

Submitting on draft Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park Management Plan

Factsheet



Introduction

This factsheet explains the process for making a submission on the draft Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park Management Plan that has been publicly notified. You can download a copy of the plan at www.doc.govt.nz/aoraki-mt-cook-plan-review

What is a National Park Management Plan?

A National Park Management Plan (NPMP) is a 10-year document that provides integrated management objectives for the protection of the flora, fauna, natural and cultural features of the national park including the management of recreation, tourism and other activities in the park.

National park management plans are developed under the National Park Act 1980 and they give effect to General Policy for National Parks 2005. Each national park is required to have a NPMP.

Public notification

The draft Aoraki/Mount Cook NPMP has now been publicly notified. This means that any member of the public can lodge a written submission on the draft no later than:

4.00 pm. on Monday 4th February 2019.

Submissions

Any member of the public is welcome to make a submission, and can do so by emailing a submission form to aorakinp@doc.govt.nz or by post to:

Aoraki/Mount Cook NPMP Submissions
Department of Conservation
Private Bag 4715
Christchurch 8140

What to look for in the draft Aoraki/Mount Cook NPMP?

The draft NPMP has been written in partnership with Kāi Tahu kaitiaki rūnaka, who have taken this opportunity to share their values, relationship and aspiration for the Park. This has been done through cultural narratives, whakataukī (Kāi Tahu proverbs), and design elements which have been used to identify and guide the Parts and sections within the NPMP.

The parts and sections of the NPMP are:

- *Part One: Kei Te Pūtaki o Aoraki te Mana e Huna Ana [Whole-of-park management]*



This part provides a vision for the Park, a partnership framework for achieving an enduring living Treaty partnership and objectives and policies for the overarching management of activities in the Park.

- *Part Two: Whāia kā paeroa ka tae ki Aoraki [Places]*
Five Places have been recognised within the Park based on commonality of landscapes, ecosystems, values, uses and management issues. For each Place the key values and management considerations are identified, together with planned outcomes to be achieved over the life of the plan. Policies and milestones set out the actions and key steps to achieve the outcomes.
- *Part Three: Aoraki Whakaoka Raki*
Policies for implementation, monitoring and reporting.

In the last 10 years, the Park has experienced significant increases in the number of New Zealanders and international visitors coming to the Park and changing expectations of those people for the use of the Park facilities. The Nohoaka Place (Village and front country area) has been subject to the greatest increases in visitors as it is the focus for the majority of day visitors. The Department is seeking feedback from the public about the proposed approach to managing the Place. Discussion boxes in the NPMP provide additional information about a proposed Spatial Plan and Village management, to be read alongside the outcomes, policies and milestones.

What to say in your submission?

We would like to hear your ideas for management of the Park.

If you agree with what the NPMP states regarding your place or issue of interest, then great! Put in a submission supporting the relevant provisions.

If you don't agree with a provision in the NPMP please let us know why this is the case, what you would like to see happen and what the NPMP should say instead.

Also, please let us know whether you would like to present your submission (be heard) in person before a panel of representatives from DOC, Kāi Tahu and the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board.

What happens next?

When the submission period is over (**4.00 p.m. Monday 4th February 2019**), DOC will collate all the submissions received and a hearing(s) will be held for all those submitters who asked to be heard. Once the hearing(s) is over DOC will revise the draft NPMP based on consideration of all the submissions received (not just those submitters who asked to be heard). In some cases, changes may not be possible due to legislative or other constraints. Either way, you will be advised on DOC's response to your submission and the reasons for that approach.

The revised draft NPMP is then sent to the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board for its consideration. Further changes may be made to the draft before it is sent to the New Zealand Conservation Authority for consideration and approval.

Once approved it will replace the current operational Aoraki/Mount Cook NPMP 2004.

**We want to know what you think about the draft NPMP and the proposed directions for management of the Park by the Department
please put in a submission.**

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