



Draft plan of management for Hastings Regional Crown Reserve Precinct 'A'

2014

Information and summary of key changes

In July 2014, Crown Lands arranged for a wide-ranging review of the previously completed draft Plan of Management. The intention of the review was to capture a more accurate assessment of the existing situation within Precinct "A" as well as defining a series of objectives and opportunities that needed to be pursued to maximise the benefits from the crown reserve. In conducting the revision the consultants sought to capture all of the changes that had occurred, both on the ground and through regulatory frameworks, over the last five years and deliver them in a simple and responsive document.

It was always intended that the plan would provide a strategic framework, identify and conceptualise opportunities for development and provide a guide by way of actions to meet those opportunities through a clear vision.

The original plan, developed in 2009, was a very detailed analysis of conditions and opportunities within the Precinct but had a number of issues with detail, accuracy and overlapping information as well as some conflict in the details provided. Much of that confusion related to the fact that it had a number of authors over a period of time.

In completing the 2014 revision, the intent was to keep the detail of the conditions and opportunities whilst creating a more strategic document that aligned and complemented other planning strategies. The revision has aimed to reduce duplication with other documents and to create a clearer vision of the identified opportunities. The intention of revising the format of the plan was to provide a clearer and more easily read document.

Layout and illustrations

Although there are significant changes to the layout the authors and stakeholders, in developing the revised plan, have retained the core of the content, and presented it a little more succinctly. The revised layout provides readers with a more definitive direction by better defining aspects of planning, management and implementation and, in so doing, the plan is made simpler and clearer to read.

The revision has also led to some illustrations that covered environmental aspects of the locality being deleted as they form part of other plans that are relevant in the precinct. In the retained images the intention has been to capture those factors that relate directly to the role of the plan and to make them clearer and more effective. Images have been incorporated in the plan that capture the essence of the plan direction and illustrations have been included that identify the actions proposed, the relationships between nodes, proposed activity centres and the existing commercial precinct and foreshore.

Revised action plan

The revision also included the reshaping and simplification of the Action Plan. There was a need to refine the actions to be less prescriptive in line with the more strategic focus of the overall plan.

In revising the action plan, each individual action has been retained, although in some cases the actual core strategy to which those actions relate have been refined for ease of delivery and assessment. The action Plan now has four core objectives and only 10 operational strategies.

The actions are now categorised by activity rather than location which will make delivery and accounting more efficient. They are also less detailed in their presentation to allow for the maximising of opportunities,



as sometimes in planning the detail of the objectives can lead to constriction of proposed opportunities that may be unforeseen at the time the plan evolves.

In some instances, where detail such as Legislative and regulatory instruments or legal agreements are not integral to the plans message, they have been removed from the core of the plan and included as an Appendix.

More information

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