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Re: Submission on Draft Crown Land Plan of Management

Dear Rachel

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Crown Land Plan of Management. Congratulations to you and your team on producing a comprehensive and informative document. Our members have reviewed the document, with comments and questions listed below. If you require clarification of any of the issues raised please contact: Carolyn Bailey Ph: 0428114813 Email: [stocktoncomgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stocktoncomgroup@gmail.com) .

Kind regards  
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### **Response to draft document**

Overall the document is a valuable resource to help the community better understand the scope of Crown Land on Stockton and the role of CN in the management of Crown Land. The following comments and questions relate to specific detail in the document and some broader questions raised through reviewing the document.

The document has a small section on Community Consultation (2.7: p. 19) that specifically addresses the consultation process for the PoM. However, the plan doesn't include a clear consultation strategy for ongoing management of Crown Land by CN. At the very least the plan should include detail of the circumstances when communities should be consulted e.g. reclassification of land, and the key principles that would underpin future consultation.

In terms of general usability, the document could be enhanced by:

- use of hyperlinks within the document,
- links to reference materials, such as the Native Title Act, and
- interactive maps

It was difficult to clearly identify the boundaries of Crown Land on Stockton from the available maps. This was particularly the case for areas such as Lynn Oval (pg. 144) which has multiple zones and classifications. Hopefully these features would be accessible when the final document is available through the CN website.



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On Page 32: the second objective is to *ensure appropriate land zoning....*, the means of achievement is to *review land zoning and change to RE1 Public Recreation where appropriate*  
What is the definition of RE1 Public Recreation and can the relationship to other classifications be clarified in the document?

Under Section B. Nature Areas, the role of CN in managing and protecting Nature Areas is broadly stated. This section could be enhanced with inclusion of CNs role in preventing further impact on Natural Areas through integrated urban/industrial/commercial planning processes, and strengthening its advocacy role with State and Federal level government and statutory bodies.

Under Section E. General Community Use Areas, p. 83, Purpose for Lease, License and Other Estates: the objective is to pursue subdivision of the New Lambton and Wallsend swimming centres for the purpose of offering longer term leases. Stockton swimming centre is currently under the same leasing arrangement as New Lambton and Wallsend. If ongoing lease arrangements for Stockton swimming centre are not included in this objective, then the PoM should clearly state this and any alternate action or process. If it is to be addressed in the pending CN Holiday Park Masterplan it should be appropriately referenced in the PoM.

We could not find reference in the document to the Rawson Reserve Trust, or any other trust funds linked to Crown Land under the management of CN. This is a significant omission that undermines transparency in Crown Land management. We understand CN manages the Trust in accordance with the Crown Land Management Act, as such CNs responsibility in managing the Rawson Reserve Trust (and any others), and the purpose and principles of such Trusts should be included in the Plan of Management.

Thank you for considering our response.

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