Eco-City Proposal for Wellington's Natural Attractions – Submission

Wellington City Council would like your views on setting up a new Council Controlled Organisation called Eco-City. Complete the form below and send it by: 5.00pm on Friday 18 May 2012.

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I would like to make an oral submission: No.

Questions / Comments:

Q. Rank the following options 1-5 in your order of preference. Use 1 for your most preferred option and 5 for your least preferred option.

Q. Why did you select your most preferred option?

Volunteering New Zealand (VNZ) is an association of New Zealand organisations that have a commitment to volunteering, such as volunteer centres, national, regional and other organisations. Our mission is to create an environment which supports, promotes, values and encourages effective volunteering by the people of Aotearoa New Zealand. We have over 120 national and regional member organisations which we work for and with to represent their interests.

Wellington Zoo is one of our member organisations. This submission is primarily to demonstrate VNZ's support for their submission to the Wellington City Council, in favour or the Eco-City model.

Wellington Zoo has sought our advice around best practice for management of volunteers through any change process. We support their premise that so long as volunteers at all four sites continue to be strongly supported and well communicated with, the model they support will provide great opportunities for volunteering in Wellington.

VNZ wishes to ensure volunteering strategy at local and regional government level develops, supports and values the contribution of its citizens. We hope that the Wellington City Council takes a leadership role to demonstrate best practice volunteer strategy and programme design across all of its programmes.