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Topic 42: Notable Trees

Submitter (S) Further Submitter (FS)	Provision	Submission	Decision	Amend Plan
S146.033 Southland District Council	TREE – General	The submitter supports this section	Accept in part	
S146.100 Southland District Council	TREE – General	The submitter supports the Maps	Accept in part	
S136.015 Jenny Campbell	TREE - General	Heritage tree register for both native & introduced species	Reject	
S126.042 Southland Federated Farmers of New Zealand **S115.043 Kevin Robertson** **S143.054 Rural Ratepayers Group** **S148.055 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt** **S60.045 Ronald Crispin** **S68.163 John Baynes**	Interpretation: root protection area	Rename this definition: ~~Root protection area~~ Tree protection zone. It is a term that is recognised by suitably qualified arborists and can easily be calculated	Accept	Yes
FS5.32 Hamish Weir		Allow S126.074 Southland Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Accept	Yes
S139.057 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	TREE-P1	Amend the reference to 'Māori cultural expert' to read 'mana whenua representative	Accept in part	Yes
S101.047 Transpower New Zealand Limited	TREE-P4	Amend Policy TREE-P4 as follows: "Subject to being undertaken in accordance with recognised arboricultural practices, or where relevant, Māori cultural practices, enable: (...) (c) there is a ~~high~~ quantifiable risk to people, property, buildings or infrastructure; or …	Accept in part	Yes
S101.048 Transpower New Zealand Limited	TREE-P5	Amend Policy TREE-P5 as follows: TREE-P5 Avoid the removal of a notable tree or trees within notable groups of trees unless at least one of the following circumstances apply: (...) 2. there is a ~~high~~ quantifiable risk to people, property, buildings or infrastructure.	Accept in part	
S122.005 Fulton Hogan	TREE-P6	Add a cross reference to other relevant objectives and policies, using the wording suggested below or similar: TREE-P6 Avoid damage to notable tree or trees within notable groups of trees, including tree roots, unless provided for by Policy TREE-P4 or TREE-P5.	Reject	
S115.075 Kevin Robertson **S143.086 Rural Ratepayers Group** **S148.087 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt** **S60.077 Ronald Crispin** **S68.195 John Baynes** **S126.074 Southland Federated Farmers of New Zealand**	New Policy sought	Include a new policy: Consult and engage landowners where a notable tree or trees is located on private land. Where a notable tree is located on private land it is important that the Council engage and work with landowners to ensure the tree is best managed for future generations.	Reject	
FS5.32 Hamish Weir		Supports S126.074 Southland Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Reject	
S101.049 Transpower New Zealand Limited	TREE-R1	The Rule requires a resource consent for an activity that is mandatory. Amend Rule TREE-R1 as follows: "Activity status: Permitted Where: (...) 2. Except for the removal of broken branches, deadwood or diseased vegetation, trimming is of branches which are less than 75mm in diameter; or 3. Trimming is required to: a. remove a potential fire risk associated with the National Grid; or b. for the safe operation or maintenance of the National Grid, including access for these purposes and as required by the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003. Activity status where compliance is not achieved with: ~~TREE-R1(1) and TREE-R1(2):~~	Reject	

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		~~Controlled Where: 3. The trimming is required under the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003. ..."~~		
S101.050 Transpower New Zealand Limited	TREE-R2	Amend as follows: "Activity status: Controlled- Where: 2. There is a ~~high~~ quantifiable risk to people, property, buildings or infrastructure. Matters of control: 3. The necessity of what is proposed, including the benefits to the health, safety and wellbeing of people and communities, and alternatives. Activity status where compliance is not achieved with: ~~TREE-R2(1) and TREE-R2(2):~~ Discretionary Where~~: 3. The removal is subject to a notice issued under the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003. TREE-R2(3): Non-complying~~	Accept in part	Yes
S85.013 Environment Southland	TREE-R2	Include an ability to remove trees if they become weedy and are shown to cause wilding issues. Additionally, the ability to remove trees in flood plains is needed should they pose a problem.	Reject	
FS5.17 Hamish Weir		Allow S85.013 Environment Southland	Reject	
S65.002 Gore District Council	TREE -SCHED General	Update the Notable tree list. Some trees on the Notable Tree List have died while others have been removed.	Accept	Yes
S41.001 Michele Gentle	TREE-SCHED-TREE-59	Request tree be removed from the Register. Concerned that tree on property is at a size that in high winds could cause severe damage to house and power lines nearby. Tree blocks sunlight from gardens and house. Keith McRobie viewed the tree and it is his belief it is a type of deciduous tree not an Evergreen Ash.	Reject	
S85.014, S85.015, S85.016 Environment Southland	TREE-SCHED-TREE-14 TREE-23 TREE-81	Remove Silver Birch and Sycamore as they are known weedy trees and could spread	Reject	
S49.001 Gore District Memorial RSA (Inc)	TREE-SCHED-TREE-9	Allow the removal of the two beach trees on the South-western entryway to the cenotaph. The current root system is growing under the pathway causing an uneven surface and are a safety hazard to community/veterans. The current tree drops large branches and debris. We intend to replace the trees with a Gallipoli pine from the veteran community of the RSA. This pine has been seeded from a tree on the Gallipoli peninsula holding large significance to past veterans and community of the district and does not grow as large as the existing trees with a maximum height of 5 meters.	Reject	