

Submitting on draft Westland Tai Poutini National Park Management Plan

Factsheet



Introduction

This factsheet explains the process for making a submission on the draft Westland Tai Poutini National Park Management Plan that has been publicly notified. You can download a copy of the plan at www.doc.govt.nz/westland-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 Westland Tai Poutini 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 westlandnp@doc.govt.nz or by post to:

Westland Tai Poutini NPMP Submissions
Department of Conservation
Private Bag 4715
Christchurch 8140

What to look for in the draft Westland Tai Poutini NPMP?

The draft NPMP has been written in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, who have taken this opportunity to share their values, relationship and aspiration for the Park. This has been done through cultural narratives, policies provisions 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:

- Introduction – *Kā Roimata a Rakinui* – the beginning- This part provides a vision for the Park, introduction and a partnership framework for achieving an enduring living Treaty partnership
- Part One: *Te mana o Tai Poutini* – the significance and stories of Poutini and the National Park.



- Part Two: *Kā Roimata o Aoraki* – what we see today – cultural and spiritual significance of the Park, how the Park’s features were created; and the mana whenua values, natural, historic, mahika kai, recreation and engagement values and uses in the Park.
- Part Three: *Kā Roimata o Hinehukatere* – what we need to know as guardians of the Park – the overarching objectives and policies for the Park.
- Part Four: *Places* – There are three places identified in the Park are based on commonality of landscapes, ecosystems, values, uses and management issues. The outcomes, policies and milestones provide specific guidance for each Place.
- Part Five: Reporting – the implementation, monitoring, reporting and milestones, to identify whether the Department is achieving the Plan’s directions.

The public notification of the draft NPMP is an opportunity to seek public views on all matters within the plan. There are two discussion boxes within the draft seeking specific feedback on a proposed amenities area in the Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hinehukatere valley to facilitate other recreational and public amenities for public use and enjoyment, in this instance for a proposed gondola development. The second discussion box is to seek feedback on proposed recreational dog walking on specific tracks within the park. All of these provisions are to be read alongside all of the outcomes, policies and milestones within the draft plan.

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 and the Westcoast Tai Poutini 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 Westcoast Tai Poutini 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 Westland Tai Poutini NPMP 2001.

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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