

“The Neck” Development Strategy

The Neck is an area of major significance to the Trust and its beneficial owners as it is the site of one of the Maori settlement areas on Trust Land. Many of our tipuna draw us to this place through a history dating back over 700 years. It is important that the Trust take steps to ensure this land is afforded the respect that it deserves and that it is managed in a way that will ensure the significance of this land maintained for future generations to enjoy.

The Trustees have decided to develop a management Strategy for the Land that will include the development of an ongoing Management Plan for this area. Following the results from an independent Land Management Consultant, Roger Lough who developed the Lords River Management Plan, a number of issues of concern have been identified.

This report was a preliminary assessment of management issues based on a one-day inspection, access to existing written material, discussion with Trustees and knowledge of the issues facing other areas of Rakiura.

Roger noted The Neck has a very long history of occupation but the greatest changes to the flora, fauna and landscape have probably occurred over the last two centuries - with modification by up to 200 residents and the European introduction of animal and plant pests. Current land use is continuing to modify The Neck.

The main management issues identified during this brief inspection relate to:

- The impacts of livestock and associated current farming practices on the land, its waters, its native vegetation and its wildlife, habitat.
- Burning of gorse.
- Burning of forest margins.
- The threats posed by animal pests to the survival and regeneration of podocarp/hardwood forest, coastal forest and to native fauna.
- The protection of cultural and historic values.
- Dealing with rubbish and wilding trees.
- A possible contaminated site.

The Trustees have decided to now progress this matter and seek your input and support as we undertake this project.

We would like owners in The Neck to take the time to think about the issues, complete our Survey and provide any other written submissions to us so they can be taken into account. We would like to receive your input by the 6th August 2007 so it can be considered and included into the development of a proposal to take us forward that will be made available for consideration and endorsement for progress at this year's AGM in September 2007.

The Trustees have developed an initial vision for the Neck which is as follows,

- To proactively manage The Neck for the benefit of all beneficial owners in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Deed.
- To gain the support from the owners for a united vision on The Neck that is defined and recorded within a Management & Strategy Plan.
- To put the lands where possible into productive use to generate benefits in an equitable way to all owners through sustainable and eco-friendly business development.
- To preserve the historical sites of The Neck.
- To return Neck to pre-settlement condition and remove pests.
- Where possible and appropriate provide occupancy.

Survey

Name: _____

Block: _____
(If known)

Section: _____
(If known)

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| 1 Do you support the above vision by the Trustees for The Neck? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Do you think we should protect The Neck for future generations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Should the Trustees develop a Management Plan to use The Neck in a responsible way? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Should all beneficial owners from The Neck be able to share equitably in the benefits of this land? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Should the Trustees implement plans to eradicate pests on this land such as feral cats, rats, and possums? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Should the Trustees take steps to preserve our urupa and other special sites at The Neck? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Would you support eco friendly activities such as nature walks & wildlife experiences to provide a financial benefit to owners and finance this project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Would you like to see greater access to The Neck in a sustainable none damaging way? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Would you like to see the Trustees proactively manage The Neck and its available resources? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please indicate the most important issues to you for The Neck?

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Please supply any other thoughts on The Neck

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Please feel free to add any additional information or thoughts by way of a full written submission to cover the points you would like us to consider.

The Survey and any written submission must reach the Office by 6th August 2007