

Appendix 1: Recommended Amendments to the Notable Trees Chapter

Notable Trees - Ngā Rākau Whakamaumahara

Notable Tree Objectives

TREE – O3

To provide for the protection of notable trees while recognising instances where trimming and/or pruning is required where this:

- a. ~~and~~ may improve the health of the tree, or
- b. is needed for safety reasons including the safe operation of infrastructure; and

recognise there may be instances where removal of the tree is unavoidable due to safety requirements.¹

Notable Tree Policies

TREE – P4

Allow the trimming and pruning of notable trees and activities in the root protection area where the works:

- a. Retain or improve the health of the tree; or²
- b. Are necessary to prevent a serious threat to property and people; or
- c. Are necessary for the ongoing of operation of³ infrastructure and energy activities⁴; or
- d. Are for the maintenance of network utility infrastructure and energy activities⁵ to enable compliance with relevant safety standards.

Notable Tree Rules

TREE – R2 Trimming and Maintenance of a Notable Tree identified in Schedule Two

Activity Status Permitted

Where:

1. The trimming and/or maintenance is:
 - a. Necessary to improve, maintain or monitor tree health; or
 - b. To enable the ongoing provision of existing infrastructure or energy activities⁶; or
 - c. For compliance with relevant electricity hazard regulations; or
 - d. To prevent a serious threat to people or property; and

¹ Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (S450.071), Grey District Council (S608.597) Westpower Limited (S547.186)

² Westpower Limited (S547.189)

³ Westpower Limited (S547.190), Grey District Council (S608.598) and Chorus NZ Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Vodafone NZ Ltd (S663.038)

⁴ Westpower Limited (S547.189)

⁵ Westpower Limited (S547.189)

⁶ Westpower Limited (S547.192)

2. A council approved arboricultural contractor has certified that the works will not compromise the ongoing integrity, viability or values of the notable tree.

TREE – R3 Root Pruning within the Root Protection Area of a Notable Tree identified in Schedule Two

Activity Status Permitted

Where:

1. The root pruning will not compromise the integrity, ongoing viability and values of the tree; and
2. Any machinery associated with undertaking the root pruning is only operated on top of paved surfaces or with ground protection methods use which avoid compaction of the soil around the root zone of the notable tree; and
3. The pruning is:
 - a. Necessary to improve, maintain or monitor tree health; or
 - b. To enable the ongoing provision of existing infrastructure or energy activities⁷; or
 - c. For compliance with the relevant electricity hazard regulations; or
 - d. To prevent a serious threat to people or property; and
4. A council approved arboricultural contractor has certified that the work will be in accordance with 1 and 2.

TREE – R4 Building Activities Within the Root Protection Area of a Notable Tree identified in Schedule Two

Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. These will not result in the death or serious threat to the life of the tree as certified by a council approved arboricultural contractor.

Discretion is restricted to:

- a. The potential impact of the activity on the integrity, ongoing viability, and values of the scheduled notable tree;
- b. Effects on amenity values of public places;
- c. Effects on identified values of the tree/s; and
- d. Whether there is an operational or functional need for the activity to be located within the root protection area; and
- e. Whether any practicable⁸ alternatives are available to avoid the activity occurring in the root protection area.

TREE – R5 New Underground Network Utilities and Infrastructure Within the Root Protection Area of a Notable Tree identified in Schedule Two

Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. These will not result in the death or serious threat to the life of the tree as certified by a council approved arboricultural contractor.

Discretion is restricted to:

- a. The potential impact of the activity on the integrity, ongoing viability, and values of the scheduled notable tree;
- b. Effects on amenity values of public places;

⁷ Westpower Limited (S547.193)

⁸ Westpower Limited (S547.194)

~~c. Effects on identified values of the tree/s; and⁹~~

~~dc.~~ Whether there is an operational or functional need for the activity to be located within the root protection area; and

~~d.~~ Whether any practicable¹⁰ alternatives are available to avoid the activity occurring in the root protection area.

TREE – R6 Gardening, Mowing, Trimming, Maintenance and Root Pruning of a Notable Tree identified in Schedule Two not meeting Permitted Activity standards.

Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. These will not result in the death or serious threat to the life of the tree as certified by a council approved arboricultural contractor.

Discretion is restricted to:

a. The potential impact of the activity on the integrity, ongoing viability, and values of the scheduled notable tree;

b. Effects on amenity values of public places;

~~c. Effects on identified values of the tree/s; and¹¹~~

~~dc.~~ Whether there is an operational or functional need for the activity to be located within the root protection area; and

~~d.~~ Whether any practicable¹² alternatives are available to avoid the activity occurring in the root protection area.

**Schedule Two: Notable Trees
Te Rārangī Tuarua: Ngā Rākau Whamaumahara**

SCHED2 - SCHEDULE OF NOTABLE TREES

Unique Identifier	Site Identifier	Tree Type and Values
	Grey District	
TREE27	SH6 (seaward side) Kararoa	Karaka group (<i>Corynocarpus laevigatus</i>) <u>Poutini Ngāi Tahu Values</u> Cultural
	Westland District	
TREE58	Old pa site, Makaawhio/Jacobs River True left	Grove of Kowhai (<i>Sophora</i> sp.) <u>Poutini Ngāi Tahu Values</u> Cultural
TREE59	Makaawhio/Jacobs River bank True right	Kahikatea (<i>Dacrydium dacrydioides</i>) <u>Poutini Ngāi Tahu Values</u> Cultural

⁹ Westpower Limited (S547.196)

¹⁰ Westpower Limited (S547.197)

¹¹ Westpower Limited (S547.199)

¹² Westpower Limited (S547.200)