

# Proposed Plan Change 1F – Modification of Indigenous Vegetation and Update to Key Indigenous Tree Species List

Notes:

1. Deletion is shown as strike-through (~~example~~)
2. Addition is shown as underlined (example)

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*Note: In accordance with section 86B(3)(b) and (c) the following proposed changes to the Kapiti Coast District Plan have immediate legal effect on and from the date on which this plan change is publicly notified under clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991. This note is for explanatory purposes and does not form part of the plan change.*

**Amend rule ECO-R6 as follows:**

<b>ECO-R6</b>	<p>The <i>modification of any indigenous vegetation</i>, that is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. located within an ecological site listed in <a href="#">Schedule 1</a> <u>excluding trees on an urban environment allotment that are not listed in Schedule 2</u>; or</li><li>2. a key indigenous <i>tree</i> listed in <a href="#">ECO-Table 1</a> and exceeds either of the maximum size criteria diameter or <i>height</i> (excluding trees planted by humans; <u>and excluding trees on an urban environment allotment that are not listed in Schedule 2</u>); or</li><li>3. a <i>key indigenous tree</i> listed in <a href="#">Schedule 2</a>; or</li><li>4. a <i>rare and threatened vegetation species</i> listed in <a href="#">Schedule 3</a>; or</li><li>5. in or within 20 metres of a <i>waterbody</i> or the coastal marine area where it not within the <i>urban environment</i>, (excluding planted vegetation);</li></ol> <p>is a <i>controlled activity</i> within the following zones and precincts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) General Residential Zone</li><li>b) Ngārara Development Area</li><li>c) Waikanae North Development Area</li><li>d) Airport Zone</li><li>e) Town Centre Zone</li><li>f) Metropolitan Centre Zone</li><li>g) Hospital Zone</li><li>h) General Industrial Zone</li><li>i) Local Centre Zone</li><li>j) Mixed Use Zone</li><li>k) Rural Lifestyle Zone</li><li>l) Rural Eco-Hamlet Precinct</li><li>m) Future Urban Zone</li><li>n) Open Space Zone</li></ol>
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Controlled  
Activity

Standards

1. The *modification of indigenous vegetation* must be limited to:
  - up to a maximum of two indigenous vegetation trees within a five year period on an allotment.
  - ~~modification of vegetation trees~~ that is are damaged, dead or dying; or has sustained storm damage; or ~~is~~ are fatally diseased such that:
    1. ~~a. the indigenous vegetation is no longer independently viable; or~~
    - ii. the tree(s) presents a demonstrable imminent risk of serious harm to people or property a building(s) or risks significantly damaging surrounding protected vegetation; and
    - ii. The demonstrable imminent risk of serious harm to people or buildings cannot be addressed via trimming under rule ECO-R3.
    - iii. an arborist who has attained the New Zealand Qualifications Authority National Certificate New Zealand Diploma in Arboriculture Level

Matters of Control

- (i) The necessity, extent and method of the proposed-vegetation-removal modification of indigenous trees to address the imminent demonstrated risk.
- (ii) The species, size, location, and timing of planting of any-plant-species replacement indigenous vegetation to-compensate remedy for the loss of indigenous tree(s)-vegetation.
- (iii) Any remedial work necessary to restore the site after the *modification* activity is complete.
- (iv) Public safety.
- (v) Measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate *effects* on *tāngata whenua* values.
6. Methods and activities to ensure the maintenance of indigenous biodiversity.
7. Methods and activities to ensure positive ecological contributions of the modified trees on the application property.

4.6 or equivalent qualification has certified in writing that Conditions (i) and (ii) above ~~is~~ are met; or

b. c. *Modification of planted indigenous vegetation* where the applicant can demonstrate that it was not legally required to be planted for ecological restoration or enhancement purposes or as a *biodiversity offset*.

**Note:** For *notable trees* listed in [Schedule 8](#) see [TREE-R2](#), [TREE-R3](#), and [TREE-R4](#).

**Criteria for notification**

The written approval of persons will not be required and applications under this rule will not be served on any person or notified.

**Amend ECO-Table 1 as follows:**

Common Name	Species	Māori Name	Dimensions That Relate to Rules	
			Diameter (circumference in cm)	Height (m)
White tea tree	<i>Kunzea robusta</i> or <i>Kunzea amathicola</i>	Kānuka	15.0 (47)	3
<u>Coastal kānuka</u>	<u><i>Kunzea amathicola</i></u>	<u>Rawiritoa, kānuka</u>	<u>5.0 (15)</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Kānuka</u>	<u><i>Kunzea robusta</i></u>	<u>Rawirinui, kānuka</u>	<u>15.0 (47)</u>	<u>3</u>