

Memorandum

TO: Mark Roberts, Arborist; Roberts Consulting Ltd
Luke McKinley, Urban Designer

FROM: Finn Campbell, Graduate Planner

DATE: 26 November 2024

SUBJECT: **LUC-2024-460, ARBORIST ASSESSMENT**

Kia ora korua,

I have received the application LUC-2024-460 to remove the scheduled tree T014 (*Nothofagus menziesii*, Silver beech, Tawhai) from 33 Preston Crescent.

The application is for the removal of the scheduled tree is not indicated to be in terminal decline. It appears that there are a number of concerns related to:

- a. perceived risk from falling branches
 - b. overland flooding due to drainage interference by the bulk of the tree
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- May I please have the application reviewed and assessed?
 - May I please have the tree assessed for its health? Is there any indication of ill health or that the tree is in terminal decline?
 - May I please have the tree assessed for risk to people, property, and infrastructure (above and below ground)?

I consider the following policy criteria as applicable to this application:

- there is a significant risk to personal/public safety or a risk to personal safety that is required to be managed under health and safety legislation;
- there is a moderate to significant risk to buildings;
- the removal of the tree is necessary to avoid significant adverse effects on existing infrastructure and network utilities;

Let me know if you consider any elements of the proposal to meet the standard prescribed in the criteria for considering tree removal:

Finn Campbell
Planner