

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Neil Jackson, Policy Planner

REFERENCE: L338

SUBJECT: Waimea Inlet Management Strategy – RCS10-08-08

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council:

- Adopt the Waimea Inlet Management Strategy
- Adopt the Waimea Charter
- Agree to a Charter signing event
- Agree to jointly support the Waimea Inlet Forum

Copies of the strategy and the charter are annexed to this report.

BACKGROUND

The Tasman and Nelson Councils agreed in October 2009 to jointly develop a Waimea Inlet Management Strategy. The work has proceeded through several steps and included opportunity for public input:

- 17 – 20 November – public launch and community-based drop-in sessions
- 23 April – a technical advisory group workshop
- 10 May – a meeting of business leaders hosted by the two Mayors
- 28 May – a public symposium combining presentations from people with expertise about the inlet, and discussion groups.

The project was led by a steering group of Crs Glenys Glover (Chair), Judene Edgar and Stuart Bryant (replaced by Brian Ensor) from TDC, Ian Barker, Rachel Reese and Derek Shaw from NCC, and Moetu Stephens from Tiakina te Taiao.

A reference group of people interested in the future of the inlet was formed to guide the project, but was not utilised as much as initially expected.

THE STRATEGY

The strategy draws together people's aspirations for the future of the Waimea Inlet and land adjoining it, and shows the kinds of actions that will be needed to achieve those aspirations. It endeavours to provide a common direction for actions in and around the inlet, whether they are carried out by individual property owners, community groups, businesses, the two Councils, or organisations such as the Department of Conservation or the Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council.

The strategy emphasises that any project requiring currently unplanned expenditure by either Council will need to be put through Annual Plan or LTCCP procedures.

THE CHARTER

The charter is offered as a way for people to show their commitment to the future of the inlet. It is open to anyone to sign it. The steering group proposes a charter-signing day. The current suggestion is for Monday 27 September, with a barbecue lunch at Sandeman Reserve. (And an indoor alternative if the weather is bad.)

THE FORUM

The forum is proposed as a way for the community to take increasing responsibility for the future of the inlet. It may also operate as a concerted lobby group where either of the Councils runs public consultation for Annual Plan, LTCCP, reserves management plans, or resource management plan matters.

The Councils will need to provide administrative support to set up the forum.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Committee receives this report RCS10-08-08; and

- **Adopt the Waimea Inlet Management Strategy**
- **Adopt the Waimea Charter**
- **Agree to a Charter signing event on 27 September 2010**
- **Agree to jointly support the Waimea Inlet Forum**

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