

Assessment of Objectives and Policies

Strategic Directions Section / Dunedin is Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient

	Objective/Policy	Is the proposal consistent with or contrary to the objectives and policies?
Objective 2.2.3	Indigenous Biodiversity: Dunedin's significant indigenous biodiversity is protected or enhanced, and restored; and other indigenous biodiversity is maintained or enhanced, and restored; with all indigenous biodiversity having improved connections and improved resilience.	The nine lagoon-side trees are located immediately adjacent to an Area of Significant Biodiversity Value. Mr Ewans has found the nine lagoon-side trees, which are closely adjoining this area, to be significant habitat for indigenous fauna. As such, protecting these trees is consistent with these objectives and policies.
Policy 2.2.3.2	Protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and/or significant habitats of indigenous fauna, including by assessment rules which require the consideration of significant as part of the assessment of effects on biodiversity values	The proposed replanting, which is to incorporate a variety of indigenous and non-native plants, will provide a wider food source which will be available at various times throughout the year. The replanting will likely positively affect biodiversity values in the medium to long term, as it will increase the land cover of indigenous vegetation in an 'at risk' land environment, and in a location which adjoins an area of significant biodiversity value. The proposal is consistent with these objectives and
Policy 2.2.3.4	Encourage conservation activity in all zones through: rules the enable conservation activity; and assessment rules that encourage the consideration of the positive effects of conservation (protection, restoration or enhancement of indigenous biodiversity) as part of consent applications.	

Strategic Directions Section / Dunedin is a Memorable City with a Distinctive Built and Natural Character

	Objective/Policy	Is the proposal consistent with or contrary to the objectives and policies?
Objective 2.4.1	Form and structure of the environment: The elements of the environment that contribute to residents' and visitors' aesthetic appreciation for and enjoyment of the city are protected and enhanced. These include: (a) important green and other open spaces, including green breaks between coastal settlements; (b) trees that make a significant contribution to the	The proposal seeks to remove trees that have been found to not significantly contribute to the visual landscape. However, anecdotally, they have been found to have a historical connection to the neighbourhood. As such, removing these trees will be inconsistent with these objectives and policies. The protection and the retention aspect of the proposal is, however, consistent with the proposal. The lagoon-side trees have been found to be significant

	visual landscape and history of neighbourhoods; (c) built heritage, including nationally recognised built heritage; (d) important visual landscapes and vistas; (e) the amenity and aesthetic coherence of different environments; and (f) the compact and accessible form of Dunedin.	contributors to the visual landscape, and possibly to the history of the neighbourhood. Protecting these trees via condition of consent will therefore protect these values for future generations.
Policy 2.4.1.2	Identify in a schedule trees that make a significant contribution to the visual and historical landscape and amenity of neighbourhoods and other places, and use rules to restrict removal or modification of these trees. Identify significant trees based on the following criteria: a) health and condition of the tree b) contribution to the amenity of an area c) any potential adverse effects	Note that these objectives and policies are the basis for protecting significant trees within Appendix A1.3 of the Proposed 2GP.

Strategic Directions Section / Dunedin is a City that Gives Effect to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, Protects Kāi Tahu Values, Culture and Traditions, and Enables Kāi Tahu to Express Kaitiakitaka

	Objective/Policy	Is the proposal consistent with or contrary to the objectives and policies?
Objective 2.5.3	Wāhi tūpuna: Wāhi tūpuna (including wāhi tapu and wāhi taoka) and their relationship with Kāi Tahu is acknowledged and protected.	The proposal is considered neutral to these objectives and policies. While the site is located within a wāhi tūpuna mapped area, the proposal does not threaten the wāhi tūpuna values of Hawksbury Lagoon/Matainaka.
Policy 2.5.3.1	Identify wāhi tūpuna and protect them from identified threats through rules that manage: (a) buildings, structures, forestry, network utility structures, roading, mining and earthworks on the upper slopes and peaks of hills and mauka; (b) earthworks in areas where there is high likelihood of archaeological remains; and (c) natural hazard mitigation activities and subdivision.	

Natural Environment Section:

	Objective/Policy	Is the proposal consistent with or contrary to the objectives and policies?
Objective 10.2.1	Biodiversity values are maintained or enhanced, including by protecting areas of significant indigenous vegetation and the significant habitats of indigenous fauna.	Eucalyptus trees are not indigenous vegetation. The proposed replanting will enhance the amount of indigenous fauna in an 'at risk' land environment. Mr Ewans (Council's Biodiversity Advisor) has stated that habitat values will be replaced in the medium term, and may be enhanced for native bird species due to a wider range of foods being available to them. The proposal is considered to be consistent with these objectives and policies.
Policy 10.2.1.1	Only allow land use, development and city-wide activities where biodiversity values are maintained or enhanced.	
Objective 10.2.2	The biodiversity values and natural character of the coast and riparian strip margins are maintained and enhanced.	The site adjoins a coastal reserve, being Hawksbury Lagoon. The nine unprotected eucalyptus trees are prominent from the reserve and contribute meaningfully to the reserve's amenity, according to Mr McKinlay. As such, retaining and protecting these nine trees is consistent with these objectives and policies.
Policy 10.2.2.1	Encourage conservation activity in coastal and riparian margins.	Conservation is defined as 'establishment, maintenance or enhancement of indigenous vegetation and/or habitat for indigenous fauna'. Replanting with native species is consistent with this policy because it will enhance indigenous vegetation within the area. Mr Ewans has advised that eucalyptus are a food source for native birds (such as tui, bellbird and fantail) and provide nectar for native insects, as such removing the eucalyptus trees is inconsistent with this policy. Retaining and protecting the eucalyptus trees along the coastal margin is considered to be maintain an adequate food source for native wildlife while the replanting is establishing, as such, overall the proposal is consistent with these objectives and policies.
Objective 10.2.3	Areas of outstanding natural coastal character (ONCC), high natural coastal character (HNCC), and natural coastal character (NCC) are protected from inappropriate use and development and their values, as identified in Appendix A5, are preserved or enhanced.	Adjoining the site lies Hawksbury Lagoon, which is an 'Area of Significant Biodiversity value'. These values relate to indigenous vegetation and habitats for indigenous fauna. Hawksbury Lagoon's values include wetland habitat values for native bird and fish species. Mr Ewans noted that eucalyptus trees provide habitat for native birdlife. Retaining and protecting the nine Hawksbury Lagoon-side trees is considered consistent with Objective 10.2.3. The policies were not considered
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10.2.3.13-		relevant to the proposal, as such the proposal is neutral to Policies 10.2.3.1.1 - 10.2.3.13
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Manawhenua Section

	Objective/Policy	Is the proposal consistent with or contrary to the objectives and policies?
Objective 14.2.1	The relationship between Manawhenua and the natural environment is maintained or enhanced, including the cultural values and traditions associated with: (a) wāhi tūpuna, (b) mahika kai; and (c) occupation of original native reserve land through papakāika.	The site is partially located in a Wāhi Tūpuna Area (Plan ID: 2, Name: Matainaka/Hawksbury Lagoon). The nine lagoon-side trees are situated in the Wahi Tupuna area, whereas the protected trees under group G089 are not. Matainaka/Hawksbury Lagoon's values are mahika kai, taumanu and wāhi taoka. The principal threats to these values are activities affecting water quality, including earthworks within or adjacent to the site, activities that affect access to the lagoon, including buildings, structures and public amenities close to the waterbody and natural hazard mitigation strategies.
Objective 14.2.1	Only allow activities in or adjacent to wetlands and coastal and riparian areas that are wāhi tūpuna and are identified as having mahika kai values in Appendix A4, where adverse effects on mahika kai are avoided, or if avoidance is not practicable, are no more than minor.	The proposal does not restrict access to Matainaka/Hawksbury Lagoon. The proposal is considered to be neutral to these objectives and policies.