.

The Eureka Park has been an agenda item and the subject of several reports to Nelson City Council since 2005.

However the call for suggestions for how the reserve should be used is totally silent on the active council resolutions held for a portion of this land.

Current Situation

- The Eureka Park is included in the “Draft Parks and Reserves Asset Management Plan 2015-2025” which will be used to inform the new proposed Long Term Plan – and hopefully this Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan.
- Nelson City Council has an active resolution for a portion of the land proposed to be covered in the management plan.
- The signs were in storage but may no longer be usable

- The development of the park is compatible with the current use of the area and should be included in the future use.
- Council files should contain
 - records of discussions
 - plans of the proposed site
 - the concept development plan
 - Community Services and full council resolutions.

I am available to discuss this further and wish to be included in any conversations please.

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Marilyn Gibbs Nelson Eureka Sister City Association

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That all the packages of land be made "Brook Recreation Reserve" and not under control of the Sanctuary Trust.

Under Recreation Reserve the Holiday Park would be an appropriate activity for the land and should be kept open for short term and long term campers, and will be compatible with the Sanctuary.

NMIT/Doc facilities do not go on a reserve.

No gazebos on the reserve. All the land made a "Recreation Reserve" and properly & legally gazetted, by the minister.

Date 13 Jan. 2015 Signature W Bovee

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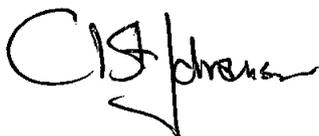
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My submission is:

To keep campground open to public for tent sites and powered sites. Renting cabins which are currently not being used

No Polytech ~~structures~~ ~~buildings~~ be permitted to set up training buildings as this is not "recreational" as an activity and the geographic location is unstable + becomes boggy when there is a heavy rain storm.

Raise Public Awareness and Action in maintaining Natural Bush Environment for study and educating children + families for the future, not for financial gain which would alter the dynamic of the area.

Putting the "Pest Tree Fence" already means 10m clearance around the fence which would contribute to erosion due to water after heavy rain

Date 13/1/15 Signature P. Horlemann

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SUBMISSION TO: NELSON CITY COUNCIL
DRAFT BROOK RECREATIONAL RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust's trustees, staff, and volunteers would like to acknowledge and thank Nelson City Council for its strong on-going support and recognition of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary as a regionally important project. The sanctuary is widely supported by Nelson and Tasman residents and is poised to be an outstanding asset for the community.

The Trust appreciates the Council's long-standing recognition of the importance of the Brook Recreational Reserve, including the Brook Valley Holiday Park site, to the future viability of the sanctuary as a wildlife sanctuary and visitor attraction, given the site's de facto status as the entrance to the sanctuary.

The Trust appreciates Council's undertaking to develop a Reserve Management Plan for the site, as we also recognise the need for a comprehensive approach to planning for the potential uses for the site and having these integrated with the uses of the adjoining lands.

As a community-based non-profit organisation, we have canvassed our supporters for their input into this public submission process. This submission represents the interests of ~1,000 members, ~400 volunteers, ~1,700 donors/sponsors. These supporters have a range of interests and opinions, with shared support for a wildlife sanctuary and visitor attraction.

The Trust has identified the following key themes to be provided for within a management plan for the site:

- Accommodation Options
- Open Spaces, Recreation and Heritage
- On-Site Education and Training
- Conservation and Science
- Visitor Industry: Creating a Conservation and Recreation Hub
- Community and Visitor Facilities and Activities

We understand the intent of a planning process such as this to be to identify 'Big Picture' opportunities for the site, as distinct from detailed specific proposals. Once the overarching plan is developed and approved, specific proposals for use of the site can flow from the permitted uses identified in the plan. It is also important that the potential of the site be protected for the greater benefit of Nelson through a flexible reserve management plan addressing both short as well as long term needs. This therefore is the approach we have taken for this submission.

Accommodation Options

The Trust has long identified the juxtaposition of accommodation adjacent to the sanctuary as a positive asset for the Nelson community, for visitors' experience in the region, and for the Sanctuary's economic viability.

Nelson is a strong destination for domestic tourism with visitors largely coming to the area from other South Island centres or North Island visitors touring the South as part of a longer itinerary. The majority of these visitors travel in by road transport. Nelson also enjoys strong air travel demand for short leisure stays particularly from Auckland and Wellington. Outside the three main centres Nelson is the largest fly in domestic leisure market, just ahead of Queenstown. It is approximately the twelfth largest destination for international tourists who largely are Free and Independent Travelers (FIT's) rather than tour based visitors.

The domestic leisure market is highly seasonal - peaking over Christmas /New Year and other peaks during school holidays. The domestic sector is strongly led by beach related holidays with Tahunanui being the largest holiday park in the South Island and several other large holiday parks across the region including: Kaiteriteri Domain, Richmond Top 10, Motueka Top 10 and Pohara Top 10. The region is a strong family destination with great weather as well as numerous safe beaches.

The Brook Valley Holiday Park, due to its natural river setting, adjacent forest and recreational facilities, has the potential to deliver an entirely different visitor experience to that offered by the other holiday parks in the wider region, and one which can help reduce the present seasonality that exists in the region's visitor industry. It can be largely complementary to and not competitive with other holiday parks. Although the Brook Valley Holiday Park has been enjoyed by many over the years, it has largely catered for peak summer and overflow visitors rather than developing its own short stay attractions for domestic and international visitors. It has also provided for long stay visitors, which has helped sustain it outside the peak times.

The majority of the region's visitors flock to the three national parks—Abel Tasman, Kahurangi and Nelson Lakes—largely bypassing Nelson City, or stopping here only briefly. The Trust anticipates that the sanctuary will provide a significant additional draw card to the region, giving visitors a reason to stay in Nelson City an extra night, and providing a visitor attraction across the non-peak 'shoulder seasons' as well. This will have beneficial flow-on effects to the local economy, with all the economic multipliers that result from the visitor industry—from accommodation to dining to shopping to transportation.

Relative to the Brook Valley Holiday Park's location next to the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, of the various fenced sanctuaries in New Zealand, only one other offers accommodation on site—Bushy Park outside of Whanganui, which offers limited accommodation in an historic mansion within a relatively small reserve. This means the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary could potentially offer a significant point of difference by offering travellers seeking a wider range of accommodation options with the opportunity to hear kiwi call through the night and awake to a dawn chorus the likes of which has not been heard in a century.

There are issues with the current business model for the holiday park as demonstrated by the losses being incurred; even after consideration of the Council overheads in the campground's

books, it would probably at best only break even on a cash basis in its current state of development. The holiday park model needs to evolve to take advantage of its position as a hub for recreational and conservation activity to turn it around financially and provide an appropriate return on the investment needed. There are very good examples around the country of camping grounds being turned around through repositioning and reinvestment such as Mawley Holiday Park in Masterton, Martinborough Top 10 Holiday Park and Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park.

The current state of the facilities at the holiday park is marginal and outdated. Upgrades of the facilities, including toilet blocks, cabins, dining block, and caravan sites are needed to meet the needs of the more sophisticated holiday park market. Development to the latest environmental standards should be considered to reduce the impact on the environment and the ongoing running costs of the facilities. This is also an added point of difference in keeping with a conservation ethos. Additional facilities are also needed to attract families, such as well-situated playgrounds, picnic areas, and swimming areas.

The accommodation opportunities provided by a revamped holiday park including cabins, showers, and dining facilities could provide a very valuable core of amenities that could support other activities at the site (outlined below) including group overnight stays for educational programmes.

The Trust submits that a holiday park at the site with an enhanced mix of accommodation offers desirable benefits to Nelson. Clearly in its current state, there are issues that Council will need to address, including compliance with all applicable zoning requirements, building and campground regulations. The plan should allow for improvement of the facilities to a 4 star standard (including a range of tourist cabin and motel options) to create a holiday park that would attract the range of visitors complementary to the planned and proposed visitor attractions surrounding the site. Attention should be given to segregating this accommodation from other portions of the site, as described below.

Open Spaces, Recreation and Heritage

The Brook Recreation Reserve provides a valuable natural setting, close to Central Nelson and therefore easily accessible, including by public transportation, cycle and foot. The site has traditionally been used for family picnics, walks and wildlife watching, and swimming in the Brook Stream. The Trust recognises the public value of this open space with free and unhindered access for families, with enhanced opportunities for wildlife viewing from the ecosystem restoration of the sanctuary site.

Nelson's Sister City relationship with Eureka California resulted in a proposal for a park based on a stand of redwoods on the site (redwoods being native to northern California). The redwood grove is recognised as a landscape heritage tree site under the Nelson Resource Management Plan, along with a Cedrus deodara tree also on the site. We see these heritage trees as complimentary to the overall public use of the space, and note the potential for additional tie-ins for visitors around this Sister City relationship.

Those aged kanuka trees scattered throughout the site that have reached the end of their lifespans and are now hazardous to visitors should be removed. Native shrubs and trees should be added in a planned design to augment the natural features of the site, provide

screening for segmented camping and accommodation areas, and delineation of accommodation versus other activities in the site.

The Trust recognises the broad public value of esplanade areas such as that adjacent to the Brook Stream, for recreation and conservation of riparian ecosystems and associated stream management. Since the site is public (NCC) land, the portion immediately adjacent to the Brook Stream would not have traditionally been included in the protective designation called the “Queen’s Chain;” but traditionally there would have been public recreational access to the stream—though we note in the current configuration of the holiday park public access to the stream is restricted.

The Trust submits that provision should be made within the plan for public recreational access to portions of the site in keeping with traditional uses—such as picnics, swimming, and wildlife viewing. Appropriate stream alterations such as small weirs to enhance swimming holes should be allowed for, as part of a designated esplanade area to protect the Brook Stream ecosystem and provide for public access to the stream.

Provision should also be made for additional and replacement native species plantings to further enhance the biodiversity values, including those of the riparian margins and in-stream values to improve for example the habitat for native fish and other species such as whio/blue duck. Such plantings could also provide screening to help with delineating areas for a range of activities across the site where segregation would be desirable.

On-Site Education and Training

Environmental education is increasingly important to the community in the age of technology we now find ourselves living and raising families. It is widely recognised that the environmental legacy we leave for future generations must be complimented by an educational legacy that prepares our descendants to value and conserve the natural world.

The Trust has invested significant resources into developing education programmes and partnerships to deliver high quality ecology and conservation educational opportunities to the local, regional and national communities.

These programmes include:

- Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Environmental Education Programme: In partnership with NCC’s Waimaori Stream Education Programme and the Nelson Provincial Museum, currently serving ~3,500 children and youth per annum at the sanctuary site
- Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Research Programme: In partnership with Victoria University, Landcare Research, and the Royal Society, currently serving ~5 research fellows and graduate students per annum at the sanctuary site
- Brook Conservation Education Centre: In partnership with Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) and the Department of Conservation (DOC), currently serving ~50 field course students, ~30 adventure tourism students, and ~30 nationally unique Trainee Rangers per annum at the sanctuary site (and formerly at the Brook Conservation Education Centre site adjacent to the Brook Recreation Reserve prior to its closure in 2011 due to a land slip).

These regional and national partnerships are significant for the Nelson region, both socially and economically. With the closure of the Brook Conservation Education Centre, the Trust has worked to maintain the partnership with NMIT and DOC to continue offering the Trainee Ranger programme. All three parties are committed to re-establishing the centre at a site adjacent to the sanctuary to provide the educational benefits of access to the sanctuary. Nelson is the only region in New Zealand where the DOC ranger training takes place and the Sanctuary and site are essential for this continuing. Having gained Council approval for the re-location of the centre to a portion of the Brook Recreation Reserve, the partners have made plans to re-establish the centre, with the goal of accommodating the next intake of Trainee Rangers at a new facility in the reserve.

The Trust submits that provision should be made within the plan for educational facilities to further the efforts of the valuable partnerships already established to provide high quality educational programmes. This would by necessity include facilities for associated administrative offices.

Further alliances are being developed which will bring together conservation, education, and science interests. The Cawthron Institute has played a leading role in the development of scientific research and environmental education in New Zealand and has developed both a national and international reputation to put Nelson on the global stage. The Trust would like to contribute to assisting in building this reputation, and has begun forging a partnership with the Cawthron Institute—most notably demonstrated with the significant financial contribution to the pest-proof fence project made by the Cawthron Institute Trust Board.

Conservation and Science

With Council's support, the Trust has established a major conservation initiative at the adjacent site now leased to the Trust for the development of a wildlife sanctuary and visitor experience. Significantly, Council undertook the reclassification of the sanctuary site from Local Purpose Reserve: Waterworks to Local Purpose Reserve: Wildlife Sanctuary.

Plans for the wildlife sanctuary include establishing viable populations of reintroduced native endangered species within the fenced area, thereby creating protected nurseries for birds and reptile species. Those species able to spread outside the fence will disperse into suitable habitat in the surrounding 'halo' area, providing native wildlife experiences for locals and visitors in a much wider area than the fenced core.

The Trust welcomes Council's commitment to leverage the sanctuary's biodiversity gains to enhance biodiversity across the region through conservation initiatives within the halo area, including traditional animal and plant pest control methods, as outlined in the draft Nelson Nature framework, which is intended to give effect to the Nelson Biodiversity Strategy.

The Brook Recreation Reserve offers key opportunities for biodiversity enhancement immediately adjacent to the fenced sanctuary site, where biodiversity values will be highest. The Trust has been working over several years to remove pest plants and replace them with natives within the reserve site and in the surrounding areas (notably the current Brook Conservation Education Centre site), and performing animal pest control in the adjacent areas (notably the sanctuary site and The Classic Track).

The Trust has also established a Backyard Bird Monitoring Programme, in which local residents participate in monthly citizen science monitoring of native bird populations. This programme compliments the native bird, reptile and invertebrate species monitoring programmes established within the sanctuary site to collect valuable baseline data of ecosystem health prior to the restoration that will be enabled by the completion of the pest-proof fence. Ongoing monitoring of native species populations will be an outstanding citizen science opportunity, as the sanctuary's development unfolds and the reintroduction of various vanished species occurs over time.

A wider landscape-scale approach to conservation will benefit many native species that otherwise would not be well suited to just living within the fenced sanctuary. Notable examples include aquatic species such as native fish and eels and avian species such as whio/blue duck. NCC's Maitai Enhancement Programme dovetails well with conservation initiatives in the Brook Valley, which is a tributary of the Maitai River. Combined efforts will reap rewards much greater than individualised initiatives.

To facilitate these and other conservation and science initiatives, facilities will be needed. Workshop space for activities such as the building, maintenance and storage of traps and monitoring tunnels, along with amenities and ablutions for the volunteers undertaking the citizen science programmes are warranted. Such facilities would align well with the proposed education facilities noted above.

Visitor Industry: Creating a Conservation and Recreational Hub

There is little doubt that Abel Tasman National Park is the major single driver of international visitors to the Nelson Tasman region. However, spend patterns suggest that while a significant proportion of these international visitors pass through Nelson they do not spend either as much time here or spend proportionally as much as domestic visitors.

To grow the local visitor industry we need to grow the attractiveness of Nelson as a visitor destination, whether for conference groups, tour groups, short break visitors and/or cruise ships. Creating more activities for visitors to do to help extend visitor stays, bring more visitors and to encourage more spending while they are here will in turn provide many community benefits.

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary will be a major visitor attraction that will add significantly to the stock of visitor experiences in Central Nelson. However, the creation of a conservation and recreation hub or cluster co-located in the upper Brook Valley could provide much more in the way of visitor attractions and activities for locals. Such a hub could include: the sanctuary—now well on its way toward full development, the increasingly popular mountain biking activities in the adjacent Tanragee/Maitai/Fringed Hill/Dun Mountain, and Marsden Valley/Involution track networks, and the proposed cycle lift gondola on Fringed Hill.

The Trust supports in principle the Nelson Cycle Life Society's proposal of developing a gondola in the upper Brook Valley provided all relevant issues can be satisfactorily addressed and/or mitigated and the gondola does not displace sanctuary-related facilities. We see opportunities for synergies between the two projects, including combined ticketing and potentially joint administration and/or management.

In providing this support we are of the view that to grow the visitor industry and reduce the seasonality of visitor demand in the Nelson Region it is necessary to strengthen the region as a destination, including in particular Nelson City as the largest centre of population. The natural assets of Nelson/Tasman region are already well represented in the visitor attractions and therefore activity based investment is the logical extension. The additions of the proposed gondola as the highest gondola in New Zealand and the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary as the largest fenced wildlife sanctuary in the South Island would both meet this need. These visitor attractions could also sit well alongside WOW as uniquely Nelson attractions and also with the Abel Tasman and its activities to strengthen the appeal of the Nelson Tasman region for both domestic and international visitors, both as part of a longer itinerary or as a destination for holidays, conferences, etc.

The sanctuary and proposed gondola projects are largely complementary in nature, offering distinctly different experiences but which can be jointly marketed due to their close proximity (the addition of WOW would of course add a contrasting experience as well). This approach of joint marketing of attractions has proven successful in other areas such as Dunedin, with attractions on the Otago Peninsula (Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust, Royal Albatross Colony and Larnach's Castle) all working together.

Both projects would require use of land within the Brook Recreation Reserve for their operations and accordingly we have identified a number of areas in which joint operations could result in a stronger drawing power and also assist in cost savings from shared facilities and processes. The Trust recognises that the development of both these activities or even one of them could assist the financial viability of the Brook Valley Holiday Park, and equally the holiday park, with appropriate redevelopment, could help attract visitors who are also interested in activities related to the sanctuary and/or gondola projects.

Differentiating the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary as the only fenced wildlife sanctuary in New Zealand where you can stay on site in a holiday park to live the experience of the “world's greatest dawn chorus” is a strong selling point for a holiday park visit. Equally there is also a great potential to be unlocked around the adjacent mountain biking activities as part of an activity cluster—with or without a gondola facility.

Additional opportunities include upgraded accommodation for use initially in conjunction with the BWST/NMIT/DOC Brook Conservation Education Centre to attract a broader range of visitors such as meeting groups, education tours, study groups, and special interest groups (e.g. science, heritage). At a later stage a small to medium sized conference venue could be established to further enhance and broaden these opportunities.

There are also opportunities through leveraging off the use of these facilities and activities, including research, education and training, attracting corporate groups for leadership development and team building (e.g. with a ropes course in the redwood grove). A focus on the importance of our natural environment, indigenous biodiversity, and sustainability would be obvious themes for group bookings, especially with increasing interest in these topics in the corporate sector. Tomorrow's corporate leaders will increasingly need to include biodiversity, pragmatic conservation and sustainability issues as part of their corporate focus.

The sanctuary, as well as any other visitor activity envisioned for the site such as a gondola, will need to have visibility on entry to the site through lines of sight and clear signage. This need indicates the desirability of redesigning the layout of the site, as do similar

considerations including segregating the holiday park from other activities and the health and safety needs around separating accommodation and playground areas from legal through roads and parking areas.

Currently the Sanctuary is difficult to find for one off visitors due lack of visibility from the road and with the holiday park acting as a barrier due to preconditioning of visitors that public access is not available through holiday parks. We have ongoing evidence of visitors turning back having not realised the Sanctuary is through the camp despite the signage in place. Upgrading signage alone will not resolve this problem.

The site topography and layout lends itself to segregation between different activity zones, with the upper bench easily separated and dedicated to education and visitor activities, leaving the lower area for accommodation and camping activities clearly segregated from the visitor attractions.

Community and Visitor Activities and Facilities

The upper Brook Valley has long been a recreation destination for Nelsonians, and increasingly is attracting visitors from farther afield. A variety of running and cycling events are held on the track network that surrounds the Brook Recreation Reserve, including the Dun Mountain Track on the line of the historic Dun Mountain Railway and its connection to Coppermine Saddle through the establishment of the Dun Mountain Trail in 2011 as part of the New Zealand Cycle Trail Nga Haerenga network.

With the development of the sanctuary's pest-proof fence and its associated track around the exterior of the fence, as well as the sanctuary's outstanding network of tracks inside the fence, the opportunities for recreational track usage in the upper Brook Valley is greatly enhanced. The sanctuary's internal track system is for pedestrians only, subject to admission at the sanctuary gate when the pest-proof fence is completed, while the external track around the outside of the sanctuary will be open to public use free of charge. Furthermore the section of fence line from Third House to Jenkins Hill will provide a connective corridor for walkers and more particularly mountain bikers, linking the Marsden/Involution Tracks to the Tantragee/Fringed Hill Tracks, significantly enhancing the existing network of tracks.

Further to the concept of a conservation and recreational hub, the Brook Recreation Reserve could offer an excellent range of other activities for residents and visitors. Examples of reserves with a range of offerings allowed for under a Reserve Management Plan include: Nelson's Tahunanui Reserve, Hanmer Springs' Thermal Pools Reserve, Tasman's Kaiteriteri Reserve, and Queenstown's Ben Lomond/Queenstown Hill Reserve.

Suitable activities for the site include: a ropes course, a flying fox or zip line, a climbing wall, a viewing tower, and a canopy walkway. Outdoor equipment hire is also a potential use of the site, e.g. mountain bikes, sanctuary and other tour bookings, and gondola admission. There would be opportunities for synergies between the different activities, such as a joint reservations office, thereby keeping costs down and making it easy for visitors and locals to find information. An enhanced visitor centre could combine information, interpretation, and services for the sanctuary as well as other activities in the area. Associated administrative offices could also be included within the plan, to support the sanctuary, the education facilities, and potentially other facilities.

The Trust envisions future opportunities for special education, training, and conference activities at the site, including leadership training, lectures, and special events. The site would lend itself particularly well to outdoor events to augment the already established annual sanctuary open days, including outdoor sculpture exhibitions, concerts and performances, light shows and weddings.

Parking and traffic management facilities are required for the existing permitted activities at the site, including the holiday park and the sanctuary, and should also be future-proofed for other possible activities to be developed over time, such as the proposed gondola. Priority should be given to the sanctuary's traffic and parking requirements, since the Trust holds resource consents for the development of the sanctuary as a visitor attraction.

Car parking and traffic flow management, including coach turnarounds and parking for the sanctuary, should permit arrivals for the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, the Brook Conservation Education Centre, and potentially other attractions such as the proposed gondola, to park (or be dropped off by coach) without entering the holiday park, and to find the different facilities easily through proper signage and clear lines of sight. The previously mentioned delineation of space between the site's upper and lower terraces could provide for appropriate traffic flows. Planning should also include emphasis on public transportation, bicycling and walking to the site, with allowance for associated infrastructure such as a covered bus stop, covered bicycle parking, and a mountain bike cleaning station.

The Trust submits that for such activities to be developed over time, allowance must be made in the Management Plan for appropriate commercial enterprises that would service the conservation and recreation hub, including for example opportunities for concessionaires for food and beverages, souvenirs, a gondola, team building or other recreational/adventure activities such as the hiring of mountain bikes or other equipment. The potential exists for synergies among services and activities for sharing facilities and co-locating staff (such as between the sanctuary and the holiday park) to provide a new and more efficient operating model for the holiday park. The Trust is open to further discussions in this regard.

Conclusion

The Trust appreciates Council's undertaking to develop a comprehensive management plan for the Brook Recreation Reserve, and thanks Council for the opportunity to make this submission.

It is clear the community supports the long-established presence of a holiday park at the site, and the Trust believes a re-developed holiday park with a wider range of accommodation will continue to be a valuable core use for the reserve. We see such accommodation facilities as a foundation to supporting a range of recreational and conservation opportunities that radiate from the site, including the sanctuary, the walking and mountain bike tracks, the proposed gondola, and potentially other activities as outlined in this submission.

The Trust's education partnership with DOC and NMIT to deliver the Trainee Ranger programme and other field courses through the Brook Conservation Education Centre is a valuable asset to Nelson. Given that the centre's current site is now unusable, it is a priority for us to relocate this facility to a portion of the reserve, as recognised and previously

approved by Council. Accommodation for Trainee Rangers at the holiday park would also be convenient and could present opportunities for work experience while staying on-site.

A balance needs to be struck between providing open space and esplanade areas along the Brook Stream for walking, picnics and other family activities for locals, and providing facilities capable of attracting domestic and international visitors. Existing natural features such as the Brook Stream and the redwood grove could be enhanced to provide natural open spaces, while other portions of the site should be reserved for the development of visitor activities with provision in the plan for appropriate 'commercial' activities to service visitors such as a café, retail shop, conference centre, additional recreation/adventure facilities, and enhanced accommodation options.

Priority for traffic flow management should be given to the now well-established sanctuary and to the holiday park, with future-proofing included for the proposed gondola and other possible facilities and attractions.

The Trust requests the opportunity to speak with Council management and staff, consultants and/or Councillors in support of this submission during the preparation of the Draft Reserve Management Plan, to answer questions and offer explanatory remarks as appropriate.

Comments on proposal for Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

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My comments on the proposal for a Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan, and what it should address, are set out below.

General

I'm a resident of the Brook, and have lived here for the last seven years. I think it's a great place to live, especially for families with younger children.

I'm a member of, and occasional volunteer for, the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust.

I support the development of a management plan for the 'Brook Recreation Reserve', a.k.a. the Brook Motor Camp or Brook Holiday Park.

I understand that only part of this area is formally classified as a Recreation Reserve, with the remainder being freehold land owned by Nelson City Council (with no formal (legal) protection). I would like the freehold land to be formally protected, either as reserve or by way of a covenant (in perpetuity), to provide certainty of purpose and ensure that it is retained for public use in the future.

Camping ground

I support the retention of the Brook Motor Camp (in whole or in part), subject to the following caveats.

1. The facilities at the camp ground (cabins, toilets, ablution blocks etc.) should be modernised and upgraded. The existing facilities are old and below the standard now expected/required by many potential users (including families). I appreciate that this will require significant capital expenditure, and Council will need to explore ways in which this can be funded.
2. I'm sympathetic to the needs of the 'permanent residents' of the motor camp, but question whether a campground is the most appropriate place to provide what is effectively low cost (and in most cases, low quality) social housing. Indeed, I understand that permanent occupation of sites within a registered camping ground is contrary to the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985. The existing ramshackle 'buildings' also give a very poor impression to visitors entering or passing through the camping ground.
3. If provision is to be made for permanent occupation (by current permanent residents or otherwise) then the management plan should clearly define the area that is to be allocated for this purpose. This area should not be within the registered camping ground (to comply with the Camping-Grounds Regulations), and should be screened from the remainder of the camping ground. I think Council should also work with the permanent residents (if provision is made for this) to ensure that their dwellings are legally compliant (e.g. with the Building Act) and maintained to an appropriate standard (since they are on Council-owned land).

Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

The 'Brook Recreation Reserve' is adjacent to land leased to the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust (BWST) for the purposes of a fenced wildlife sanctuary. Work to construct the fence is now in progress and should be completed in 2016. Once the fence is in place, and pest animals have been eradicated from the fenced area, the sanctuary will become an increasingly important site for native wildlife, and for visitors.

Whilst the proposed Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan doesn't include areas leased to the BWST, management of the Brook Recreation Reserve should support what is being done in the sanctuary. For example:

Access

Access to the sanctuary is through the Brook Recreation Reserve (on legal road), and the Recreation Reserve is the 'gateway' to the sanctuary. The management plan should formally provide for this and ensure that public access to the sanctuary is maintained. Provision may also need to be made for additional parking (including for coaches), and access for cyclists, pedestrians, and people arriving by public transport.

Camping ground

As noted above, I support retention of the camping ground, if some improvements are made. The sanctuary provides a point of difference compared to other camping grounds in the region; and the sanctuary is likely to attract more visitors if there are (good quality) camping facilities/ accommodation options immediately adjacent.

Brook Conservation Centre

The Brook Conservation Centre was established in 2010 on land leased from the Council, but I understand that the original site is now unusable due to land instability issues. I would therefore support provision being made to relocate the Brook Conservation Centre to another site within the Brook Recreation Reserve.

Animal and plant pests

Once established, the fenced sanctuary will allow populations of native birds to increase (including species that are going to be re-introduced), and some of these will then spread into areas around the sanctuary. Their survival – and opportunities for residents and visitors to see native birds spreading into the suburbs and Nelson city itself – will be enhanced if pests are controlled in the areas around the sanctuary. I would therefore ask that the management plan for the Brook Recreation Reserve make provision for pest animal control within the reserve (including rats, mice, stoats and possums). Weeds – at least those species with greatest potential to spread to the adjacent sanctuary – should also be controlled within the Recreation Reserve.

Brook Stream

I would like the management plan to include measures to protect, maintain and enhance the Brook Stream where it passes through the Brook Recreation Reserve. These measures could include riparian planting, and improvements to public access to and along the stream.



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Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

Please find enclosed comments on behalf of the Department of Conservation (the Department) in respect of the above.

Please contact me if you have any questions in relation to these comments, or would like to discuss any matters further.

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Comments on proposal for Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

The Department supports the development of a management plan for the area known as the 'Brook Recreation Reserve' (also referred to as the Brook Motor Camp or Brook Holiday Park).

The Department notes that only part of the area to be covered by the management plan (Section 47 Brook Street and Maitai District) is formally gazetted as Recreation Reserve and subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977; and that the remaining titles are freehold land owned by Nelson City Council, or legal road.

The Department understands that the area is registered as a camping ground and is subject to the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, albeit that some of those regulations are not being met or enforced.

Whilst it is sensible for the management plan to include all parts of the 'Brook Recreation Reserve' (as defined for this consultation), the different land tenures/classifications result in a more complex process, both for preparation of the management plan and administration of the land more generally. Council may therefore wish to consider formally gazetting the freehold land as recreation reserve to provide certainty of purpose and administration under the Reserves Act.

The 'Brook Recreation Reserve' is adjacent to land leased to the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust (the Trust) for the purposes of a fenced wildlife sanctuary.

The Department has been involved with the Trust since its formation and is a supporter of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary (the Sanctuary). A summary of the Department's involvement with the Trust, and support for the Sanctuary, is appended for information. Works to construct the predator proof fence have now commenced and are due to be completed in 2016. The Department understands that the Sanctuary will formally open in 2017, following eradication of pest animals within the fenced area.

Whilst the proposed Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan excludes areas leased to the Trust, it is the Department's view that management of the Brook Recreation Reserve should complement, and support, the objectives and management of the adjacent Sanctuary.

Some specific matters that should be addressed in the management plan are set out below.

Brook Conservation Education Centre

The Brook Conservation Education Centre is a collaborative project between the Department, the Trust and the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT), with support from Nelson City Council, and was established near the Sanctuary entrance in the Brook Valley in 2010. The proximity of the Sanctuary was one of the reasons the Centre was established in Nelson.

The Department has contracted NMIT to deliver the national Trainee Ranger programme and other practical conservation training courses. These training courses are open to Departmental staff, Council staff, community conservation groups and members of the public generally. The location of the Centre, and the partnership with NMIT and the Trust, provides opportunities to use the Sanctuary for training purposes, and for students to engage in projects that directly benefit the Sanctuary.

Unfortunately, the site used for the Conservation Education Centre has since been found to have slope stability problems and is currently unable to be used.

The Department understands that NMIT and the Trust have had discussions with Council over a proposal to re-locate the Centre to another part of the Brook Recreation Reserve; and that decisions on this have been deferred pending the outcome of the current planning process.

The Department supports the proposal to re-locate the Centre to an appropriate site within the Brook Recreation Reserve, and the management plan should make provision for this accordingly. This would enable the facilities to again support the training and education goals of the Department, NMIT and the Trust.

Nelson ‘Halo’

Once established, the fenced Sanctuary will enable populations of native birds to increase (including species such as kaka that are likely to be re-introduced), and some of these will then ‘spill out’ into areas around the Sanctuary. This has already happened around the Zealandia (Karori) Sanctuary in Wellington, and at other sanctuaries around New Zealand. Zealandia has also demonstrated that the value of a sanctuary can be enhanced if pest animals (and weeds) are controlled in neighbouring areas – often called a ‘halo’ – enabling otherwise vulnerable species to safely forage and nest beyond the boundaries of the sanctuary itself.

Creation of a ‘halo’ around the Brook Sanctuary will provide an opportunity for wildlife to spread beyond the Sanctuary boundaries, into the city and beyond. It will also provide a buffer against new infestations into the Sanctuary.

The creation of such a halo has been identified as a priority for Council’s ‘Nature Nelson’ project, which is currently being considered for inclusion in the Long Term Plan for 2015-2025. The Department supports this.

The Brook Recreation Reserve should be part of this halo, particularly as it is the ‘gateway’ to the Sanctuary itself, and helps to link the Sanctuary to the city. The management plan for the reserve should make provision for this accordingly.

Brook Stream

The Brook Stream passes through the Brook Recreation Reserve, largely within the freehold land owned by Nelson City Council. Upstream of the Recreation Reserve the stream is within the Brook Conservation Reserve (leased to the Trust); and downstream it is within the Brook Stream Esplanade Reserve (vested in Council).

The management plan for the Brook Recreation Reserve provides an opportunity to set clear objectives and actions for management of the stream and its margins, and to enhance connectivity between the upstream and downstream reserves. Specific measures could include provisions to improve riparian habitat, and to enhance public access to and along the stream. Such actions would support Council’s Project Maitai/Mahitahi programme, including projects MRP4, MRP7 and MRP12.

Access

Access to the Sanctuary is through the Brook Recreation Reserve (on legal road). The management plan should provide for the maintenance and, where necessary, enhancement of this access corridor. Provision should also be made for appropriate parking and safe access to the Sanctuary for cyclists and pedestrians.

Summary of the Department's involvement in, and support for, the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary is a community initiative to create a pest-free sanctuary for native flora and fauna in a Nelson City Council former water reserve in the Brook Valley. The site adjoins Mount Richmond Forest Park, which is administered by the Department of Conservation.

The Department has been actively involved with this project since its inception. The former Nelson Marlborough Conservator, Neil Clifton, was a signatory to the Deed of Charitable Trust which established the Trust. As provided for in the Trust Deed the Department has been represented on the Trust Board from the outset (but the Department's position on the Board is currently vacant).

The Department has provided ongoing technical assistance and advice to the Trust, including ecological and planning advice to assist the Trust in obtaining resource consent to build the pest-proof fence.

In 2008, the Department teamed up with the Trust to allow the public to view six kakapo chicks (that were being reared in Nelson) at the Sanctuary visitor centre. More than 5000 people flocked to see the chicks over two days.

The collaborative success of the Trust led to the creation of the Brook Conservation Education Centre alongside the Sanctuary in 2010. This was a joint initiative between the Nelson City Council, the Trust, the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) and the Department, which has contracted NMIT to provide trainee ranger and in-service conservation related training. The proximity of the sanctuary was one of the reasons the Centre was established in Nelson.

The Trust has also received funding from the Community Conservation Partnerships Fund, which is administered by the Department.

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary would be the largest fenced sanctuary in the South Island. Large catchment based predator fenced sanctuaries on mainland New Zealand have an important role in the protection and restoration of threatened indigenous ecosystems.

Fenced sanctuaries allow for the complete eradication of introduced mammalian pests (including rats, mustelids and possums) within the fenced area, rather than simply managing these pests to low numbers. This provides benefits for native species that are particularly vulnerable to even low levels of predation, or which are preferentially selected by mammalian herbivores (e.g. mistletoe). A fenced sanctuary in the Brook Valley would therefore benefit existing native plant communities and populations of native birds, lizards and invertebrates; and would allow for re-introduction of species that previously occurred in the area, including species that are classified as threatened or at risk under the New Zealand threat classification system. The sanctuary, with its pest-proof fence in place, will have a valuable role to play as a safe haven for some of our most endangered wildlife.

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary also has the benefits of:

- Being immediately alongside a major urban centre and therefore well placed to raise public awareness of conservation in this region and nationally;
- The potential of an important additional visitor destination in a region which already attracts significant numbers of domestic and international visitors because of its natural values;

- An adjacent established Council owned motor camp, the lease of which recognises the potential of each to complement the other;
- A successful and expanding tertiary training programme offering nationally recognised conservation courses utilising the sanctuary;
- Broad community support and a large body of active volunteers with a high degree of competency and skill; and
- A successful collaborative Trust governance structure with representation from iwi, the Council, tertiary education provider, the community and the Department.

The Department believes these attributes, which are not duplicated by any other sanctuary, will be important factors in ensuring the ongoing success of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary.

The Trust is an excellent example of an independent community project with strong community involvement and support that will contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural heritage. It will also provide an accessible and inspiring wildlife experience just a few kilometres from the heart of Nelson city, where people can enjoy and learn more about our environment and be inspired to get involved in protecting it. The sanctuary will have significant value in engendering further understanding and commitment to environmental restoration in the wider community, and awareness of how such work contributes to overall community wellbeing and prosperity.

1 – Proposal to draft a Management Plan

To draft a Recreation Reserve Management Plan for an area of land first requires that this land be Recreational Reserve land, as defined by the Reserves Act 1977.

Currently, only Section 47 Brook Street and Maitai Survey District is Gazetted as Recreational Reserve, while all other land parcels are Freehold Titles.

The inclusion of Freehold Titles in a Recreational Reserve Management plan does not impose the conditions of the Reserves Act on said land, leading to legal ambiguity. To prepare a Recreational Reserve plan under the proper processes outlined within the Reserves act requires the Gazetting of these Freehold Titles as Recreation Reserve. I would suggest that the correct procedure as outlined in the Reserves Act is followed in its entirety, which would require the NCC to advise the Commissioner of its intention to designate this land as Recreational Reserve, subject to review and approval by the Minister of Conservation. NCC does not have the authority to designate land as a Recreational Reserve without the overview and approval of the Minister.

2 – Long Term Residences and Camping

The current Brook Holiday Park should continue to be maintained and receive a marketing make-over, as I believe it has a far greater potential as a successful and profitable campground than is being realised currently. It would provide benefits to visitors to Nelson City and the adjoining Wildlife Sanctuary and Mountain Bike Park.

Due to the established nature of a large number of long term residences within the Brook Holiday Park (to be included in the Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan), I would

suggest NCC use their Authority granted pursuant to Section 44 of the Reserves Act 1977 to approve the land occupied by the Holiday Park for permanent Accommodation. This would eradicate any legal ambiguity on the status of established residents, some of which have lived in the Camp in excess of 20years.

3 – NMIT / DOC

The development of an educational facility for Ranger Training and in conjunction with the Brook Wildlife Sanctuary should not be included within any Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan. Such an Educational Facility would be better positioned within the CBD. Existing Bus services could be utilised to provide transport to the sanctuary. This would reduce traffic flow along the upper Brook Valley, which has been a stated concern of further development within the area by Brook Valley Residents. Car-parking requirements in the upper Brook Valley and the Brook Recreation Reserve could also be greatly reduced with this arrangement, which is desirable and in keeping with the purposes of the Reserves Act in particular Sec 17 which refers to Recreation Reserves and emphasises the retention of open spaces and the preservation of the natural environment.

4 – Gondola

The Gondola proposed by the Nelson Cycle Lift Society should not be considered within the scope of the Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan. Such development would require a large amount of supporting infrastructure including increased power capacity to power

the machinery, and the installation of water pumps and pipes to supply the proposed Café / restaurant atop Fringe Hill as envisaged by the Gondola proposal.

Mountain Biking is a popular sport in the area. NCC has recently acquired large areas of land for the purpose of development for Mountain Biking in the area surrounding the Codgers Track and the Dun Mountain Track. A gondola proposal should be considered within these areas, not the Brook Recreation Reserve.

It is therefore suggested that Council DOES NOT follow the Recommendation made on 30 October 2014 in Report A1194716 which reads in part;

“ AND THAT; the desirability of a Gondola serving Fringe Hill be considered as part of the development of the Brook Recreational Reserve Management Plan”

Specifically in light of the emphasis provided in file no; A1178898, s2.6 “Section 54 provides for any activity or lease or license to be approved if it is in conformity with, and contemplated by the Management Plan for the Reserve.”

Alternatively, a separate Recreation Reserve Management Plan could be developed for the land currently being developed for mountain biking, and the Gondola would be more appropriately considered in the scope of that.

5 – BWST

Reject the proposal for the preparation of a Reserve Management plan for sections excluding portions leased to BWST. Parts of the land included in the lease to BWST are

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gazetted recreational Reserve land. The landmass included in the last Draft Reserve Management Plan for the Brook (Conservation) Reserve (in the Draft Conservation and Landscape Reserves Management Plan 2009) far exceeds that considered by the proposed Brook Recreation Reserve Management plan. Section 17 2a of the Reserves Act stipulates (in part) that "the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the Reserve". The lease to BWST fails to maintain this condition of Reserve Land Management. It is suggested that NCC follow the advice of its Senior Planning advisor as stated in Document A1178898 to seek legal advice on the compatibility of the BWST lease with the Reserve Land status of the area, and also to rescind its Resolution of 30th September 2004, which reads in part:

" AND THAT: staff continue investigations into actions necessary to modify the status and Reserves Act classification of the subject land to adequately reflect the purpose for which the land is held and to provide for full management control to the Brook Sanctuary Trust."

It is further suggested that earthworks for the BWS fence construction be halted until legal clarification has been sought and received, as the clear cutting of 9ha of native forest does not constitute "protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside" as required by section 17 of the Reserves Act.

The land included within the lease should be maintained for the exclusive purpose of creating a wildlife sanctuary, and the BWST may choose to retain this lease to provide the most effective pest management strategies available. There is debate on within the conservation community on the scientific Validity of Pest Proof fencing as a pest control technique. An independent and comprehensive cost benefit analysis of pest control techniques should be conducted, taking into account recent technological developments in

this field, to be entirely certain that public access is not being restricted and preservation of land is not being compromised for anything less than the best and most effective of pest management approaches. Any and all alternative pest control techniques would reduce the need to limit public access.

Natascha Van Dien

From: Administration Support
Subject: FW: Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

----- Original Message -----

From: [Kempthorne](#)
To: submissions@nelson.govt.nz
Cc: enquiry@ncc.govt.nz ; submissions@ncc.govt.nz
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 1:00 PM
Subject: Fw: Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

----- Original Message -----

From: [Kempthorne](#)
To: submissions@nelson.govt.nz
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 8:07 PM
Subject: Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

1. The first priority should be the homes of the folk who choose to live in the Motor Camp.
2. If a paid manager is now in place, it would make financial sense to open the Camp to short-term visitors as has been the case in the past, co-existing happily with the residents.
3. A 'ranger training centre' mentioned by the Mayor could be established without prejudice to the residents.
4. The residents' homes must not be threatened by the interests of the Cycle Lift Society, a private enterprise seeking to profit from the publicly owned Fringed Hill by constructing a cable-car, laughably called a 'gondola' despite its aerial nature. That scheme can be justified as being for public benefit no more than the 'monster slide' recently proposed for another public asset, Collingwood Street's hill. Any dream of making Nelson the Queenstown of the North (if it were desirable) is a fantasy doomed by the physical location of Tasman Bay which can't compete with Wakatipu and the Remarkables. If consent is ever granted, it must be on the express condition that in the event of failure the potential eyesore of rusting equipment must be fully removed at the expense of the company's original directors whether or not it is 'in liquidation' or receivership. As I mentioned in a letter of 6 May to the *Nelson Mail*, Council could itself choose to exploit Fringed Hill's fine views and potential cycle tracks for Nelson's public benefit by upgrading (and tolling) its road and maybe building a look-out café at the top.
5. The amenity of the Reserve should never be prejudiced by the (rumoured) proposal to build a new road from Enner Glynn and "improve" the Brook Valley road (to the ruin of the whole valley) in the interest of access to the Sanctuary and proposed "gondola" scheme.

Ren Kempthorne
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**SUBMISSION TO: NELSON CITY COUNCIL
DRAFT BROOK RECREATIONAL RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**FROM: NELSON CYCLE LIFT SOCIETY INC
16 January 2015**

NCLS appreciates the opportunity to submit to Nelson City Council's (NCC) planning for the potential uses for the Brook Camp site.

Background

Nelson Cycle Lift Society (NCLS) was formed in 2010 to develop a plan and gain resource consent for a passenger lift serving the needs of cyclists, viewers and walkers to access a point near the summit of Fringed Hill; a network of mountain bike and walking tracks would form a new visitor attraction of national and international significance.

A Feasibility Study of a gondola lift was presented to Council in May 2014, and peer reviewed in October 2014; these reports present the proposed routes, and examine the geotechnical, engineering and business feasibility.

Ongoing fundraising and investment for the current proposal is contingent on access to the Brook Camp area being supported in principle by the community and Nelson City Council as landowner.

Gondola location rationale

The preferred gondola routes (2 proposed) are on NCC land outside and to the north of that area leased to Brook Waimarama Sanctuary (BWST) (refer Appendix 1). The proposed base stations are located within the Brook Camp. The first site is located 50m south of the entrance, on the east side of the road. The second site is located in the area immediately to the south of the caretaker's house. The top station common to both routes is located on a knoll near the Fringed Hill road carpark.

These proposed routes were chosen because:

- The base stations locations and associated visitor facilities will be out of sight of residential properties
- The routes will require a minimum of bush and tree removal to achieve adequate clearance for the base buildings, pylons and cableway

- There is sufficient space for parking, and associated retail, ticketing and accommodation facilities
- The area is attractive, open and well-suited for use by tourists and visitors using campervans, cars, and cycles for daily visits to the Gondola / Sanctuary or short-term camping
- There is an opportunity for co-operation between the gondola operation and Brook Waimarama Sanctuary to share facilities including parking, ticketing, toilets, retail facilities, staff facilities, grounds and track maintenance facilities, vehicle garaging and workshop, first aid, security and management facilities.
- It makes sense to not only share the gondola base facilities with the sanctuary, but also to jointly market the attractions nationally and internationally as a single multi-product offering

Status of NCLS proposal

The NCLS proposal is at an early stage, with the initial feasibility established and supported by key city stakeholders. Details will become apparent after investment partners are confirmed, professional advisors appointed, planning is completed and the resource consent process commences.

To support the development process and to raise the funds required it is necessary to have a clear understanding of the acceptability of the future location of the gondola and associated facilities in the Brook Camp. If the community does not support this use, an alternative route will need to be researched and developed, requiring a new feasibility study, and a delay of about 2 years.

NCLS has met with Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust and Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology and supports the key themes which align with the NCLS proposal:

- Education
- Tourism/Community/Visitor Activities
- Accommodation
- Public Open Space
- Conservation & Science

Conclusion

1. NCLS seeks community support to locate a gondola base station and associated facilities in one of two proposed locations in the Brook Camp, and seeks to future-proof these locations to allow time to develop and finance the proposal.
2. NCLS supports the use of the reserve for visitor facilities including parking, ticketing, toilets, retail facilities including café and bike hire, staff facilities, grounds and track maintenance facilities, vehicle garaging and workshop, first aid, security and management facilities and similar.
3. NCLS supports the use of the reserve for short-term accommodation for visitors (up to a maximum of 4 weeks), including campervan and tent sites, cabins, hostel, cafe and associated toilet and cooking facilities.
4. NCLS supports the use of the reserve for recreation including swimming pool, spa, courts, BMX, aerial ropeway, trampoline, outdoor theatre and similar facilities typically found in camps.
5. NCLS supports the use of the reserve for conservation education and associated conference facilities, including hostel accommodation.

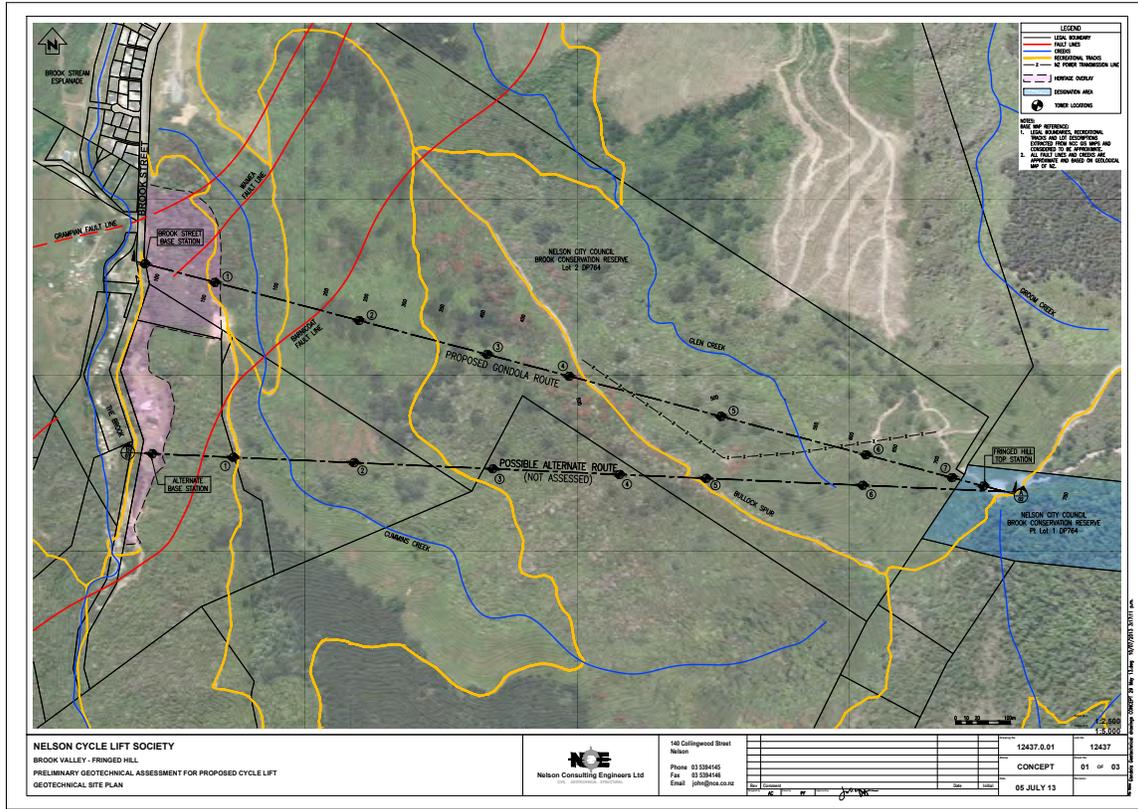
NCLS thanks the Council for the opportunity to submit to this plan, and seeks to make the submission in person.

Jo Rainey

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Appendix 1 Proposed gondola base station locations



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Submission re the Brook Campground.

I wish to promote the view of the council providing a welcome and needed social service by keeping the camp open especially with regard to the permanent campers. I consider that the council is providing an important function here in providing for the needs of a section of its citizens.

Many of the permanent residents have difficulty fitting into a more conventional suburban lifestyle. We happily live in a more simple way and, in doing so, are a lower drain on the community's [and the earth's] resources than most people are. Most residents like living here as opposed to being here reluctantly as often occurs in those campgrounds surrounding large cities.

Given a flat in the Wood or elsewhere in the suburbs, many would be both unhappy and more of a drain on the social services. At the camp neighbours are more likely to care about each other than if we were in an isolated house. There are some of us who are socially awkward, or have other issues, and get the support from the people around us. We are closer, both physically and socially, than most neighbours and do "look out" for each other. I have parkinsons disease and have appreciated the helping hand of my neighbours on occasions.

Secondly, a core of permanent residents can be a support for the manager in times of unruly visitors or casual campers, and with being another pair of eyes in such instances as vandalism or "skipping out" without paying.

This permanent band of residents would also be helpful in a similar way to the bird sanctuary especially in the evenings when their workers are not there. An example is one camp resident who shuts and locks the sanctuary gate every evening.

bob lynch [camp resident]

14Jan15



note: yes I would like to speak to this submission.

Thoughts/submission to NELSON CITY COUNCIL
in relationship to
The Recreational/Reserve Management Plan 2015
for the
Brook Caravan Park
and it's outcome for its permanent Residents!

Some years ago whilst reading for my MA (Science & Technology Studies) degree, I was given a question to respond to within 3000 words. The question was: 'Design a viable alternative to the motorcar'

These thoughts/submission will hopefully be no more than 10% of the original number of words; however the question does relate to my thoughts re: the above submission, and briefly I was unable to do as the question asked!

Because as the dictionary definition stipulates the word 'ideal' is: '**most suitable, a conception of something that is perfect, a perfect person or thing.** Incidentally after much angst, frustration, research and any late nights I did receive an A+ for the paper.

You may well ask what does this have to do with **The Brook Recreational/Reserve Management Plan for 2015?** Everything, because there is NO ideal solution, and as Mayor Rachel Reese campaigned for her Mayoralty one key focus was people NOT pet projects! I voted for her on this point alone, because as a Registered Nurse and ordained Anglican Priest, 'people have always been the major focus of my career and vocation for the past 5 decades'. And when working with people there is no place for ego!

There is a population of people who survive much better living in a supported community environment, than living interdependently in suburbia. For example whilst working in Sydney Australia, a male in his mid 50's was found dead in his 7th floor Local Government apartment. (By the way there were over 200 units in the complex) Following the inquest it was stated publicly he had been dead for at least 7 years! He had not been reported missing, nobody thought to wonder where/how he may be – he was a nothing! I could guarantee on my life that this would

never happen to a living soul living in such a community as a residential recreational reserve;

Because, there is always 'someone' watching out & in most cases it is because they care! Yes, this can be annoying, however it's better than living in a neighbourhood especially as a single person, on limited income, which lacks either the social graces or physical mobility to 'get out & about'. Many feel they are just a 'nobody'...

I do speak from person experienced – as when I moved to Nelson in 2005 I knew nobody, lived in 34B Atawhai Drive and it was 3 years before my neighbours happily acknowledged my existence. Truthfully Nelson is not the easiest place for a stranger to integrate, nor am I aware if any of my relatives arrived on the first 4 ships into Nelson Harbour; because I was adopted, therefore an 'unknown' and according to scripture 'an untouchable'.

However within a week of moving into The Brook Caravan Park I knew all my neighbours, had shared hospitality with more than half and found them the most caring, neighbourly and friendliest people I've meet here in Nelson. And yes at times challenging, at least I exist!

When given 'notice' to move out in Feb/March 2014, one local counsellor biked up and promised much, before the first meeting was convened. However after a very brief promising interlude, I've neither seen nor heard from him again. Oops maybe it's because I'm not into such pet projects, nor could afford such, as 'mountain biking,

Living as we have been in the Brook Caravan Park is: '**a viable alternative to living in suburbia**' and it is evidenced by the number of people who live in a similar situation very happily and contented throughout New Zealand and Australia. Please do NOT take what we care about and the support we do have, nor our dignity or choice away!

Thank you,



Ian Charles Crighton (Rev), R.N. (N.Z. Australia. TPNG) MA . (STS)
Wollongong NSW. MTh. BTC Queensland.

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Name John Russell

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Address Brook Valley Holiday Park, Nelson

Organisation represented (if applicable) _____

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? YES NO # of pages

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The consultation/proposal my submission relates to:

The proposal to prepare a recreational management plan for the Brook Valley Park and surrounding lands.

My submission is:

I support the proposal to prepare a recreational management plan, but suggest that more land than is presently being considered, should be considered.

I DO NOT support the proposal to prepare a recreational management plan if the proper legal steps and considerations are not adhered to before, during, and after the creation of a recreational management plan.

My responses and suggestions to some of the ideas which have been floated with the general public are as attached to this form.

Date 14/01/2015

Signature [Signature]

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Brook Submission

1) No to the proposed Gondola being situated within the present campground area.

a) Ratepayers have not been informed of the real costs and affects of such a venture.

b) I would suggest that other options should be investigated as to the location of any such venture, and that the public and ratepayers should be given full and proper cost and and return forecast analysis , along with access to private and public concerns and suggestions regarding possible detrimental affects to the surrounding and connected areas.

2) No to the NMIT buildings being relocated from the Brook Valley into the Brook Valley Holiday Park area.

and 3) No to closing the Brook valley holiday park.

The reasons I have for opposing the closure of the Brook Valley Holiday Park are many, and it is on this issue that i would like to be heard in support of this submission.

With Sincere and kind regards

John Russell

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Brook Valley Holiday Reserve Management Plan 2014/15

My submission is:

- Nelson City Council has not applied to Minister of Conservation for consent to change Brook Valley Holiday Park to Recreation Reserve
- Act of 1977 Nelson City Council can allow Residents to permit ^{agent} living in Brook Valley holiday Park be legal if they wish to be KIND.
- Bird Sanctuary clearing cut for fence thought of water run off. Easiest path of travel will be clearing cut for fence!
- Clearing cut will stop water capillary action for trees above fence clearing cut, due to top soil removed in cut area and trees.
- If gondala go's ahead who will pay the Bill for power supply upgrade and Car Park.

Date 15/01/2015

Signature M. H. Endicott

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Your worship the Mayor of Nelson

In response to your request for Brook Valley Reserve Management 'interests' (The Nelson Leader, December 4, 2014), please accept this document as a personal Statement of Intention. As this is my maiden written submission to a publically elected official, please also excuse the epistolary format you find before you.

Henry Seymour is claimed to have introduced horticulture to Nelson province when he planted fruit trees on his section in Brook Street Valley in 1843. The fruit trees were donated to Seymour by the Cheltenham Horticultural Society upon his departure from England. Market gardens filled the Brook Valley for decades following.

I became a 'Brookie' in 2013. Jeff Newport, my maternal grandfather, documented Nelson history in his 'Footprints' series and helped to preserve it practically through his voluntary work with Nelson Historic Places Trust. My quest is to follow in his footsteps; by documenting the history and promoting that knowledge in ways that help to empower healthy community living in the greater Brook Valley.

The latter aspect is based on an academic model of health and incorporates a number of strategic community partnerships that have been gently simmering over a low heat for the last 2 years. I am restrained slightly by intellectual property rights, and so appreciate your acceptance of a non-binding project outline at this early stage.

Where?

Waimarama Community Gardens are testament to the horticultural legacy of Seymour's vision. It's a wealth of sound organic gardening practice in an engaging community setting. It's naturally understated and well resourced. Quite possibly, an ideal venue for a garden type tourist attraction with teahouse and open orchard walkways?

Who?

I'm a trustee at WCG. I also blend food teas, based on Traditional Chinese Medicine. Having trained in Complementary Alternative Medicine in Japan, Korea & China, I have been actively promoting food as medicine to Nelsonians through partnerships with China Friendship Society, 'Please Plant Me' tree planting group, Food for Families, NMDHB, NMBC, Fresh FM (turnaround show) et al in recent years.

Why?

A core concept of TCM is achieving individual harmony in mind, body & spirit. A healthy community is no different. One day, I would like to bring my half Chinese daughter to live in a well-balanced, New Zealand community.

How & When?

Our next Trustees meeting on February 7 will consider one or two proposals that may spur on your 'complementary interests' hope:

- Conducting a Harvest Festival at Waimarama Community Gardens in April 2015;
- Developing a native tree nursery with Brook Waimarama Sanctuary;
- Developing a model 'urban garden' & 'city food waste' with NCC, (Mary Curnow);
- Considering an application to apply for consent for on-site catering & food sales;
- Formalising 'waste to worth' project with NCG.

There are a number of other cross-community collaborations sifted & mixed, as yet unbaked by Public Relations or media.

It's a healthy recipe. However, an essential ingredient in this whole process is community participation. I warmly welcome your participation and guidance in the on-going discussion and development of a rejuvenated Brook.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Soper.

Natascha Van Dien

From: Administration Support
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From: Customer Service Team
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To: Customer Service Team
Subject: Submission: Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

From: Justine Mcdonald [<mailto:mcdandosfarm@xtra.co.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 16 January 2015 9:52 a.m.
To: Beth Walker
Subject: Fw: Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

On Friday, 16 January 2015 9:41 AM, Justine Mcdonald <mcdandosfarm@xtra.co.nz> wrote:

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Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan

I hereby submit the following which has also been submitted by the Brook Valley Community Group as my formal personal submission.

A public meeting of the Brook Valley Community Group was held on Saturday 6 December 2014. What follows is a statement of the position adopted by those present, in full consensus, in response to the notice of intention to prepare a Management Plan for "The Brook Recreation Reserve", printed in the Nelson Mail on 24 November 2014 and calling for suggestions.

Suggestions

1. The Nelson City Council rescind its resolution of 30 September 2004, which reads in part:
"AND THAT: staff continue investigations into actions necessary to modify the status and Reserves Act classification of the subject land to adequately reflect the purpose for which the land is held and to provide for full management control to the Brook Sanctuary Trust."
2. The Nelson City Council respects its obligations under s12(3) and s13 of the Local Government Act, in which the capacity of the local authority is subject to "any other enactment and the general law", and, in the performance of its functions under other enactments, is required to ensure that the application of provisions "is not inconsistent with the other enactment".
3. The Brook Valley Community Group is supportive of an intention to establish a Brook Recreation Reserve covering those packets of land listed in the public notice and others not so listed. To that end, we suggest that the proposal to develop a Management Plan be revisited entirely, in order that the formal procedure of establishing an expanded Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act be followed, including gazetting by the Minister. Among many other benefits will be that of proper attention being paid to the conditions of deeds of gift.
4. Planning should be for the very long term. While opportunities abound for appropriate activities to operate within and adjacent to the Reserve, the potential for further opportunities, identifiable only at a future time, must be explicitly considered in planning.
5. The purposes of the Reserves Act should provide the essential framework within which decisions are reached as to the appropriateness or consistency with those purposes of proposed activities within the Brook Recreation Reserve.
6. The land should continue primarily to be used for the purpose of a wildlife sanctuary. This intention has widespread support as a good use of the exquisite and increasingly rare old growth forest in these hills. It is in keeping with the deed of gift made by Mr Thomas Cawthron in which he envisaged a wildlife sanctuary.

7. Currently, there is free public access to this area of land. A fence-free mainland sanctuary such as operates in Rotoiti has no requirements for the restriction of entry. Proposed restrictions on public access are constrained by the Reserves Act and are not mitigated by any supposed generation of revenue for Nelson City.
8. The Brook Holiday Park should be retained for short and long term accommodation for the public and visitors to the sanctuary.
9. Any proposal to develop NMIT/DOC facilities in a Brook Recreation Reserve is to be rejected as inconsistent with the purposes of the Reserves Act. Alternate education centres may be planned within the existing campus, or at another central city location. The NBus route would be ideal to shuttle students, reducing traffic congestion, transport utilisation and carparking requirements at the head of the valley.
10. No gondola/cycle lift should be permitted to operate within the boundaries of the proposed Brook Recreation Reserve. Any such proposal is inconsistent with the purposes of the Reserves Act.
11. With regard to the internal memorandum provided to the Council by Lisa Gibellini, Senior Planning Adviser on 29 March (sic), we suggest that particular attention be returned to her advice under s2.12 that: "It should be noted that in exercising the new delegations under the Act, Council must however still act in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act and maintain a distinction between their roles as the administering body of a reserve and their role as a delegate of the Minister".

Nothing in the revision of powers referred to in her previous section 2.11, or elsewhere, entitles the Council to formulate and apply a Recreation Reserve Management Plan to areas of land which have not been so designated and gazetted by the Minister. This is particularly the case with regard to both of her emphases, first in her s2.6 referring to s54 of the Reserves Act, and secondly to her s.2.16 on (h), a subclause of the Resource Management Act referring to Reserve Management Plans. It is quite plain that acceptance of her principal recommendation has been based upon an intended employment of these clauses to permit activities otherwise deemed inappropriate or inconsistent with the purposes of the Reserves Act.

12. The Brook Valley Community Group strongly suggests that, before proceeding further with a Management Plan, the Nelson City Council obtain the legal advice which Ms. Gibellini recommended on its powers and the restrictions upon those powers. That advice should be independently sourced.

Justine D. McDonald.

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Organisation represented (if applicable) Brook Recreational Reserve Camp Residents

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The Brook Reserve Recreational Management Plan.

My submission is:

The Gondola Proposal should be vetoed as the cost of implementing it and setting it up would be too great, financially speaking meaning it would be passed on to the ratepayers. Environmentally the effects on the flora and fauna would be disastrous through increased traffic and increased erosion during heavy rainfall due to the removal of many native trees. Nelson residents also would find it too expensive and would not support it enough affecting the income generated. Ratepayers again would have to subsidise it and they won't like it.

The NMIT should not be allowed to set up buildings here because the land where they would be located is unstable when flooding occurs on a historically boggy area. (By Camp Office)

Date 14/1/15 Signature P. Hollemann

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Proposal to prepare a Recreational Management Plan for the Brook

My submission is: Valley Holiday Park and surrounding land.

The NMIT/DOC buildings should not be considered within the Brook Reserve Management Plan.

The NMIT/DOC buildings should stay where they are because they are safer. The slip that is said to be unsafe behind the DOC buildings where they are now is way back, whereas the steep hill beside the main camping area of the Brook Valley Holiday Park is closer, steeper and more likely to damage the buildings.

The best campsites would be covered up with tarpaulins, right beside the amenities - kitchen, lounge, laundry, toilets, and the campground would not be viable without these campsites.

Are the buildings compatible with the designated land use?

It would be confusing for campers trying to find the office for the campground - driving up through campus grounds and back again.

Date 15/1/15 Signature Pamela Marder

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My submission is: Brook Valley Holiday Park

Keep the campground open.

The campground always ran at a profit until the Council took over the direct running of it about 4 years ago, stopped advertising it on the N.C.C. website, told people already booked it was closed.

Won't let more permanents in, or rent out cabins

Inefficient use of money - Nelmac still mowing, ceramic stove tops put in that are more expensive than stoves etc.

Brook is better than Maitai campground, cooler and quieter than Tahunanui without planes flying overhead all day.

Maryanne Street was correct in saying we need more cheap accomodation.

Section 44 of the Reserves Act 1977 (A 4 84116) allows local authorities to let people stay permanently on reserve land ^{for} permanent accomodation.

Brook has fewer chemicals spraydrift than Maitai or Tahunu also.

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My submission is: Valley Holiday Park and surrounding land,

Gazetting of land.

I understand it is illegal for the Council to gazette land, it must be done by the Minister of Conservation.

Could I suggest the Council get legal advice as Liza Cibolini advised them to.

If the process is rushed through without proper process, legally and with public consultation it is going to cost ratepayers even more money than it is already.

Section 12 of the local Government Act allow the Council to do certain things but Section 13 is more specific on what Council can do.

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My submission is:

Careetting regarding the Brook Waimarua Bird Sanctuary.

Not all the Bird Sanctuary land is gazetted, part of it is gifted land to be used for recreation.

I understand the Bird Sanctuary fence is not supposed to have started yet as it isn't legally permitted, the digger is working daily.

Is the fence for the Bird Sanctuary cost-effective and eco-friendly?

I would like to see more research done on pest control without cutting down so many hectares of trees for an expensive fence that will cost even more to maintain every year, and with questionable success, especially in times of heavy rainfall.

Is it legal to prevent people from accessing reserve land?

Date 15/1/15 Signature Pamela Mander

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Proposal to prepare a Recreational Management Plan for the Brook

My submission is: Valley Holiday Park and surrounding land.

Gondola in Brook not a good idea.

Does the Council realise they would have to put 11 KV upgrades up the Brook.

Water would be required for a fire fighting system, water and sewerage on Fringed Hill so a pumping station would be required.

With a 160 carpark and 4 bus parks there wouldn't be much land in the campground left.

Brook St. is hard enough to drive up now with a car parked on the roadside, if there were cars and buses driving up and down as regularly as the Gondola Committee would like - 1,000 seats per hour, then the road would be total chaos.

Who would use the gondola? Are there plenty of mountain bikers prepared to pay for a trip up the hill to keep it financially viable? The view over Tasman Bay is hazy in summer and the Middle of N.Z. view is free.

Date 15/1/15 Signature Pamela Mander

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From: Administration Support
Subject: FW: BROOK RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

From: Brian Brasell[SMTP:BRIAN.BRASELL@GMAIL.COM]
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SUBMISSION : BROOK RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

I submit that consideration be given to the redevelopment of the campground to :-

- . provide casual accommodation for tenting and campervans
- . include a picnic area to meet the changing needs of the residents and visitors to the Brook Valley
- . develop an entrance-way that is welcoming to all visitors

This is an opportunity to provide a quality destination for local residents and visitors alike with a minimum of capital investment.

CONSIDERATION

Nelson is a holiday destination offering a range of attractions and activities within the city boundary which encompass Beach & Bush.

Beach activities are well developed, bush/mountain activities are in a growth phase and need facilities to support and retain that growth. The bush/mountain activities associated with the Maitai & Brook Valleys are : -

- . Mountain biking
- . Mountain running
- . Access to tramping in the Richmond Range
- . Bush walking
- . Riverside picnicking (Maitai R only)

In addition the Brook Valley has the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary of which some facilities are currently under construction.

The Brook Valley has a bus service giving a link from the Info-Centre in town to the Brook Motor Camp.

These activities make both the Maitai & Brook Valleys destinations in their own right. The Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan should address the provision of facilities to promote tourism by

making the Brook Recreation a welcoming place to arrive at. The gate-keepers hut should be removed and the entrance upgraded to make a clear distinction of the destination, that is :

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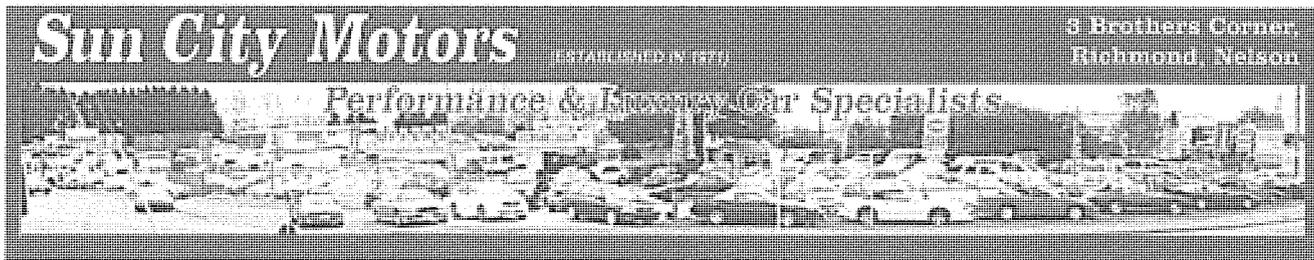
- . The picnic area
- . The campground
- . The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

The Brook Valley has an attractive stream and could be developed into an attractive picnic area serviced with toilet facilities and parking to support the activities listed above. Note the Brook Valley does not

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Nelson City Council
110 Trafalgar Street
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To Whom it May Concern,

RE: BROOK VALLEY MOTOR CAMP

My name is Basil Jones. I have been the company director of Sun City Motors Ltd for 43 years. I reside at 39 Seaton Street, Marybank, Nelson, and have been a Nelson City ratepayer of four properties for some 46 years, contributing tens of thousands of dollars annually to Nelson City. I have helped many under privileged people in Nelson during that period.

I am writing in regards to the Brook Valley Motor Camp. From the outset of the motor camp's future being made public, I became quite concerned for many reasons.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Peter Rainy are all aware that I approached all three on more than one occasion, expressing strong interest in leasing the camp site so as it could remain as such, and keep many people with a roof over their head so to speak, and build the motor camp into a more respected holiday and accommodation outlet. As I understand, the Brook Street Camp has been in existence now for some 50 years and should remain as such. It helps our local people and contributes to helping resolve the serious housing shortage Nelson has, and always has had. Nelson City Council has a serious problem with campers now just parking anywhere they can throughout the city, costing us ratepayers thousands of dollars per year cleaning up their mess. It would seem the NCC want to encourage this by closing the camp.

To even remotely consider destroying this long established motor camp in favour of a gondola to service a handful of mountain bikers and the such like is beyond belief, and blatantly points to NCC's callous approach of "to hell with the needy, we will look after the greedy"

I would like the NCC to publicly disclose all the names of the proposed gondola's shareholders. If any of these shareholders have any connection whatsoever with any Nelson City Council staff involved in this predetermined decision to support this pie in the sky adventure, over and above the roof over many Nelsonians heads, this is disgraceful and Nelson City Council should hold their heads in shame and immediately withdraw their advanced support as this support and the people involved is a clear conflict of interest, which should not be tolerated.

Nelson City Council has a moral obligation as the representatives of all Nelsonians to act in their best interest of all Nelsonians and not just a handful of greedy investors, which seems to be the case in this instance.

For NCC to come up with an imaginary \$176,000 odd loss last year is very, very suspect and if it is the case, it shows a clear case of NCC incompetence and bad management.

The Brook Motor Camp is and has been a very valuable asset to Nelson, and must remain to be so. In the hands of proper management, the camp can still be a very viable Nelson asset and a part solution to Nelson's more budget accommodation and if run properly, a very pleasant place for holiday makers to stay as well.

I strongly urge the council to reconsider their one sided stance on their predetermined support for this gondola venture and remember why they have actually been elected to represent all Nelsonians and not just a few. Even remotely considering closing this valuable Nelson asset is a clear case of bad NCC management, and NCC has to stand accountable to this serious blunder they are supporting and consider making factual. If their investors want a gondola so bad there are other areas where they can purchase land to accommodate their mountain bikers, the odd visitor and such like, or maybe combine both.

Again, I strongly advise NCC to let common sense prevail and leave one of Nelson's valuable assets alone and run it as such. If NCC cannot run the camp successfully, please let someone lease or manage it that can bring it back to its former glory and a pleasant place for all Nelsonians and holiday makers to stay.

Once again I strongly urge the NCC to do what is best for the vast majority of Nelsonians. The motor camp is a valuable asset to ALL Nelsonians and has to remain as such.

I am lead to believe the camping ground site was donated to the people of Nelson in the early 1900s by Mr Thomas Cawthorn, as well as the Cawthorn Institute at a later date.

If my information is correct, then this council has absolutely no right to interfere or alter this kind gentleman's dying wishes.

This council may well be only in council for a short period and cannot make such a rash unprofessional decision that they are eager to support, for reasons one has to question.

If this holiday park was donated to the people of Nelson then that is where its title has to stay. Council, do not interfere with status quo as you people are the minority in this very debatable issue.

I apologise for the lengthy letter and for repeating myself but I feel it has to be said several times to sink in as to how serious a mistake NCC is considering making by closing this long established motor camp, which will be to the detriment of all Nelsonians.

Yours faithfully,

Basil Jones
Director
Sun City Motors
03 544 8869
027 432 9593

Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

1) Absolutely <u>no</u> commercial activity other than the <u>Camp</u> be permitted.
2) The camp facilities <u>must</u> be maintained as this is an important facility in the event of a natural disaster (ie earthquake) for emergency accommodation.
* 3) Because of the inadequate infrastructure (poor road access) no large scale project be permitted - this probably to apply to the re-siting of the NMIT forestry school.
4) No road access through the saddle near Market St. This is a major earthquake fault.

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Tick here if you are happy to be contacted about these ideas and/or provided with more information about the Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan process.

* If the camp + open spaces are to be maintained, there is no plan for NMIT/DOC/~~POS~~

Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

- Camp ground is important.
Added Plus is that residents will provide security for other ~~plots~~ buildings (Sanctuary, MHV DOC) and the area in general.
- Campground residents & way of living needs to be allowed for
- Affordable camping
- Value of green-ness

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Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

* That the financial viability of the campground not be judged by its performance under council management
* That the public funds invested in things like the \$500,000 renovation of the Lehua mōkōwhiri road and the \$180,000 dollars allocated to the modernization of Mayor Rachel Reeves office within the last 24 months would have been used more than a sufficient investment to make the re-opening of the Brook campground a realistic option !!

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Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

- Outdoor Course (Physically challenging for older kids)
 - Campsite with cheap sites for overseas freedom campers. Encourage them off car parks
 - Greater use from the local schools. Ask what they would like to see in the way of facilities
- Campsite Infrastructure: Mini golf
 Muzc Swimming pool
 B.B.Q sites
 Physical Ed. course
 Education Centre for schools
 Cycle Tracks
 Events: Film nights
- Provide facilities that will draw in visitors as has happened with Hockey Reserve
 Excellent

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Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

Re develop the camp ground to provide for bikers, hikers and casual visitors
Improve access to the Brook Sanctuary rather than go through the camp
Develop a picnic area to provide facilities for bikers; hikers and day picnickers
Within Nelson we have within city boundaries - beach and bush, both of which are destinations in their own right

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Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

*The Brook is a quiet residential area, with many young families and people walking to get into town. This would be incompatible with increased traffic due to any commercial ventures. This has already been noticeable from people accessing the mountain biking track.
*The camp ground has been important to Nelson & it needs to be maintained and stay open

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Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

This meeting has been made up
of 40% Brook residents - 40% Council
and 20% other interested residents.
The camp and traffic are key and
people feel we wouldn't even be here if
the camp had been run properly in the
first place. The 40% Brook and 20% misc
think the Council has a hidden agenda
(ie, grandola + parking)

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Brook Recreation Reserve management and development ideas

My ideas for the Brook Recreation Reserve are:

Thanks for the meeting
The Brook camp has served the city well for decades
I would be most keen to see it stay open particularly to as accommodation is under so much pressure.
Is there a hidden agenda?

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