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Proposed District Plan Urban Tree Variation

RULES PROTECTING TREES

Feedback Form

Changes to the RMA mean that any District Plan rules restricting the trimming or removal of trees must relate to trees or groups of trees that are individually listed in schedules in the District Plan. The Council's District Plan has included tree protection rules since 1999 and the proposed District Plan (*PDP*) also proposes certain restrictions. The Council is preparing a variation to the Proposed District Plan to insert the necessary site-specific information. At the same time, the Council is considering amendments to the rules protecting indigenous trees and vegetation in urban areas – including improvements to the tree trimming rules. Your feedback will assist in ensuring the accuracy of any lists of scheduled trees and in developing rule changes.

➔ We need to receive your feedback on the draft rules by 4pm Friday 24 July 2015

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK:

Download and print this form, complete it, and post it to **Kāpiti Coast District Council, Attn. Urban Trees, Private Bag 60601, Paraparaumu 5254**

OR Drop the completed form in to your local Council service centre or the Council building (175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu)

OR Email the completed form in Word or pdf format to planvariations@kapiticoast.govt.nz

YOUR DETAILS:

Please write contact details in clear **BLOCK CAPITAL** letters.

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| First Name: | | | | | Last Name: | | | | | |
| Title <i>(tick one)</i> | Mr | | Mrs | | Ms | | Miss | | Dr | |
| Address: | | | | | | | | | | |
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Privacy Statement: Please note that all feedback (including names and contact details) may be made publicly available or referred to in reports prepared and published including on the Kāpiti Coast District Council website. Personal information will be used for administration relating to the Urban Tree Variation, including notifying the writer of subsequent steps and decisions. All information will be held by the Kāpiti Coast District Council and people who supplied the feedback will have the right to access and correct personal information

Is your property affected?

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| Did you receive a letter from Council advising that there are trees protected by the District Plan rules on your property? <i>(tick one)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

What was the address of the property given on the letter from Kāpiti Coast District Council?

(This will ensure we trace and accurately update any incorrect information)

Do you support the protection of the indigenous trees on your property? *(tick one)*

Yes

No

If you oppose rules protecting the trees on your property, what are your concerns?

Tree Trimming Rules:

The PDP rules permit the trimming and modification of *locally indigenous vegetation* (Refer PDP 2012, Volume 1, Chapter 1, pg 1-38) but do not permit any trimming of locally indigenous vegetation where that is:

- Within an *ecological site*) Refer PDP 2012, Volume 1, Chapter 3, pps 3-47 to 3-76 (Schedule 3.1)
- A *key indigenous tree species*) Refer PDP 2012, Volume 1, Chapter 3, pps 3-77 to 3-82 (Schedule 3.2)
- A *rare and threatened species*) Refer PDP 2012, Volume 1, Chapter 3, pps 3-81 to 3-84 (Schedule 3.3)

Resource consent is required in the above situations – is this approach appropriate? *(tick one)*

Yes

No

If you do not agree that resource consent should be required, what are your concerns?

Do you agree that the 3 categories above represent significant trees? *(tick one)*

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| Ecological Sites | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | Key Indigenous Tree Species | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | Rare & Threatened Species | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
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| Should the rules permit <u>some</u> trimming of indigenous trees in protected areas? <i>(tick one)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| If so, how much trimming should be permitted to allow reasonable use of private properties? | | |
| Council is considering changes to proposed Rule 3A.1.2 – view working draft PDP rule amendments: Would the working draft amendments allow reasonable use of private property? <i>(tick one)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| If not, how should they be changed? | | |
| The working draft rules require a resource consent for any damage or modification to indigenous trees identified for protection where that work extends beyond the limits of Rule 3A.1.2. Is this a reasonable approach? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| If you do not agree that resource consent should be required, what are your concerns? | | |
| Do you have any other comments about the 2012 PDP tree-trimming and tree protection rules for urban areas or the working draft amendments to the PDP? | | |
| Other Comments? | | |
| Are there other things that the Council should be doing instead of or in addition to rules to protect significant indigenous trees? | | |
| What types of significant indigenous trees do you think the District Plan rules should protect? Are there any that are particularly ecologically significant? | | |

Thank you for your feedback. It will be sent to the team that is working on the draft tree protection rules and will be helpful to them in finalising their advice to the Council.