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Report 12.346

Council

Minute extract from meeting held on 21 August 2012

Approval of the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Draft Amendment

Sharon Lee, Parks Planner, spoke to the report.

Moved

(Cr Wilson/ Cr Lamason)

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents of the report.*
3. *Endorses the decisions of the Committee, as set out in Attachment 1.*
4. *Notes the Committee requested officers to further investigate the fire risk issues.*
5. *Notes that there is a high fire risk associated with adopting a no grazing policy at Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui.*
6. *Notes the discussion of issues of high fire risk, as set out in Section 4 of this report, and agrees*
 - *Biodiversity and Ecosystems Policy (b) is altered to read:*
 - b. To remove introduced flora and fauna where practicable and affordable except where:*
 - *Sheep and/or cattle are the best management option for mitigating fire risk.*
 - c. To monitor key species (eg, rare and threatened plants or animals) to understand the effect of pest plant/animal control in areas where stock are removed, whilst retaining the option to reintroduce grazing if it is found to be a more most effective management tool to maintain these values.*

Explanation: *The approach is to remove stock from ecologically sensitive areas to protect the values within Stock will be retained in other areas where this is the best management option for mitigating fire risk.*

While grazed areas tend to have lower pest animal numbers, grazing can also damage sensitive native plants and native fauna habitats. A review in 3 to 5 years will help to determine if a different land management policy is needed.

- Land Management Section is altered to read:

j. To retain grazing in areas of low ecological significance for the purpose of mitigating fire risk.

- Rules applying to activities be altered to read:

Dog walking is a prohibited activity.

- 7. Notes that financial implications of allowing grazing may be partly mitigated through investment by a grazing lessee.*
- 8. Approves the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Amendment to the Parks Network Plan included in Attachment 2 in respect of the recreation reserve.*
- 9. Recommends to the Minister of Conservation the approval of the Baring Head/Ōrua-pouanui Amendment to the Parks Network Plan included in Attachment 2 in respect of the scenic reserve.*
- 10. Notes the full amendment to the East Harbour Regional Park Chapter of the Parks Network Plan will take effect once the Minister of Conservation approval is received.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

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