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Media statement

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Cornwall Park Trust Board announces private bill to modernise outdated statutory settings

- Greenlane Showgrounds activities remain in place with lease extension under negotiation

Cornwall Park Trust Board (the Board) today announced it is seeking to amend the Cornwall Park Endowment and Recreation Land Act 1982.

The proposed amendment, sponsored by Greg Fleming, MP for Maungakiekie, would modernise obsolete statutory restrictions applying to the eastern side of the Greenlane Showgrounds.

As the steward of Cornwall Park, the Board has a responsibility to ensure the park can be protected and maintained for future generations. As part of this role, it regularly reviews the legal and operational settings applying to endowment land to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

Cornwall Park is not funded by ratepayers or taxpayers. The Board relies on income from endowment land to support the ongoing care and maintenance of Cornwall Park.

The Bill would allow the Board to begin future planning for that endowment land under normal planning processes. No future land-use decision is being announced.

Current activities and existing arrangements for the Greenlane Showgrounds remain in place and the Board is progressing a further five-year lease term extension with the current showground operator the New Zealand Exhibition and Events Company to early 2032.

No change is proposed to the sports fields north of Puriri Drive, and all existing Auckland Council planning controls would remain in place.

Cornwall Park CEO Murray Reade says the Bill was about updating statutory settings that no longer reflected the way the site operates today.

"Cornwall Park is a unique public taonga, and the Board has a duty to ensure the legal settings for the assets that support it are practical and fit for purpose.

"This Bill is about modernising obsolete statutory restrictions so the Board can plan responsibly for the future. It does not announce a future land use for the site, and it does not change the legal and planning processes that would apply to any future proposal."

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