

Evidence Summary Opposing Notable Tree Proposal T167

Reference

- PC9 Hamilton City Council Stem Review
- Reference T167
- Uni ID: e6e48e93-35db-486a-80e4-e349df7b7bf8

Summary

The mature Quercus sp. Species tree, on the road reserve at corner of Carrey street & Forest Lake road as referenced above is a high risk health & safety hazard with potential to cause irreversible fatal damage.



We would like to also understand council rationale in this case on prioritising a one off stand alone tree over human lives and also understand how they plan to reverse irreversible damage that this tree one day might cause there by eventually becoming a 'notable fatal tree' regardless.

We expand the evidence below.

Reference Number :	#1
Evidence Type :	Simulation Scenario 1
Evidence Date/Time :	04-Apr-2023
Relevance :	Direct
Source :	Live Traffic Capture

[Sequence – 1 – Next Page] was captured each frame within milliseconds apart from others. A large truck appears out of nowhere, with the possibility of causing a direct crash. The tree in the subject causes a massive blind area for driveway users/residents.

Forest Lake road is a busy road, vehicles often drive at 60km/h due to the elevation changes. Coner of Carrey St. & Forest Lake is also a T-junction which makes the hazard here even more significant (Refer to Figure 1). Driveway users not only have a view blinded by the large trunk of this tree not in just one direction of traffic but two.

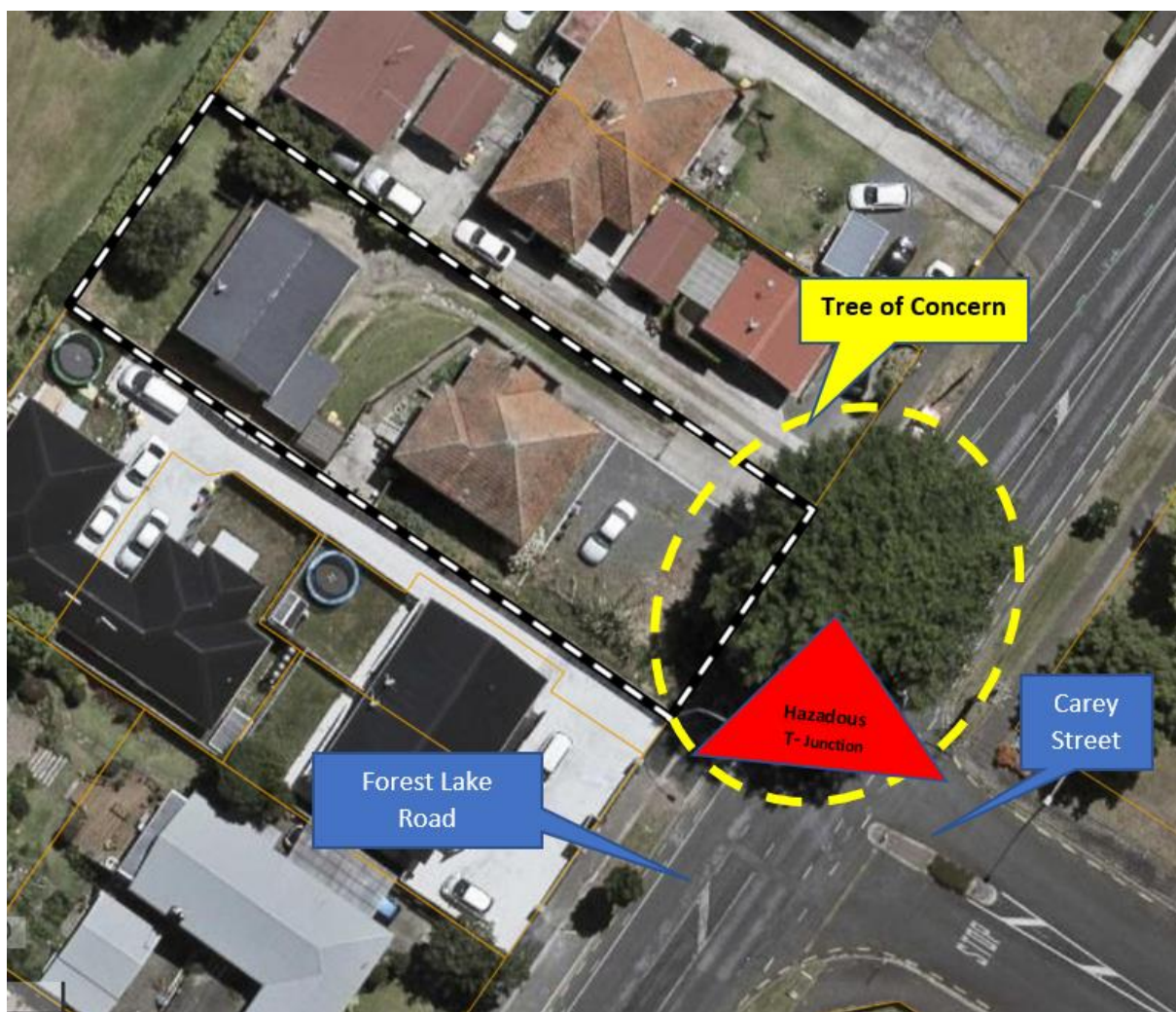


Figure 1. Hazardous T Junction with Tree creating a blind spot

Sequence #1

Image #1



Image #2





Image #3



Reference Number :	#2
Evidence Type :	Simulation Scenario 2
Evidence Date/Time :	04-Apr-2023
Relevance :	Direct
Source :	Live Traffic Capture

Sequence – 2 - below again was captured each frame within milliseconds apart from others. The black SUV appears from within the area blinded entirely by the large trunk of this tree, with the possibility of causing a fatal crash causing irreversible consequences.

Image #1



Image #2



Image #3



[Sequence - 2]

Reference Number :	#3
Evidence Type :	Simulation Scenario 3
Evidence Date/Time :	04-Apr-2023
Relevance :	Direct
Source :	Live Traffic Capture

Sequence – 3: Below again was captured each frame within milliseconds apart from others. The Ute appears from within the area blinded entirely by the large trunk of this tree, with the possibility of causing a fatal crash causing irreversible consequences.

Image #1



Image #2



[Sequence - 3]

Reference Number :	#4
Evidence Type :	Simulation Scenario 4
Evidence Date/Time :	04-Apr-2023
Relevance :	Direct
Source :	Live Traffic Capture

Sequence – 4 :Below demonstrates the difficulty of capturing & avoiding the blind area caused by the tree trunk again. Drivers pulling back to capture the view of oncoming Forest Lake road traffic now have a blind area at traffic turning in from Carrey street as this is a 3 way T- junction.

Image #1



Image #2



Image #3

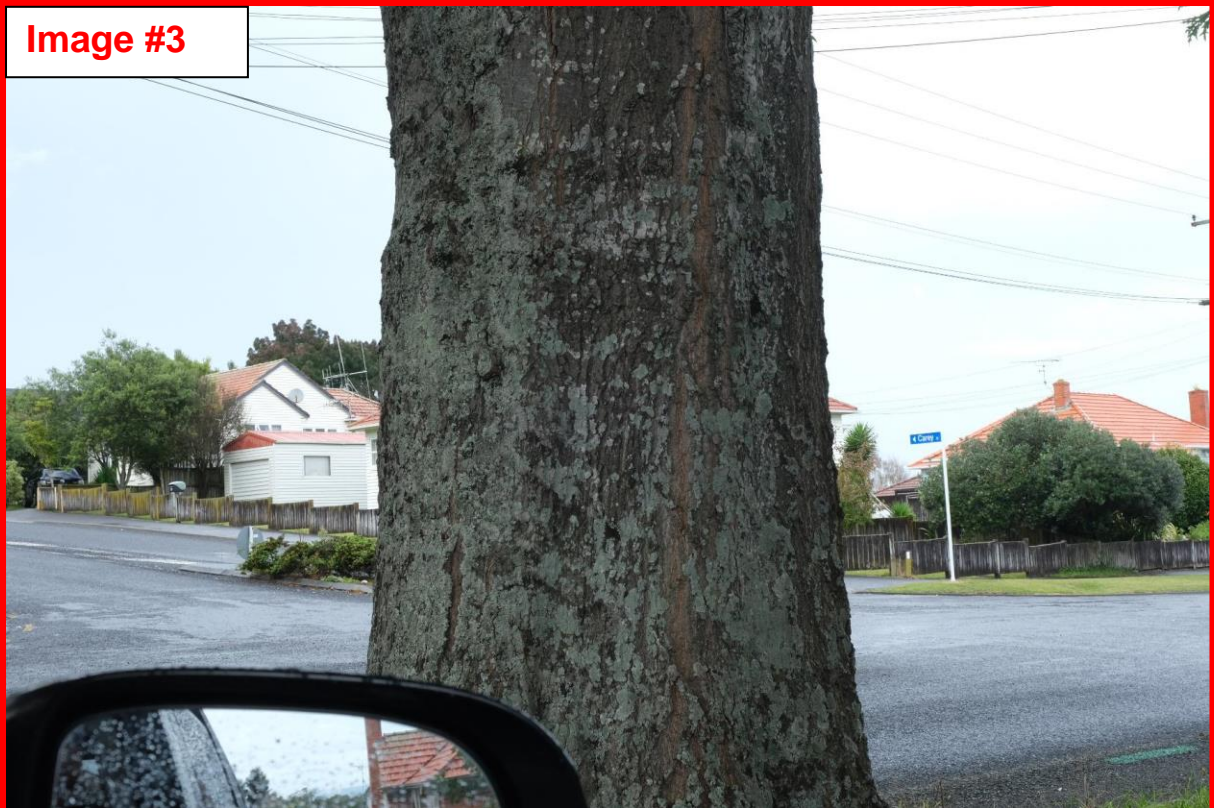


Image #4



Image #5



[Sequence - 4]

Reference Number :	#5
Evidence Type :	Research Enquiry Communications/ Email
Evidence Date/Time :	04-Apr-2023
Relevance :	Direct
Source :	Email Communications

NZTA has been queried about their intended action on the health & safety hazard, they have acknowledged receipt & forwarded the matter to Hamilton City Council.

Hence based on the decision made, Hamilton City Council will be liable for any hazardous situation that arises due to in-action, or ignoring these safety concerns raised here.

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER RE: Health & Safety OIR Inbox x



Official Correspondence

to me ▾

Kia ora

We are writing to advise that your below request has been transferred to Hamilton City Council as the matter you raise falls under their responsibilities.

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Subject: Re: Health & Safety OIR

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Hi,

The circled tree has a large trunk that completely blocks the view of oncoming traffic for the driveway vehicles (blue arrows) from both right (Forest Lake road which is busy road) & forward turn in directions as indicated with red arrows.

(Corner of Carey street & Forest Lake road Hamilton)

It's only a matter of time for this tree to cause a fatal crash which you won't be able to reverse. Could this be actioned, health & safety risks assessed & tree removed please.



Many thanks

On Mon, 27 Mar 2023 at 14:20, Official Correspondence <Official_Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz> wrote: