

Porirua's Proposed District Plan 2020

Submission on Porirua's Proposed District Plan

To - Environment and City Planning Team

Date received 17/11/2020

Submission Reference Number #38

Wishes to be heard? No

Is willing to present a joint case? No

Could gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission? No

Directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission? No

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Submission points

Point 38.1

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support in part

Section: TREE - Notable Trees

Sub-section: TREE - Notable Trees

Provision

Notable trees have been assessed using the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) from the publication Flook, R.R. (1996) STEM A Standard Tree Evaluation Method. Nelson, New Zealand. STEM assesses trees based on condition (health) and amenity (community benefit) as well as notability (distinction). Trees that score 120 or higher on the STEM are scheduled as a notable tree in SCHED5 - Notable Trees.

Submission

The Proposed District Plan identifies notable trees on our property at 4 Paekakariki Hill Rd, the site of St Alban's Church. We disagree with the inclusion of tree TRE021, Cupressus macrocarpa, as this tree is very old, likely to be in excess of 100 years old. Macrocarpa's have a limited life, and at the end of their life they can suffer from hidden internal rotting rendering them dangerous to life, and a risk to nearby structures should they topple or break.

We recognise there is provision in the plan to remove trees that are deemed dangerous. However, as macrocarpa trees are not native to New Zealand, and are known to have a limited life, their inclusion on the Schedule of Notable Trees is not supported.

The Notification Letter is addressed to the Wellington Diocesan Board of Trustees, St Andrew's Parish Office, 11 Steyne Ave, Plimmerton Porirua 5026.

Relief sought

Remove TREE021 from the list of notable trees so we can arrange for the removal of the tree when it is deemed to be unsafe without having to seek permission from the PCC.

Attachments

TREE021

Botanical name	Cupressus macrocarpa	Description and values
Common name	Macrocarpa	Group of locally significant trees (Trees 019, 020, 021 & 022) with association to church.
Location and legal description	4 Paekakariki Hill Road, Pāuatahanui (Lot 2 DP 311366)	
Coordinates	-41.10716 , 174.91781	
Single/Group	Single	
Number of trees	1	

TREE022

Botanical name	Ilex aquafolium	Description and values
Common name	Holly	Group of locally significant trees (Trees 019, 020, 021 & 022) with association to church.
Location and legal description	4 Paekakariki Hill Road, Pāuatahanui (Lot 2 DP 311366)	
Coordinates	-41.10654 , 174.91736	
Single/Group	Group	
Number of trees	Hedge line	

How have trees been assessed and what makes them notable?

The Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM™) has been used to assess trees and determine the trees identified in the Proposed District Plan. Generally, Notable Trees have been identified for their heritage, amenity and ecological values. A copy of the STEM publication is available in hardcopy to view at the Council administration building, 16 Cobham Court, Porirua.

Relevant planning rules are contained within the Notable Trees chapter in the Proposed District Plan. A list of all Notable Trees is contained within Schedule 5 of the Plan.

How do I view the Proposed District Plan?

The Proposed District Plan and supporting information is available online in an e-Plan digital format at the following address: www.porirua.govt.nz/proposeddistrictplan

Here you can read the Proposed District Plan, view the planning maps, do a property search including notable trees, and print hard copies (note: the e-plan works best in Google Chrome).

It can also be inspected at the following locations:

- Porirua City Council, Administration Building, Cobham Court, Porirua
- All Porirua Libraries

Need a hand?

To find out more about notable trees or other matters in the Proposed District Plan, you can make an appointment to talk to a member of our friendly planning team. Please email or call us on:

- dpreview@pcc.govt.nz
- 04 237 5089

How do I make a submission?

You can make a submission in the following ways:

- **e-plan:** www.porirua.govt.nz/proposeddistrictplan
- **Email:** dpreview@pcc.govt.nz
- **Post:** Proposed District Plan, Environment and City Planning, Porirua City Council, PO Box 50-218, PORIRUA CITY
- **Delivery:** Ground Floor, Council Administration Building, Cobham Court, Porirua City, marked "Attention: Proposed District Plan, Environment and City Planning".