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Re: Draft Wellington Town Belt Bill

This submission is from the Architectural Centre, an incorporated society dating from 1946, which represents both professionals and non-professionals interested in the promotion of good design.

The Architectural Centre strongly supports this proposal for a Wellington Town Belt Bill.

We consider that the protection of the Town Belt, which will be achieved with the passing of this Bill into law, will secure vital inner city green space for our city in the future. We understand that it will protect and enhance our Town Belt and prevent this or future councils from selling any part of it.

The benefits of this will include:

- (a) recreational benefits
- (b) environmental (e.g. as an CO₂ sink, and the provision of a green corridor for inner city wildlife)
- (c) space for community facilities
- (d) support inner city residents
- (e) resilience in disaster situations
- (f) acknowledgement of the city's historical urban form
- (g) a general civic sense of well-being

We note that the Town Belt would benefit from additions in the Kelburn area, and encourage the council to put together a longer term plan to acquire land to add to the Town Belt in this area.

Finally, we note that the concise nature of our submission in no way suggests that we consider this to be an unimportant issue. The Centre considers that the commitment to the long term viability and survival of the Town Belt expressed in this Bill is of utmost importance to the future vitality and sustainability of Wellington in many, many years to come.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on this proposal for the Draft Wellington Town Belt Bill. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully


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