

Have your say on the Rimutaka Incline Railway Proposal

The public is being given an opportunity to make submissions on a proposal from the Rimutaka Incline Railway Heritage Trust to build a railway between Maymorn and the Rimutaka Summit.

The Rimutaka Incline Railway Heritage Trust presented its proposal to Greater Wellington's Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee on the 23 November. The Trust's presentation was followed by comments on the proposal from a range of interested parties.

"We are aware that there is wide-ranging interest in the proposal from the wider community. By asking for public submissions, we hope to capture a range of feedback, which will help us assess the Trust's application," says Cr Nigel Wilson, Chair of Greater Wellington's Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee.

The closing date for submissions is **4pm Tuesday 31 January 2012**

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My submission is **in support** of the Rimutaka Incline Rail Heritage Trust Proposal.

The benefits of such a railway have been proven overseas in several countries.

The proposal to reinstate a railway of national significance to the founding of New Zealand and the proposal will create jobs in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the railway.

Similar railways in other countries, such as the Welsh Highland Railway and Tasmania's West Coast Wilderness railway, have demonstrated the potential of heritage railways to yield economic benefits for the tourism sector and the regional economy.

The reinstated railway will also allow additional people to visit the Pakuratahi Forest and the heritage site at Summit that may not be able to visit now due to age or physical ability.

The reinstated heritage railway will create an additional tourism asset and will provide ongoing employment and economic opportunities for the local economy.

Operation of the railway with heritage equipment will provide a real life interpretation and experience of the railway to people whether they are riding the railway or participating in any of the other activities available in the regional park.

The 0-5% gradient of the new walkway / cycleway along with the 4m width proposed should cater for recreational users.

The relocated walkway / cycleway along with the reinstated railway will complement each other and provide a major tourism asset to Upper Hutt and the Wellington region with the bonus of addition connectivity not currently available at Kaitoke.

I seek the following decision from the Greater Wellington Regional Council:

Approval for the Rimutaka Incline Rail Heritage Trust to rebuild the railway from Maymorn to Summit, subject to completion of an agreed timetabled programme of investigation, analysis, consultation and fundraising.

*Any submissions you make may become publicly available if a request is made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you are making a submission as an individual

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Signature of person making the submission or person authorized to sign on behalf of the person making the submission

Date: