

# Draft amendments to Rule ECO-R6

## Draft Amendments:

In the following District Plan Provisions:

Text that is struck through and in red (~~example~~) is to be deleted from the District Plan

Text that is underlined and in red (example) is to be inserted into the District Plan

<p><b>ECO-R6</b></p>	<p>The <i>modification</i> of <del>any up to a maximum of two indigenous vegetation trees</del> <u>within a five year period on an allotment</u>, that <del>is</del> <u>are</u>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. located within an ecological site listed in <a href="#">Schedule 1</a>; or</li> <li>b. 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 <i>trees</i> planted by humans); or</li> <li>c. a <i>key indigenous tree</i> listed in <a href="#">Schedule 2</a>; or</li> <li>d. a <u>tree that is a rare and threatened vegetation species</u> listed in <a href="#">Schedule 3</a>; or</li> <li>e. 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 <i>zones</i> and precincts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Residential Zone</li> <li>• Ngārara Development Area</li> <li>• Waikanae North Development Area</li> <li>• Airport Zone</li> <li>• Town Centre Zone</li> <li>• Metropolitan Centre Zone</li> <li>• Hospital Zone</li> <li>• General Industrial Zone</li> <li>• Local Centre Zone</li> <li>• Mixed Use Zone</li> <li>• Rural Lifestyle Zone</li> <li>• Rural Eco-Hamlet Precinct</li> <li>• Future Urban Zone</li> <li>• Open Space Zone</li> </ul>	
<p>Controlled Activity</p>	<p><b>Standards</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <i>modification</i> of indigenous <del>vegetation trees</del> <u>must be limited to:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>modification</i> of <del>vegetation indigenous trees</del> that <del>is</del> <u>are</u> damaged, dead or dying; or</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Matters of Control</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <u>necessity</u>, extent and method of <u>the proposed <del>vegetation removal</del> modification of indigenous trees to address the imminent demonstrated risk.</u></li> </ol>

have *sustained* storm damage; or *is are* fatally diseased such that:

a.

i. ~~the indigenous vegetation is no longer independently viable; or~~

ii. the indigenous tree presents a demonstrable imminent risk of serious harm to people or property or risks significantly damaging surrounding protected vegetation; and

ii. an arborist who has attained the New Zealand Qualifications Authority National Certificate New Zealand Diploma in Arboriculture Level 4–6 or equivalent qualification has certified in writing that Condition (i) above is met; or

b. *Modification of planted indigenous vegetation trees* where the applicant can demonstrate that it was not 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

2. The species, size, location, and timing of planting of any plant species replacement indigenous vegetation to compensate for the loss of indigenous tree(s) vegetation.
3. Any remedial work necessary to restore the site after the *modification* activity is complete.
4. Public safety.
5. 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 effects.

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)
<del>White tea tree</del>	<del>Kunzea robusta or Kunzea amathicola</del>	<del>Kānuka</del>	<del>15.0 (47)</del>	<del>3</del>
<u>Coastal kānuka</u>	<u>Kunzea amathicola</u>	<u>Rawiritoa, kānuka</u>	<u>5.0 (15)</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Kānuka</u>	<u>Kunzea robusta</u>	<u>Rawirinui, kānuka</u>	<u>15.0 (47)</u>	<u>3</u>