

# The Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (notified 30 September 2013)

## 6 Natural heritage

### 6.1 Notable Trees

#### Overlay description

Individual trees and groups of trees that have met the notable tree criteria are considered to be among the most significant trees in Auckland. These trees have been specifically identified to ensure the benefits they provide are retained for future generations.

#### Objective

1. Notable trees and notable groups of trees are retained.

#### Policies

1. Require subdivision and development to retain the notable trees and notable groups of trees.
2. Provide education, advice to encourage the protection of notable trees and notable groups of trees in rural and urban areas.
3. Require notable trees and notable groups of trees to be protected from inappropriate subdivision use and development by considering:
  - a. the specific values of the tree or trees including the values for which a tree or trees have been identified as notable
  - b. the likelihood of significant adverse effects to people and property from the trees
  - c. the degree to which the subdivision and future development accommodates the protection of existing notable trees or notable groups of trees
  - d. the extent to which the pruning, vegetation alteration or vegetation removal is necessary to accommodate permitted development on the site
  - e. any alternative methods that could result in retaining trees on the site, road or reserve
  - f. whether minor infringements of the development controls would encourage the retention and enhancement of notable trees or notable groups of trees on the site
  - g. whether the proposed mitigation adequately compensates for the values that notable tree or notable group of trees provides where removal of a notable tree is considered
  - h. whether the proposal is consistent with accepted modern arboriculture practice
  - i. methods to contain and control plant pathogens and diseases such as kauri dieback and Dutch elm disease including measures for preventing the spread of soil and the safe disposal of plant material
  - j. the provision of a tree management or landscape plan
  - k. the ways in which the tree can be protected in perpetuity on the site.