# Application LUC.2015.507 Review Removal of Tawhairaunui (T663) 8 Kilgour St, Dunedin



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Review of application LUC-2015-507 in relation to STEM & Tree Risk reports

## Dear Craig,

Thank you for asking me to review the above application vis-a-vis the STEM & Tree Risk reports, contained within the application by you to remove a large Tawhairaunui (T663).

#### Review

Two main points arise from my reading of the application:

## Point 1.

I hold by my STEM (Standard Tree Evaluation Method) report, since my form is specifically designed to calculate a monetary value. Consequently, each field attribute is assessed conservatively because the total points are then multiplied by an actuarial factor of 75, and with additional inputs arrive at a final negotiable dollar value.

Such a valuation maybe used in a dispute, where it will be scrutinised intensely, and therefore each incremental part has to be assessed accurately.

#### Comment

In this instance, I would draw your attention to my STEM form 'Occurrence' & 'Visibility' fields.

In a quick tour of the vicinity looking for mature Tawhairaunui (Nothofagus fusca) I noted 8 trees (see attached map) within a 200m radius of 8 Kilgour St. Three of these trees are listed and stand within a 150m radius of T663. My estimation as 'common' (30%\_9pt) or frequent in the locality is accurate, I believe.

Equally, from my perspective I was unable to support a viewing distance greater than 0.5km (10%\_3pt) since the tree is surrounded by houses and stands in a hollow 3 metres below road level. (See STEM report)





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#### Point 2.

My Tree Risk Assessment report is not in conflict with the DCC arborist's report; they actually concur, in fact. The report writer has seemingly missed the section on mitigation measures, which would reduce the 'High' risk rating to 'Low', if these remedial measures were persued. This is exactly the same as the recommendation by the DCC arborist.

However, the remedial treework requires a large initial cost input, plus ongoing maintenance, which the landowner is bound to carry.

#### Conclusion

In my opinion, the Tawhairaunui (T663) does not achieve the requisite number of 147 points required for inclusion as a DCC significant tree. Furthermore, it is taken as given that the structual integrity of the tree has lead to a high risk rating, due to a poorly attached major branch. This large branch has a high failure probability, in 100kph<sup>+</sup> storms. (see tree risk form)

These are the salient facts to consider in respect of the current application LUC-2015-507 for removal of Tawhairaunui (T663).

This brief review covers several contentious points in the application and I hope they are explained clearly for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Peter Waynouth

Yours sincerely,

Peter Waymouth



# STEM: Standard Tree Evaluation Method (NZ) (Adapted from RNZIH - www.rnzih.org.nz - Ron Flook 1996)

Date: 13 / 10 / 15

Tree Evaluation for: Craig Smith, Property: 8 Kilgour St, Dunedin GPS: Lat -45.870785°S Lon 170.484915°E E hatchfishing@me.com. M 027 646 9419

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Species: Tawhairaunui (Fuscospora fusca) T663  $H \le 18m$   $S \le 10m$   $DBH \le 0.8m$   $Age \le 75yrs$ 

1. Condition of t	ree (points)	3 (10%)	9 (30%)	15 (50%)	21 (70%)	27(90%)	Score
Form (si	tructure / appearance)	inferior	average	superior	fine	superb	15
Occurrence	(frequency in locality)	frequent	common	isolated	scarce	rare	9
Vigour/Vitality	(health)	poor	fair	favourable	good	excellent	15
Function	(usefulness)	small	practical	important	significant	major	15
Age	(years)	10 yrs+	20 yrs+	40 yrs+	80 yrs+	100yrs+	15
Subtot	al Points						69

2. Amenity	Values (points)	3 (10%)	9 (30%)	15 (50%)	<b>21</b> <sub>(70%)</sub>	27 (90%)	Score
Stature	(greater of height or spread)	3m - 8m	9m -14m	15m -20m	21m -26m	27m+	15
Visibility	(from unseen to landmark)	0.5km	1.0km	2.0km	4.0km	8.0km	3
Proximity	(presence of other trees)	forest	woodland	group 10+	group 3+	solitary	21
Role	(as landscape element)	lesser	modest	prime	crucial	notable	9
Climate	(Micro-ecological effect)	slight	normal	valuable	vital	critical	15
S	Subtotal Points						63

3. Valuation	(based on replacement cost equivalent) ₩	Σ	Calculations	
a. Total Points	(1. + 2.)	а	69 + 63 = 132	TP = 132
b. Unit cost -10 x 1yr tree	(H = 0.4m, S = 0.2m,DBH = 0.02m∅) ★	р	∴(132 TP x 75)=	\$9,900.00
c. Cost of planting (10 tree-h	oles 0.5mØ x 0.25m depth, plant & mulch)	С	3hr@\$40/hr	\$120.00
d. Maintenance period (ove	er equivalent period to approx tree age) +	d	(75x10x4)=	\$3,000.00
e. Wholesale value	(gst incl)	е	(a x b)+(c +d)=e	13,020.00
f. Retail Value	(2e) #	f		\$26,040.00



#### Explanation of terms used above

- Flook formula for wholesale value (a x b) + (c + d) = e. Ref. ISA Journal of Arboriculture 28(1) Jan 2002
- ★ Unit cost based on 10 replacement trees @\$7.50 each = \$75.00
- → Maintenance equivalent = Age of tree x 10 replacements x \$4.00 p.a.
- # Retail Value is twice wholesale  $\Rightarrow$  (2 x e) = f. Ref. ISA Journal of Arboriculture 28(1) Jan 2002

Application LUC-2015-507 for removal of Nothofagus fusca (T663) at 8 Kilgour St, Dunedin

22.02.16

With reference to Greentrees STEM report regarding the Condition of Tree\_'Occurrence' rating there are 8 mature Nothofagus fusca (Tawhairaunui) trees shown on the DCC rates map below, leading to a 9 point (30%) score as 'common' in the locality.

Equally, the Amenity Values\_'Visibility' rating is 3 points (10%) since T663 cannot be seen further away than 0.5km, largely because the tree stands in a hollow about 3 metres below Kilgour street level.

NZ Red Beech (Nothofagus fusca) H≤20m S≤20m DBH≤1.3mØ photography DCC, Jan/Feb 2013, CC BY 3.0 NZ

8 Mature Red Beech trees within a 200m radius of T663 at 8 Kilgour St

Legend:



= 10m<sup>+</sup> Nothofagus fusca



= 5m<sup>+</sup> Nothofagus fusca

Explanation of 2 points contained in the STEM report for T663 compiled by:

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Reference material:

'A Standard Tree Evaluation Method' written by Ron Flook

Publisher: Ron Flook, September 1996

ISBN: 0-473-04039-5



Date: 12/10/15



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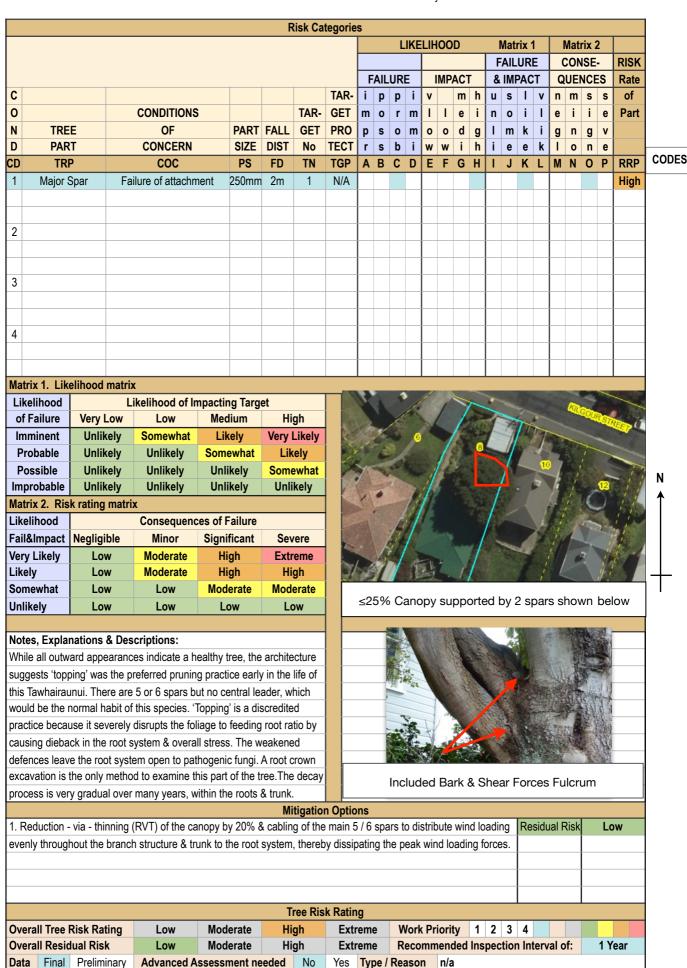
Inspection Limitations

None

Visibility

Access

Date: 12/10/15



Vines

Root Collar Buried Describe: Shrubs at trunk base (sou'east)



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**P1090814.JPG** 15.VTA,12.RVT,18.Consult,17.Trees



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To: 31 July 2016 at 4pm

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