

NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS ON PLAN CHANGE NO. 2: PROTECTED TREES TO THE WAIPA DISTRICT PLAN

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 10(4) OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

In accordance with clause 10(4) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, Waipa District Council gives notice that the Council's decisions to Plan Change No. 2: Protected Trees are now available.

Summary of the amendments to the District Plan:

- Ensure that protected trees are taken into account when undertaking development and subdivision;
- Require that appropriate street trees are planted along any new roads that are to be vested in Council;
- Amend the District Plan rules to enable private landowners to undertake minor pruning and maintenance of protected trees;
- Clarify the rules around permitted activity works to a protected tree;
- Change the assessment methodology for the assessment of protected trees from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH) method to the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM);
- Set a threshold of 110 STEM points for a tree to be included on the Protected Tree list;
- Set a threshold of more than 138 STEM points for when an application to remove a Protected Tree requires public notification;
- Change the consent status for an application to remove a protected tree to Discretionary; and
- Broaden the assessment criteria for assessing an application to remove a protected tree to ensure that both the positive and negative aspects of the protected tree are considered in any such consent process.

The full copy of the Council's decisions on the plan change can be viewed at:

- Waipa District Council website: www.waipadc.govt.nz;
- Waipa District Council Offices in Te Awamutu and Cambridge;
- Waipa District Council Public Libraries in Te Awamutu and Cambridge.

Any person who has made a submission on Plan Change No. 2, may appeal Council's decisions on their submission to the Environment Court. Appeals to the Environment Court must be in the prescribed form and lodged with the Environment Court within 30 working days of the date of this public notice, that is by 5pm on 12th September 2019.

The Waipa District Plan is deemed to have been amended in accordance with the decisions made.

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Chief Executive Officer