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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 16 October 2024 for information on public tree removal and planting records.

We have significant trees that are scheduled Appendix 3.1 of the Operative District Plan and there are rules around their protection. I have attached both the appendices and Heritage rules for your information.

We do not hold a register or record of trees that have been planted in our parks and reserves.

Our Roading team advise that they have removed a number of hazardous trees growing in the road reserve after Cyclone Gabrielle (largely Pines) and trees impeding road realignments.

However, they don't have a register for trees removed as such.

As part of Cyclone Gabrielle repairs and the Route 52 project, they advise they are replanting areas where significant Earthworks have occurred.

Ngā mihi



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**Subject:** LGOIMA Request – Public Tree Removal and Planting Records

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Dear Tararua District Council,

I am writing to request information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Specifically, I would like to request the following information regarding public trees within your jurisdiction:

1. Records of public tree removals between January 1st, 2022, and October 16th, 2024, including:
  - The locations of trees removed.
  - The species of trees (if available).
  - The reasons for removal (e.g., disease, development, safety concerns).
  
2. Records of public tree plantings for the same time period, including:
  - The locations of trees planted.
  - The species planted.
  - Any associated planning or urban greening strategies for these plantings.
  
3. Any reports or assessments related to urban tree management or the overall strategy for public tree planting and removal within your jurisdiction from January 2017.

I would appreciate it if the information could be provided in electronic format if possible.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response within the statutory time frame outlined in the LGOIMA.

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

## 5.5 Heritage and Natural Features

### 5.5.1 INTRODUCTION

Part II of the RMA requires territorial authorities to recognise and provide for matters of national importance which include the protection of outstanding natural features and historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development. To achieve this, Section 2.6 of this District Plan establishes policies which aim to achieve the protection of:

- heritage features (including buildings, monuments, structures, places/sites, waahi tapu and archaeological sites);
- significant natural features and landscapes;
- significant individual trees and groups of trees;
- reserves (administered by either the Tararua District Council or the Department of Conservation)

Significant heritage and natural features in the District (i.e. those which warrant regulatory protection) have been identified and included in Schedules in the appendices to this District Plan. The rules in this section of the Plan apply to those heritage and natural features which are included in the Schedules (Appendices 2, 3 and 14).

These rules complement the non-regulatory methods of achieving the goals and objectives set out in Section 2.6. The purpose of the rules is to ensure that those resources of heritage or natural value that have been identified in the Schedules, are protected from the adverse effects of development. Protection will be achieved by rules which classify activities such as minor repairs, modification, damage, removal or destruction of a feature as either a "permitted", "controlled", "discretionary" or "prohibited" activity. This effectively means that adverse effects can be avoided, remedied or mitigated and that appropriate conditions for the protection of the specified feature can be placed on any consent granted.

Under the RMA, the Council is a heritage protection authority and, in that role, it shall advocate heritage protection within the District (refer to section 2.6.3 of the Plan for details). Statutory protection of significant heritage features can be achieved by way of a Heritage Protection Order (refer Section 7.4.4).

Under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Toanga Act 2004, all archaeological sites whether recorded (and therefore noted in this plan) or unrecorded are

protected and the consent of Heritage New Zealand is required before any work can be undertaken on these sites.

Within the Tararua District are a number of reserves and open spaces which contribute to the amenity of the District. Reserves in the District are the responsibility of either the Department of Conservation or, to a lesser extent, the Council. In many cases the reserves are subject to legislative controls prescribed through other Acts such as the Reserves Act 1977.

In accordance with Policy 6-1 of the MWRC's One Plan, the Regional Council is responsible for developing objectives, policies and methods (including rules) for maintaining and protecting areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna throughout the Region, including the Tararua District.

## **5.5.2 CLASSIFICATION OF SCHEDULED FEATURES**

The District Plan rules relating to heritage resources and natural features have been formulated to provide differing levels of protection. Two categories of protection are used in this Plan. Category A provides the highest level of protection and Category B provides a moderate level of protection, (refer to Table One for a summary of the Plan's heritage and natural features rules). In respect of heritage features, Category A includes items registered as Category I by Heritage New Zealand (under Section 22 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Toanga Act 2004), while Category B includes items registered as Category II by Heritage New Zealand. Category B also includes recorded archaeological sites identified by the Department of Conservation and the New Zealand Archaeological Association Filekeeper, as well as other heritage items of local importance identified by the community. It should be noted that additions to, or removal of, items listed in the Schedules in Appendices 2, 3 and 14 requires a Plan Change.

## **5.5.3 RULES APPLYING TO ACTIVITIES AFFECTING, OR WITHIN, ANY AREA IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX 2, 3 OR 14 OF THIS PLAN**

### **5.5.3.1 Heritage Features (in Appendix 2)**

#### **(a) Permitted activities**

- (i) Minor repairs to any Category A or B heritage item, providing the activity does not alter the size, scale or layout of the item. *[Note: refer to definition of "minor repairs" in Part 6.]*

**(b) Discretionary activities** (refer to 5.5.3.6 below for criteria for assessment)

- (i) Modification (excluding minor repairs) of any Category A or B heritage item
- (ii) Removal, damage or destruction of any Category B item
- (iii) Removal or destruction of any Category A item where necessary to ensure the health and safety of the community.

**(c) Prohibited Activities**

- (i) Any activity involving the removal, damage, or destruction of any Category A item, except where specified as a discretionary activity.

**5.5.3.2 Significant Trees (as listed in Schedule 3.1 in Appendix 3)**

**(a) Permitted activities**

- (i) Maintenance to any Category A or B item

**(b) Discretionary activities** (refer to 5.5.3.6 below for criteria for assessment)

- (i) Modification to any Category A item;
- (ii) Modification or damage to, or destruction of, any Category B item.

**(c) Non-complying activities**

- (i) Damage to, or destruction of, any Category A item.

For the purposes of rule 5.5.3.2, “maintenance” means any work undertaken in relation to one or more of the following:

- Removal of diseased, dead or dying vegetation;
- Removal or clearance for the purpose of flood control activities undertaken by or approved by a local authority;
- Removal or clearance where necessary to maintain or restore existing essential services or emergency works to avoid injury to persons or damage to property;
- Removal of exotic species;

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- Activities carried out subject to and in accordance with any specific covenant or other legal agreements entered into with the District Council, Regional Council, Department of Conservation or QEII Trust.

And "modification" includes:

- timber and firewood extraction;
  - subdivision.
- and "damage and destruction" includes:
- clearance of indigenous vegetation;
  - dumping of fill or waste;
  - burning of vegetation;
  - earthworks with powered machinery.

*[Note: These provisions cover only listed items and areas. Provisions for areas of indigenous vegetation not specifically listed are detailed in Section 5.5.4.]*

### **5.5.3.3 Natural Features and Landscapes (as listed in Schedule 3.3 of Appendix 3)**

Where an item listed in Schedule 3.3, Appendix 3, is also a reserve, or part of a reserve, which is listed in Appendix 14 (Schedule of Reserves), the rules applying to reserves in 5.5.3.4 shall prevail over the rules below.

#### **(a) Permitted activities**

- (i) Maintenance to, or within, any Category A or B item

#### **(b) Discretionary activities (refer to 5.5.3.6 below for criteria for assessment)**

- (i) Modification to any Category A item;
- (ii) Modification or damage to, or destruction of, or within, any Category B item.

#### **(c) Non-complying activities**

- (i) Damage to, or destruction of, or within, any Category A item.

*[Note: For the purpose of this rule, "modification" refers to an activity that will affect the values identified in Schedule 3.3 of this Plan.]*

**5.5.3.4 Reserves (in Appendix 14)**

**(a) Permitted activities**

- (i) Activities permitted under any Reserve Management Plan, or under the provisions of the Management Area in which the reserve is located provided that prior written approval has been obtained from the organisation responsible for administering the reserve.

**(b) Discretionary activities (refer to 5.5.3.6 below for criteria for assessment)**

- (i) Any other activity

**Table One: Summary of rules applying to any activity within an area which is Identified in Appendix 2, 3 or 14 of this Plan**

	<b>CATEGORY A</b>	<b>CATEGORY B</b>
<b>HERITAGE FEATURE (Appendix 2)</b>	<p><b>Permitted</b> Minor repairs</p> <p><b>Discretionary</b> Modification; Removal or destruction where necessary to ensure health and safety of community</p> <p><b>Prohibited</b> Removal, damage or destruction</p>	<p><b>Permitted</b> Minor repairs</p> <p><b>Discretionary</b> Removal, damage, modification or destruction.</p>
<b>SIGNIFICANT TREES (Schedule 3.1 in Appendix 3)</b>	<p><b>Permitted</b> Maintenance</p> <p><b>Discretionary</b> Modification</p> <p><b>Non-complying</b> Damage or destruction</p>	<p><b>Permitted</b> Maintenance</p> <p><b>Discretionary</b> Modification, damage or destruction</p>
<b>NATURAL FEATURE OR LANDSCAPE (Schedule 3.3 in Appendix 3)</b>	<p><b>Permitted</b> Maintenance</p> <p><b>Discretionary</b> Modification</p> <p><b>Non-complying</b> Damage or destruction</p>	<p><b>Permitted</b> Maintenance</p> <p><b>Discretionary</b> Modification, damage or destruction</p>

	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
<b>RESERVES (Appendix 14)</b>	<p>Activities permitted under any Reserve Management Plan, or under the provisions of the Management Area in which the reserve is located provided that prior written approval has been obtained from the organisation responsible for administering the reserve.</p> <p><b>Discretionary</b> Any other activity</p>	

**5.5.3.5 Information requirements applying to activities adjacent to, or affecting, any feature identified in Appendix 2, 3 or 14 of this plan**

Where any activity is located on land adjacent to an area or item identified in Appendix 2, 3 or 14, or would otherwise affect such an item, the provisions of the relevant Management Area shall apply. Where those provisions require a resource consent application to be made, the Assessment of Environmental Effects shall include (in addition to the information requirements specified in section 7.3.2 of this Plan) the following information:

- (a) a statement outlining the consultation that has occurred with the person or body responsible for managing the listed feature. This statement shall include the views of those parties consulted, detail any agreements made, and/or any areas of concern highlighted by the interested parties;
- (b) an explanation of the nature of the heritage resource or natural feature affected, including plans and photographs;
- (c) a statement as to whether the activity will affect the whole or part of the heritage resource or natural feature;
- (d) where it is likely that a significant adverse effect will result, a description of any possible alternative location or methods of undertaking the activity;
- (e) the preferred option for protecting the heritage resource or natural feature;
- (f) a statement of the actual and potential effects of the proposal on heritage and/or natural values.

**5.5.3.6 Criteria for Assessment**

In addition to the criteria specified in section 7.3.10(a) of this Plan, the Council shall have regard to the following matters when assessing applications for a discretionary activity pursuant to the above heritage and natural features rules:



**(a) Heritage items**

- (i) the nature of the proposed activity, and any actual or potential effect on the heritage item or its surrounding area that would arise as a result of the activity;
- (ii) the original reasons for inclusion of that item in the District Plan Schedule, the registration (if applicable) and the reasons for this registration of the heritage item under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Toanga Act 2004 ;
- (iii) the assessment of environmental effects submitted with an application for resource consent;
- (iv) the recommendations made by Heritage New Zealand and local conservation groups;
- (iv) the provisions of any relevant conservation plan, heritage inventory, or iwi management plan;
- (vi) proposed mitigation measures to avoid any detrimental effect on the heritage value of the item;
- (vii) whether the item can be resited to another location;
- (viii) whether the item is structurally unsound or has the potential to cause damage or risks to the surrounding infrastructure or to human health and safety;
- (ix) whether the costs to the community or individual of maintaining the item are shown to significantly outweigh the community and/or environmental benefits of maintaining the item;
- (x) methods, techniques and materials to be used in the work proposed;
- (xi) landscape works, parking areas and location of vehicle access points;
- (xii) any proposed signs, banners, flags, exterior lighting and any other fixture which may affect the characteristics for which the feature was scheduled;
- (xiii) whether there is a need for the Council to obtain photographs and exact details as to the state and location of the item, prior to any proposed work commencing;
- (xiv) the degree to which a proposal reflects the conservation principles of the ICOMOS (National Committee of the International Council on

Monuments and Sites) NZ Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value;

- (xv) the significance of the item or place to tangata whenua.

**(b) Significant tree, group of trees, vegetation or habitat**

- (i) the nature of the proposed activity, and any actual or potential effect on the natural feature that would arise as a result of the activity;
- (ii) the original reasons for inclusion of that item in the District Plan Schedule;
- (iii) the assessment of environmental effects submitted with an application for resource consent;
- (iv) proposed mitigation measures to avoid any detrimental effect on the natural values of the vegetation and/or habitat;
- (v) whether the costs to the community or individual of maintaining the item are shown to significantly outweigh the community and/or environmental benefits of maintaining the item;
- (vi) whether the tree(s) or vegetation is:
- dying or dead, or at risk of falling over wholly or in part
  - badly storm damaged or vandalised
  - causing adverse effects on other parts of the infrastructure of the District, e.g. restricting motorists' sight lines, encroachment onto a road or footpath, encroaching on overhead power lines, or disturbing underground pipes or lines
  - likely to be adversely affected by other works designed to enhance amenity and environmental quality, e.g. road works
  - in the way of a proposed state highway deviation, realignment or widening, where there is no practical or economic way the alignment of the proposed road can avoid the tree/vegetation, or when the tree/vegetation cannot be replanted.

**(c) Natural features or landscapes**

- (i) the nature of the proposed activity, and any actual or potential effect on the natural feature or landscape that would arise as a result of the activity.

- (ii) the reasons in Schedule 3.3 of Appendix 3 for inclusion of that item in the District Plan Schedule.
- (iii) the assessment of environmental effects submitted with an application for resource consent.
- (iv) proposed mitigation measures to avoid any detrimental effect on those values of the natural feature or landscape for which it is significant.
- (v) whether the costs to the community or individual of maintaining the item are shown to significantly outweigh the community and/or environmental benefits of maintaining the item.

**(d) Reserves**

- (i) the nature of the proposed activity, and any actual or potential effect on the reserve that would arise as a result of the activity.
- (ii) the assessment of environmental effects submitted with an application for resource consent.
- (iii) the provisions of any relevant reserve management plan, conservation plan or iwi management plan.
- (iv) the opinions of the organisation responsible for administration of the reserve.
- (v) proposed mitigation measures to avoid any detrimental effect on the value of the reserve.
- (vi) the safety, health and wellbeing of the community.
- (vii) landscape design and site layout, including fences, screen planting, and lighting.

## 3.1 SIGNIFICANT TREES

<b>SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT TREES</b>			
<b>Name/Description</b>	<b>Location/Legal Description</b>	<b>Listing Requested By</b>	<b>District Plan Classification</b> (for the purpose of activity status determination see 5.5.2)
Kahikatea and Rimu	32 Cole St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Lancewood	11 Edward St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Rewa Rewa	6 Ranfurly St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Rimu	48 Swinburn St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Copper Beech	4 Allen St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Walnut	36 Barraud St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Walnut (2)	82 Gordon St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Copper Beech	14 Queen St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Magnolia	47 Queen St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Japanese Maple and Horse Chestnut and Taiwan Flowering Cherry	46 Trafalgar St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Kahikatea	Kopua Road on Road Reserve 1.1km from SH2	Tararua District Council	B
Redwoods	Ormondville Domain (School)	Tararua District Council	B
Oak	Makotuku School	Tararua District Council	B
Macrocarpa	Weber Road on Road Reserve	Tararua District Council	B
Totaras	Matamau – Ormondville Road	Tararua District Council	B
Macrocarpa	Weber Road at 11.3km on road reserve	Tararua District Council	B
Rimu (2)	Pahiatua Town Square	Tararua District Council	B
Totara (3)	Pahiatua Town Square	Tararua District Council	B

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Blaein Beech	Pahiatua Town Square	Tararua District Council	B
Rewa Rewa	Pahiatua Town Square	Tararua District Council	B
Rhododendron Robert Peel	Pahiatua Town Square	Tararua District Council	B
Acer	Pahiatua Town Square	Tararua District Council	B
Europea Ash	Pahiatua Town Square	Tararua District Council	B
Rimu	Waireka Home, Pahiatua	Tararua District Council	B
Weeping Willow	Waireka Home, Pahiatua	Tararua District Council	B
Pattison's Bush	Kumeroa	Tararua District Council	B
Totara (3)	Fontaine Square Woodville	Tararua District Council	B
English Oaks (2)	Fontaine Square Woodville	Tararua District Council	B
Plane Trees (2)	Fontaine Square Woodville	Tararua District Council	B
Kowhai	8 Alma St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Japanese Maple	1 Wright St Dannevirke	Tararua District Council	B
Lancewood	Town Square Pahiatua	Tararua District Council	B
Totara	Balance Reserve Woodville	NZ Historic Places Trust	B
Hinau (2)	Lindauer Estate Pinfold Road Woodville	NZ Historic Places Trust	B
Cabbage Trees	Lindauer Estate Pinfold Road Woodville	NZ Historic Places Trust	B
Medlar Tree	Lindauer Estate Pinfold Road Woodville	NZ Historic Places Trust	B
Picea (2)	War memorial Eketahuna	Stephen Yeates	B
Lancewood Horoeka (2) (pseudopanax crassifolius)	Bridge St Eketahuna	Stephen Yeates	B
Elm (Ulmus) (2)	15 Halswell St Eketahuna	Stephen Yeates	B

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Kahikatea (podocarpus dactyloides)	Halswell St Eketahuna	Stephen Yeates	B