

## Background on development of a Vision for “The Neck”

In June the Trustees started a process to consult with Beneficial Owners of “The Neck” on the acceptance of a vision to guide the development of Management Strategy to govern the future of this area. This process has been completed and the Trustees have received a very positive response to the consultation along with some constructive input to a Vision. The Trustees now ask the beneficial owners to endorse the adoption of this Vision at the 2007 AGM so that it can be used to guide the development of a Management Strategy that will be used to implement the Vision going forward.

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. For many their tipuna draw them to this place through a history dating back over 700 years. It is this importance that motivated the Trust to take steps to ensure this land is afforded the respect that it deserves and that it is managed in a self sustaining way that will ensure the significance of this land is maintained and used for current and the benefit of future generations.

The independent preliminary assessment identified the following initial management issues that need to be addressed,

- 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 after input from beneficial owners have confirmed the following vision that will be used to develop a Management Strategy that will be used to manage and develop the use of The Neck for the Future.

### The Vision for “The Neck”

- To proactively manage The Neck for the benefit of all beneficial owners in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Deed.
- To preserve, respect, and protect the historical sites of The Neck placing special importance on our urupā.
- To put the lands where possible into productive use to fund the vision and generate benefits in an equitable way to all owners through sustainable and eco-friendly business developments.
- To remove animal pests and progress The Neck closer to pre-settlement condition to promote the survival and development of the native flora, fauna and landscape.
- Where possible and appropriate provide occupancy that is eco friendly in presentation and use to the surrounding environment.

### Endorsement of Support for Vision

The Trustees seek endorsement from the Beneficial Owners of the RMLT Neck Sections on this initiative through the following motion that will be presented at this year’s AGM.

***“That Vision for The Neck as listed above is endorsed by the Beneficial Owners of The Neck sections of RMLT and be used to develop a Management Strategy to govern the future development of the area to achieve the Vision”***