

The Notable Trees of Marire Ave, Frankton.

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Marire Ave, Frankton 3204 an inner city street established in 1930s with state housing, is a magical avenue that invites you in off Norton Rd. The trees on each side are 80+ yrs old.



Concerns about these trees.

They are huge, and their influence extends from the trunks in a radius that covers road, footpaths and property far beyond the “drip line” which we as residents are required to respect. The road, impermeable asphalt, cuts by the trees very closely (within the drip line)



Tree outside #5

The unseen roots of these trees become entangled with the water supply pipes under the ground, or in some cases there is no anchoring root system at all.





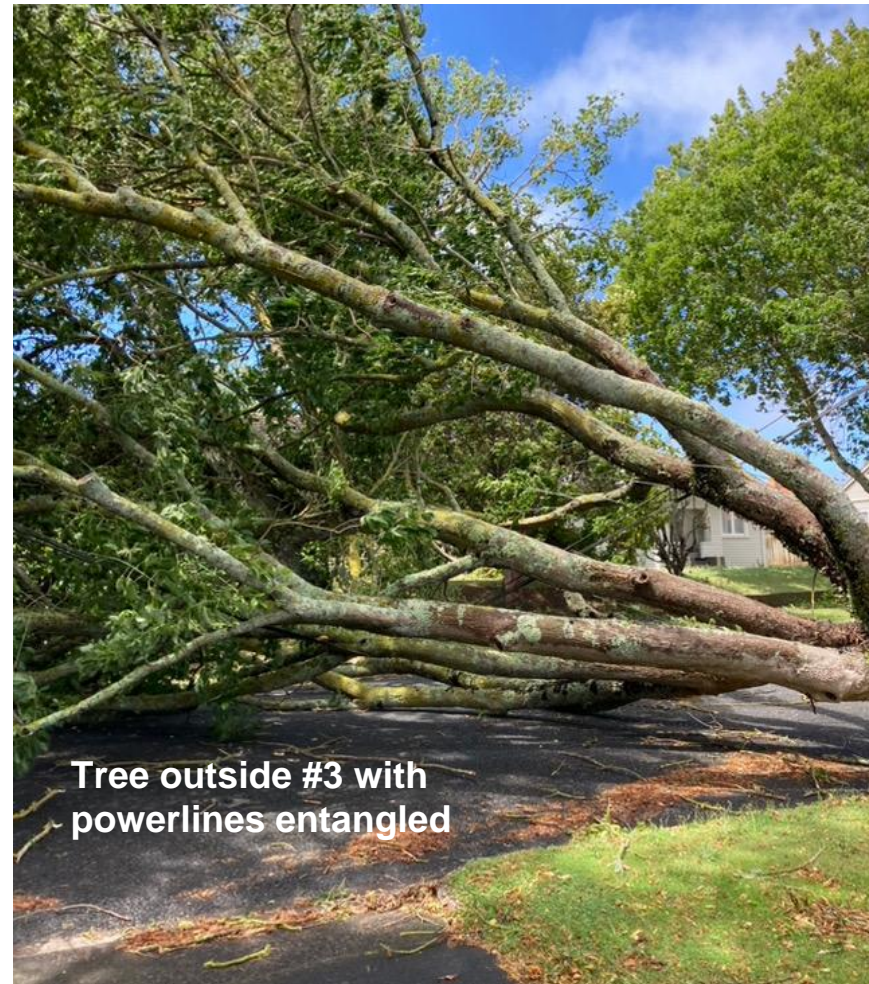
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**Tree outside #3 with
powerlines entangled**

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They are deciduous and their leaves clog up the drains and cause pooling /flooding on the street. Their roots follow the drain lines from the kerb back to the properties.



Submission

Question: What does it mean when a tree is “notable”? Are they protected? From or by whom?

I would submit that these exotic, deciduous trees are past their use by date, they have been beautiful but have become too big and dangerous and not fit for purpose.

The dangers of these notable trees have been greatly exacerbated by changes in climate volatility.

I would ask that no more trees like these be planted but that native trees, evergreen and shorter be used in these situations instead.

In the short term, some of the bigger boughs could be pruned for the safety of the residents.

I consider that the “drip line” of the trees is a nonsensical construct (think of the road cutting across the root system) and perhaps HCC could use the height of these trees as a radius for considering their effect on the neighbourhood when fallen. I believe the owners of any trees are liable for any adverse effects they may cause.