

Specialist input for notable tree related issues, Appendices: A1g – Schedule of trees – inner islands of Auckland City District Plan: Hauraki Gulf Islands Section – Proposed 2006

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Thank you for requesting input into the review of the submissions to the Auckland City District Plan: Hauraki Gulf Islands Section – Proposed 2006 (“the Plan”). We have received your memo and the summary of submissions relating to this issue. In making the comments below, we have reviewed the material supplied in addition to the full submissions.

Issue raised:

To have the kauri tree at 24 Hauraki Road, Palm Beach, Waiheke scheduled in Appendix 1g.

Submission numbers:

482/3

Comments:

Do not schedule. This tree did not reach the thresh hold for scheduling and is not considered to have sufficient heritage value to warrant scheduling in the plan.

Part 6.0 of Appendix 4 of the Plan, outlines the criteria for determining whether a tree is worthy of protection. In considering whether tree(s) are worthy of protection as scheduled notable tree, any proposed tree or groups of trees are evaluated against a set of proven and standard heritage criteria, and in order to be eligible for scheduling a threshold score (40 or above) must be met. The heritage criteria outlined in Appendix 4 are as follows:

Arboricultural

- Spatial characteristic
- Form / visual appearance / character
- Occurrence of the species
- Provenance
- Age
- An assessment of the age of the tree.
- Environmental factors
- Health of tree

Community/amenity

- Public accessibility
- Visual importance to the site
- Visual contribution to the landscape
- Group significance

History

- Associated with a person
- Associated with an event
- Social context
- Natural history

The evaluation system used for the assessment of trees in the Plan involves an arboricultural assessment and if applicable, historical research. Following this, an evaluation sheet is prepared to 'score' the tree against the criteria outlined above. A numerical 'score' is attributed to each of the criteria and then the 'scores' are collated. Any score over 40 point's warrants consideration for scheduling as a notable tree.

This tree has been evaluated and it did not score 40 or above. The tree is considered not to have sufficient heritage value to warrant its scheduling in the Plan.

Issue raised:

To have those trees that were on the Waiheke County Council significant tree register included as scheduled trees in appendix 1g

Submission numbers:

482/2

Comments:

The list of trees registered in the 1988 Waiheke County Council, District Planning Scheme, proposed review where carried over into both the 1991 Waiheke Operative District Scheme and the 1996 Operative District Plan. As part of this review, we undertook a zero based review of the entire existing heritage schedules. All of the existing notable trees on Waiheke were re-evaluated (if they were able to be located) and scored against the criteria outlined in the Plan. Any tree that scored 40 points or above was proposed for scheduling in the Proposed Plan. Those that failed to reach threshold or were unable to be located were not put forward in the Proposed Plan.

32 Additional trees are now proposed for scheduling at 44 Donald Bruce Road. These trees were previously scheduled, but full evaluation and identification had not been completed at the time of notification. We now propose to add these 32 trees to the schedule.

Issue raised:

To have the stand of Taraire on the seaside at the beginning of Cory Road, Waiheke scheduled in Appendix 1g.

Submission numbers:

482/4

Comments:

Do not schedule. The Taraire stand at Cory Road was evaluated as part of the review however, the information provided was incomplete and therefore they were not put forward for scheduling a part of the proposed Plan.

The evaluations of these trees is now complete. The trees do not reach the threshold for scheduling and are not recommended for inclusion in the plan.

Issue raised:

Add the Puriri / Pohutukawa tree at Kennedy Point Road to the tree register (Appendix 1g).

Submission numbers:

1245/10

Comments:

This unusual tree has been evaluated and it did not score 40 or above. The tree is considered not to have sufficient heritage value to warrant its scheduling in the Plan.

Issue raised:

Add the Kauri Grove within the Onetangi Reserve to the tree register (Appendix 1g).

Submission numbers:

1245/11

Comments:

Disagree. The Onetangi Reserve is scheduled as a Site of Ecological Significance within both the Operative (Map reference 13, Priority class 2) and Proposed District Plans (SES Map Reference 11-14). It is therefore considered unnecessary to schedule the Kauri trees as notable trees.

Issue raised:

Remove Phoenix Palms from the list of scheduled trees.

Submission numbers:

866/5, 930/5, 1025/5, 1164/5, 562/5, 657/5, 745/5, 3616/5, 3649/5

Comments:

All trees are considered an important element of the islands' resources. They contribute positively to the amenity values experienced by visitors and residents alike, and their retention helps enable the people and communities of the islands to provide for their social and cultural wellbeing.

In considering whether tree(s) are worthy of protection as scheduled notable tree, any proposed tree or groups of trees are evaluated against a set of proven and standard heritage criteria, and in order to be eligible for scheduling a threshold score (40 or above) must be met. If a score of 40 or above is met, then the tree(s) warrants scheduling.

Issue raised:

To protect any Cupressus macrocarpa worthy of protection by the Scheduling of any individual Cupressus macrocarpa considered worthy of protection (if there are any) under Appendix 4 section 6 of the proposed Plan (rather than by general protection).

Submission numbers:

1184/3, 1174/3, 1277/3, 2647/3, 3613/3

Comments:

Agree. If a tree is evaluated against the set of proven and standard heritage criteria outlined in the Plan and reaches the threshold score (40 or above) then it warrants protection as a scheduled item in the Plan.

Issue raised:

That the Taraire stand at 6 Giles Road, Palm Beach continues to be protected as scheduled trees under the proposed Plan, as they are under the Operative Plan.

Submission numbers:

2/1

Comments:

Do not schedule. The Taraire stand at 6 Giles Road was evaluated as part of the review however, the information provided was incomplete and therefore they were not put forward for scheduling a part of the proposed Plan.

The evaluations of these trees is now complete. The trees do not reach the threshold for scheduling and are not recommended for inclusion in the plan.

Issue raised:

Remove Phoenix palms and Norfolk pines from the list of scheduled trees.

Submission numbers:

863/5

Comments:

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Note:

There are a large number of submissions that apply to two or more heritage disciplines. These have not been addressed by this report. The submissions addressed here are solely for the "Tree" discipline.

Both the heritage manager, Nicola Short and the Isthmus manager, Megan Tyler are aware of this and will be expecting the consultant planner preparing the submission report, Richard Osborne, to address them and contact any of the heritage leads as required.

Refer to G:\Planning\City Planning\data\District Plan Islands\HGI 1st Review\Background (hearing) reports\Parts 1-14\Part 7 - Heritage\Trees\HGIsubsTREES.xls