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The Manager'
Parks Policy and Planning'
Auckland Regional Council
Private Bag
Auckland

Dear Sir/Madam

Parks Management
Submission on behalf of the Long Bay-Okura Great Park Society

The Long Bay Okura Great Park Society, being a Charitable Society registered under the Act, is a community interest group of approximately 1600 members which formed in 1996 following the movement of the Auckland Metropolitan Urban Limit from Glenvar Road to Vaughan's Road at Long Bay, North Shore City. Long Bay Regional Park and the adjacent Long Bay beach lie within the Auckland Metropolitan Limit and are the most popular of the Auckland regional parks and beaches, receiving very heavy patronage. The Society has been very appreciative of the purchase of land at Piripiri Point by the North Shore City Council (NSCC) in 2002, and the further purchase of 5.8 hectares by the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) in 2003.

As part of your review of how the ARC is managing its regional parks, we welcome the opportunity to make comment, and would like to make the following recommendations in regards to management of Long Bay Regional Park in particular:

1. That provision is made to expand the Long Bay Regional Park by the purchase of further land to protect the backdrop and to cope with population growth.
2. That the management of Long Bay Regional Park, owned by Auckland Regional Council, and the Piripiri Point Reserve, owned by North Shore City Council, be integrated so that the two areas are managed in a complementary and cohesive way.
3. That, in conjunction with the North Shore City Council, the planned Crimson walkway be developed as has been planned.

We trust these recommendations will be given high consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require further information or clarification.

We look forward to learning the results of your review.

Yours faithfully

Bernard Stanley
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Long Bay-Okura Great Park Society