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## **Albert-Eden Local Board**

# **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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## Albert-Eden Local Board submission on the Proposed Tūpuna Maunga Integrated Management Plan

This submission was approved by the Albert-Eden Local Board at its 27 April 2016 business meeting.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Albert-Eden Local Board (the local board) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority's (the Maunga Authority) Proposed Tūpuna Maunga Integrated Management Plan (IMP).
- 1.2 The local board value and appreciate the excellent work undertaken by the Maunga Authority to date, as their vision will ensure the protection, health and sustainability of Auckland's maunga.
- 1.3 The local board looks forward to working collaboratively with the Maunga Authority on future, policies, projects and initiatives.
- 1.4 Maungawhau (Mt. Eden), Te Kopuke – Titikopuke (Mt. St. John) and Owairaka / Te Ahi-Ka-A-Rakataura (Mt. Albert) are of significant importance to the local board, as outlined in our local board plan. The local board has supported the Tupuna Maunga through:
  - advocating that the Maunga Authority receive the appropriate funding to ensure the effective and sensitive management of all Tupuna Maunga
  - valuing the work of our volunteer organisations who focus on the protection of the Tupuna Maunga
  - undertaking ecological restoration projects on land adjacent to the Tupuna Maunga
  - financially supporting the *Love Your Maunga* event that was held at Maungawhau in April 2016.

## 2. General comments

- 2.1 The local board support the intent and purpose of the IMP, as this will provide a consistent direction for the stewardship, restoration and enhancement of the Tupuna Maunga.
- 2.2 The local board support the proposed values as identified in the IMP, as they provide a robust framework for the protection and care of the maunga.
- 2.3 The local board note whether a 'social' value may be considered in the IMP, as the Tupuna Maunga provides social well-being through fostering a sense of place and meaning to both local residents and tourists.
- 2.4 The local board support the overarching guidelines and strategies to support and implement the IMP. In addition, the local board welcome to opportunity to provide input and feedback on the respective guidelines and strategies.
- 2.5 The local board request that the IMP reflect relevant council policies and plans as this may provide mutually beneficial outcomes. Examples include:
  - Greenways network plan (under development)
  - Regional pest management strategy (under development)
  - Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan
  - Wai Ora Wai Maori – Auckland's Freshwater Programme (under development)
  - AT cycling strategy and regional transport plans.

### 3. Comments on proposed values and pathways

- 3.1 The local board support the various pathways as identified in the seven values, as they provide a consistent mechanism to protect and enhance the Tupuna Maunga.
- 3.2 The local board notes that the existing Tupuna Maunga management plans, developed by the legacy councils will be superseded by the IMP following its adoption. The local board note concern that until the new individual maunga plans are developed and finalised, there may be gaps and anomalies that can arise in day-to-day local operations.
- 3.3 The local board recommend that if practical, that the Maunga Authority does not reduce levels of service between the existing management plans and the new IMP.
- 3.4 The local board note that no overarching provision or strategic direction for community leases located on the Tupuna Maunga is detailed in the IMP. The local board request that:
- where practical, new or renewed community leases align to the council's *Community occupancy guidelines*, to ensure consistency across the entire lease portfolio
  - consideration be given so that lease holders who could potentially be displaced have sufficient time to work with the **appropriate-local-board**council's **Community occupancy team** to find a new premises
  - the future use of community leases and facilities must be fit-for-purpose and align to the Maunga Authority's vision.
- 3.5 The following table outlines specific feedback on the proposed values and pathways:

Wairuatanga / Spiritual Value	
Pathway	Feedback
Restore and recognise the relationship between the maunga and its people	Support, noting that measures should be taken to ensure Tupuna Maunga are accessible for all people.
Tread Gently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the proposed provisions ensure new physical structures complement the land form.</li> <li>• The local board also support the removal of vehicles, as this will minimise the disturbance and impact on all Tupuna Maunga.</li> <li>• The local board support provisions to remove vehicles from Owairaka / Te Ahi-Ka-A-Rakataura.</li> </ul>
Treat the maunga as Taonga Tuku Iho	The local board welcome opportunities to collaborate with the Maunga Authority to further enhance the visibility and celebrate the significance of Tupuna Munaga in the local board area.

Mana Aotūroa / Cultural and Heritage Value	
Pathway	Feedback
Enable mana whenua role as kaitiaki over the Tūpuna Maunga	The local board can support enabling mana whenua stories and narrative by providing consistent features and signage on adjacent parcels of land governed by the local board.
Takotoranga Whenua / Landscape	
Pathway	Feedback
Promote a connected network of Tupuna Maunga	Support, noting that the pathway can align, complement and enhance greenways projects and plans as identified in the <i>Albert-Eden Local Board Greenways Plan</i>
Mauri Pūnaha Hauropi / Ecology and Biodiversity Value	
Pathway	Feedback
Protect and restore the biodiversity of the Tūpuna Maunga	Support the use of non-chemical sprays on the Tupuna Maunga.
Strengthen ecological linkages between the Tūpuna Maunga	Support, noting that the pathway can align, complement and enhance greenways projects and plans.
Mana Hononga Tangata / Living Connection Value	
Pathway	Feedback
A place to host people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support, noting that to fully maximise the visitor experience, some material, such as pamphlets could be translated (e.g. Chinese). This will ensure tourists enjoy unique and special cultural experience when visiting the Tupuna Maunga</li> <li>The local board strongly support the use of technology (e.g. apps) and active promotion through tourist material.</li> </ul>

Actively nurture positive relationships	<p>The local board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support collaborative relationships between the Maunga Authority, communities and community groups. The local boards have a statutory role in engaging their communities, and can support the Maunga Authority when appropriate.</li> <li>• support a community led approach to delivering projects and initiatives to protect the Tupuna Maunga. This approach can create a sense of belonging and connection to the Tupuna Maunga, often at a reduced cost.</li> <li>• note that the strategic brokers can play an active role in connecting the local boards, Maunga Authority and community groups for mutually beneficial outcomes.</li> <li>• would be interested in exploring partnerships with local iwi and matawaaka to assist in delivering the Maunga Authority's values and pathways.</li> <li>• <u>note that there are opportunities to work with local schools to teach the history of the Tupuna Maunga. The local board can play an active role to support this initiative.</u></li> <li>• <u>support the creation of a volunteer coordinator role within council that is responsible for overseeing all community and volunteering activities on the maunga (e.g. provide oversight on community planting days, or work place community days).</u></li> </ul>
<b>Whai Rawa Whakauka / Economic and Commercial Value</b>	
<b>Pathway</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
Alignment with the Tūpuna Maunga values	Clarification is sought on whether the pathway <i>consider granting of leases where the activity aligns with and/or promotes the Tūpuna Maunga Values</i> relates to community or commercial leases, as they have significantly different outcomes and impacts.
Foster partnerships and collaboration	<p>The local board note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that local boards have an active role in providing local economic development initiatives, so would welcome opportunities to collaborate for mutually beneficial outcomes.</li> <li>• there are opportunities to work alongside local business associations and business improvement districts to achieve the proposed Economic and Commercial Value.</li> </ul>
Explore alternative and self-sustaining funding opportunities	The local board note that community facilities are typically not revenue generating assets, as they are primarily developed to provide social and cultural outcomes.
<b>Mana Whai a Rēhia / Recreational Value</b>	
<b>Pathway</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
Promote health and wellbeing	The local board note that there is no provision for business operators that provide health and well-being outcomes (i.e. fitness bootcamps) on Maunga Authority governed land, but charge their clients a commercial / market rate.

#### 4. Other comments

- 4.1 The local board recommend that following the IMP's adoption, that the management plan for Maungawhau be prioritised and developed as soon as practicably possible. The local

board suggest this because Maungawhau is a regional landmark and a significant tourist attraction that benefits all of Auckland.

4.2 That local board recommend that until new management plans are adopted, urge that before making decisions, staff continue to reference the existing plans alongside the annual operational plan.

4.14.3 The local board recommend that where land is adjacent to each other, but governed by different entities (e.g. maunga authority and local board governed land), that every effort is made to collaborate and achieve consistent levels of service and processes.

4.24.4 The local board would like to speak in support of their submission during the Hearings process.