

Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees

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Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / General TREE	Living Streets Aotearoa	482.44	Support	Supports the provisions to protect notable trees. Considers that these are an important part of the quality of the public space and protect genetic resources.	Retain the Notable Trees chapter as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / New TREE	Waka Kotahi	370.176	Amend	Proposes a new rule to enable relocation, removal, or destruction of notable trees for maintenance and development of infrastructure. A restricted discretionary activity status is appropriate as it enables Council to assess whether the activity is necessary for the specified purposes, methods, and whether alternatives have been sufficiently explored.	Add a new Rule to the Notable Tree chapter: <u>TREE-RX.</u> <u>Activity status: Restricted Discretionary</u> <u>Where</u> <u>a. The relocation, removal, or destruction of notable trees is for the purposes of maintaining or upgrading infrastructure.</u> <u>Matter of discretion are:</u> <u>a. Methods of relocation, removal, or destruction</u> <u>b. Feasibility of alternatives Public safety and benefit</u>
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / New TREE	Director-General of Conservation	385.34	Amend	Considers that that the provisions of the Thames Coromandel District Plan, as they relate to the management of Kauri Dieback disease, should be adopted into the Proposed District Plan where appropriate. Schedule 6 of the Wellington City Proposed District Plan lists several Kauri as Notable Trees and there are likely to be other Kauri within Wellington's boundaries. Kauri Dieback is caused by a pathogen that is easily spread through soil movements, including when it is carried on footwear, equipment, and vehicles. The disease is threatening Kauri with functional extinction and requires collaborative work to manage the disease and control any further spread. Any land disturbance works within three times the radius of the canopy of the dripline of New Zealand Kauri Tree ("the kauri hygiene zone") can cause potential contamination of an uninfected site and spread the disease.	Add provisions to address the management of Kauri Dieback, particularly around earthworks and measures to prevent spread of the disease. Provide clear guidance for the management of Kauri Dieback disease, such as laid out in the Thames Coromandel District Plan.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-O1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.152	Oppose in part	Seeks rewording to ensure Notable Trees do not include pest species that are registered weed species as per pest definition of the proposed district plan.	Amend TREE-O1 (Purpose): Notable trees are recognised for their contribution to the city's amenity, history, ecology and sense of place and cultural value to mana whenua and don't include pest species.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-O1	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.54	Support	Supports the objectives relating to notable trees to the extent that they provide for maintenance and appropriate modification of notable trees.	Retain TREE-O1 (Purpose) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-O1	Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira	488.43	Support	Supports the recognition of the cultural value of notable trees for mana whenua	Retain Objective TREE-O1 (Purpose) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-O2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.153	Support	Supports TREE-O2.	Retain TREE-O2 (Protecting notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-O2	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.55	Support	Supports the objectives relating to notable trees to the extent that they provide for maintenance and appropriate modification of notable trees.	Retain TREE-O2 (Protecting notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-O3	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.154	Support	Supports TREE-O3.	Retain TREE-O3 (Maintaining notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-O3	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.56	Support	Supports the objectives relating to notable trees to the extent that they provide for maintenance and appropriate modification of notable trees.	Retain TREE-O3 (Maintaining notable trees) as notified.

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Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.155	Oppose in part	Seeks policy direction to enable further surveys of Notable Trees and provide for the inclusion of additional trees in SCHED6 over the life of the Plan.	Amend TREE-P1 (Identifying notable trees): Identify notable trees having regard to: a. Tree health, condition and ecological value; <u>x. Age, height and irreplaceability;</u> b. Amenity value and community benefit; c. Notability and recognition; and d. Significant cultural and heritage value. <u>Provide opportunity to add to SCHED6 by:</u> <u>a. requiring assessments of trees for subdivision, development and land use consent applications;</u> <u>b. supporting survey initiatives;</u> <u>c. supporting plan change processes to update SCHED6</u>
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P1	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.57	Support	Supports the policies relating to notable trees, except as specified below. It is important that notable trees are identified according to robust criteria and appropriate controls are in place for maintenance and works in proximity to trees	Retain TREE-P1 (Identifying notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.156	Support	Generally supports policy TREE-P2.	Retain TREE-P2 (Support for landowners) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P2	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.58	Support	Supports the policies relating to notable trees, except as specified below. It is important that notable trees are identified according to robust criteria and appropriate controls are in place for maintenance and works in proximity to trees	Retain TREE-P2 (Support for landowners) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P3	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.157	Support	Generally supports policy TREE-P3.	Retain TREE-P3 (Allowing trimming and pruning of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P3	Waka Kotahi	370.177	Support	Support policy as worded as it allows for trimming or pruning of notable trees where the works prevent interface with footpaths, property, or network utilities. This will provide for trimming or pruning of notable trees where it is essential for the safe and efficient operation of State Highway infrastructure.	Retain TREE-P3 (Allowing trimming and pruning of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P3	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.59	Support	Supports TREE-P3, as it reflects that there are circumstances where it is reasonable or necessary to prune notable trees, including to prevent notable trees being damaged where the canopy overhangs footpaths. For example, the notable trees at 7 Waterloo Quay overhang the footpath on Waterloo Quay and pruning is necessary to prevent the trees from becoming a nuisance (and potential safety hazard) to pedestrians	Retain TREE-P3 (Allowing trimming and pruning of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P4	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.158	Support	Generally supports policy TREE-P4.	Retain TREE-P4 (Other trimming and pruning) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P4	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.60	Support	Supports TREE-P4 as it allows trimming or pruning of notable trees which is consistent with other criteria in which works to notable trees are appropriate. There are practical reasons which may not fit into TREE-P3 but in which works to notable trees are needed, and it is important that these are provided for	Retain TREE-P4 (Other trimming or pruning) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P5	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.159	Support	Generally supports policy TREE-P5.	Retain TREE-P5 (Managing activities in the root protection area) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P5	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.61	Support	Supports TREE-P5 which places appropriate considerations for works within the root protection area of a tree. Argosy has also made a submission on the definition for root protection area below	Retain TREE-P5 (Managing activities in the root protection area) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P6	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.160	Support	Generally supports policy TREE-P6.	Retain TREE-P6 (Repositioning and Relocation) as notified.

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Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P6	Waka Kotahi	370.178	Support	Support policy as worded, as it allows repositioning or relocating of notable trees where necessary to enable development and operation of infrastructure. It is noted that there is no rule to enable repositioning or relocating of notable trees for these purposes. Waka Kotahi submit that a rule be included to enable repositioning, relocation, or destruction for purposes specified in Tree-P6.	Retain TREE-P6 (Repositioning and Relocation) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P6	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.62	Support	Supports TREE-P6.	Retain TREE-P6 (Repositioning and relocation) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P7	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.161	Support	Generally supports policy TREE-P7.	Retain TREE-P7 (Destruction) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P7	Waka Kotahi	370.179	Support in part	Support policy.	Retain TREE-P7 (Destruction), subject to amendments.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P7	Waka Kotahi	370.180	Amend	Considers amendments appropriate to enable destruction of a notable tree where necessary for purposes of maintaining or developing infrastructure. It is noted that the policy requires repositioning and relocation to be explored in the first instance. Waka Kotahi also submit that a rule be included in this chapter to enable demolition where is necessary in enabling efficient development and operation of infrastructure	Amend TREE-P7 (Destruction) as follows: Only allow the destruction of notable trees where it can be demonstrated that: 1. The tree poses a serious and imminent threat to the safety of people or property; or 2. The tree is dead, or in a state of terminal decline; or 3. <u>Destruction of the tree is necessary to enable the efficient development and operation of infrastructure</u> 4. There are no reasonable alternatives including: a. Trimming and pruning; and b. Repositioning and relocation.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-P7	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.63	Support in part	Supports TREE-P7 however it is more appropriate to refer to 'removal' rather than 'destruction'.	Amend TREE-P7 (Destruction) to refer to "destruction and removal".
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.162	Support	Generally supports TREE-R1.	Retain TREE-R1 (Trimming and pruning of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R1	Waka Kotahi	370.181	Support	Support permitted activity status for trimming and pruning of notable trees for specified purposes – the permitted activity status enables Waka Kotahi to trim or prune notable trees where necessary to enable maintaining the safety and operation of infrastructure – including provision for emergency works.	Retain TREE-R1 (Trimming and pruning of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R1	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.64	Support in part	Supports TREE-R1.1 to the extent that it enables trimming and pruning of trees to be permitted in appropriate circumstances, for the reasons set out above. Argosy also supports the default activity status for activities that do not comply with TREE-R1 to be restricted discretionary. However, it is considered that it is also appropriate for trimming and pruning to be permitted where the works will maintain or improve tree health. Policy TREE-P3 recognises that trimming and pruning should be allowed where the works will maintain or improve tree health, but this is not reflected in Rule TREE-R1. This is appropriate to allow for ongoing maintenance to protect the health of notable trees. We've also suggested some amendments for clarity.	Amend TREE-R1 (Trimming and pruning of notable trees) as follows: 1. Activity status: Permitted Where: a. The trimming and pruning is necessary to: i. <u>The trimming and pruning is necessary to</u> comply with the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003; or ii. The works are necessary to prevent interference with footpaths, buildings, structures or network utilities and are undertaken to the minimum extent required to prevent interference and TREE-S1 is complied with; or iii. The works involve the removal of broken branches, dead wood and diseased vegetation and TREE-S1 is complied with; or <u>iv The works will maintain or improve tree health and TREE-S1 is complied with; or</u> iv. The works are essential due to a serious and imminent threat to the safety of people or damage to property and TREE-S2 is complied with.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.163	Support	Generally supports TREE-R2.	Retain TREE-R2 (Activity and development within the root protection area of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R2	Waka Kotahi	370.182	Support	Support permitted activity status as it will enable Waka Kotahi to undertake works within the root zone for the purposes of undergoing maintenance and/or repair of infrastructure.	Retain TREE-R2 (Activity and development within the root protection area of notable trees) as notified.

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Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R2	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.65	Support in part	Supports rule TREE-R2.1 however considers that it also needs to refer to existing footpaths.	Amend TREE-R2 (Activity and development within the root protection area of notable trees) as follows: b. The works are for the maintenance and repair of existing <u>footpaths</u> , roading, transport or other infrastructure
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R3	Jeremy Partridge	102.2	Amend	Opposes Tree-R3.1.b (Destruction, relocation or removal of notable trees) which allows the removal of a Notable Tree without a consent if it is deemed to be 'in terminal decline' by a Technician Arborist as a permitted activity. Considers that as tree's age they inevitably decline and may develop large cavities, die back and be consumed by decay fungi. Such trees may be safe or can be managed to keep them safe, and may live for another 100 years. Such trees could be classed as veteran and remain very important for their historical, cultural and ecological value.	Delete the ability to remove Notable Trees as a permitted activity in TREE-R3 (Destruction, relocation or removal of notable trees) if it is deemed to be in terminal decline by a Technician Arborist.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R3	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.164	Support	Generally supports TREE-R3.	Retain TREE-R3 (Destruction, relocation or removal of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R3	Waka Kotahi	370.183	Support	Support the inclusion of emergency works in the permitted activity status for destruction, relocation, or removal of notable trees.	Retain TREE-R3 (Destruction, relocation or removal of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R3	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.66	Support	Supports the rule as it is recognised that in some instances it will be appropriate for notable trees to be destroyed, relocated or removed.	Retain TREE-R3 (Destruction, relocation, or removal of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R4	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.165	Support	Generally supports TREE-R4.	Retain TREE-R4 (All other land use activities) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R4	Waka Kotahi	370.184	Support	Support discretionary activity status for all other land use activities as it provides pathway for other relocation, removal, or destruction of notable trees for infrastructure development and maintenance purposes	Retain TREE-R4 (All other land use activities) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-R5	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.166	Support	Generally supports TREE-R5.	Retain TREE-R5 (The storage or discharge of any toxic substance within the root protection area of notable trees) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.167	Support	Generally supports TREE-S1.	Retain TREE-S1 (Certification by works arborist) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S1	Waka Kotahi	370.185	Support	Support standards as worded.	Retain TREE-S1 (Certification by works arborist) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S1	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.67	Support	Considers this standard is appropriate and should be retained.	Retain TREE-S1 (Certification by works arborist) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.168	Support	Generally supports TREE-S2.	Retain TREE-S2 (Emergency trimming or pruning work) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S2	Waka Kotahi	370.186	Support	Support standards as worded.	Retain TREE-S2 (Emergency trimming or pruning work) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S2	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.68	Support in part	Supports enabling emergency trimming or pruning work, is necessary. However, in the case of a true emergency it may be difficult to advise the Council of works at least one hour prior to the works commencing. This is particularly onerous as the activity would otherwise be permitted.	Amend TREE-S2 (Emergency trimming or pruning work) as follows: 1. The works are undertaken or supervised by a works arborist and Council is advised at least 1 hour prior to the work commencing <u>or as soon as practicable after the works have occurred.</u>
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S3	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.169	Support	Generally supports TREE-S3.	Retain TREE-S3 (Certification that a scheduled notable tree is dead or in terminal decline) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S3	Waka Kotahi	370.187	Support	Support standards as worded.	Retain TREE-S3 (Certification that a scheduled notable tree is dead or in terminal decline) as notified.

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Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S4	Chorus New Zealand Limited (Chorus), Spark New Zealand Trading Limited (Spark) and Vodafone New Zealand Limited (Vodafone)	99.62	Oppose	Standard TREE-S4 should be deleted and relocated from the Notable Trees chapter to the Infrastructure – Other Overlays Sub-Chapter. The current wording is based on the Auckland Unitary Plan and was requested by the telecommunications submitters on the draft plan.	Delete TREE-S4 (Works in the root protection area) in order to relocate the provision in the Infrastructure - Other Overlays sub-chapter.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S4	Chorus New Zealand Limited (Chorus), Spark New Zealand Trading Limited (Spark) and Vodafone New Zealand Limited (Vodafone)	99.63	Amend	TREE-S4 should be clarified and amended. A readability edit is recommended to make it clearer how the rule is intended to apply and how it has been interpreted in practice.	Amend TREE-S4 (Works in the root protection area) as follows: ... 2. Excavation must be undertaken by drilling machine at a depth of 1m or greater , hand-digging, air spade, or hydro vac or drilling machine , within the root protection area at a depth of 1m or greater ; ...
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S4	Jeremy Partridge	102.3	Amend	Considers that TREE-S4.2 should be amended to remove the ability to use a hydrovac tool to remove soil around a Notable Tree's roots. A hydrovac uses water at high pressure to dislodge and then suck away soil around tree roots. Unfortunately the high pressure also removes outer and inner bark and damages cambium which functionally kills tree roots.	Amend TREE-S4.2 (Works in the root protection area) to remove the ability to use a hydrovac tool to remove soil around a Notable Tree's roots.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S4	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.170	Support	Generally supports TREE-S4.	Retain TREE-S4 (Works in the root protection area) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S4	Waka Kotahi	370.188	Support	Support standards as worded.	Retain TREE-S4 (Works in the root protection area) as notified.
Historical and Cultural Values / Notable Trees / TREE-S4	Argosy Property No. 1 Limited	383.69	Support in part	Considers the standard is generally appropriate by requires some amendments for clarity. In addition, the area restriction for a single excavation of 1m ² is not necessary when a control is applied of no more than 10% disturbance to the root protection area. Having a single excavation limit may lead to a number of smaller excavation areas to fit within the permitted activity rule, where one large excavation area would be better for the tree.	Amend TREE-S4 (Works in the root protection area) as follows: 2. Excavation must be undertaken by <u>one or a combination of the following methods</u> : a) hand-digging, air excavation spade , hydro excavation vae ; <u>and / or</u> b) <u>directional drilling machine</u> within the root protection area at a depth of 1m or greater; 3. The surface area of a single excavation must not exceed 1m2; ... 7. Any <u>excavation machines</u> ...