

## Part 6

### TREE

#### APP48 – Notable tree pruning or removal certificate

1. This form is used to certify that a removal or pruning of a Notable tree or tree listed in a Notable group of trees (as listed in the Nelson Plan) is necessary. In the case of removal, this report must be completed and signed by a professional technician arborist and confirm that the tree:
    - a. is dead; or
    - b. has been so significantly damaged by a natural event that it presents a risk to life or property; or
    - c. is so diseased or structurally unsound that there is no effective remedial solution.
  2. In the case of pruning, this report must be completed and signed by a professional technician arborist and confirm that the work is either:
    - a. the removal from a tree crown of branches which are dead, dying, damaged or broken; or
    - b. crown or end-weight reduction pruning to reduce risk or improve the longevity or long term health of the tree, and that such pruning is not undertaken successively to incrementally reduce the size of the tree or remove the tree; or
    - c. the removal (canopy lifting) or reduction in length of lower tree branches extending over the road reserve to maintain clearance and sightlines for pedestrians and traffic (including cyclists); or
    - d. in the case of trees damaged by natural events (such as storms or earthquakes), crown restoration pruning carried out to ensure health and safety and remedial work to correct damage; or
    - e. the selective removal of branches to increase light penetration through the crown where:
      - i. after pruning at least half of the foliage is on the branches in the lower two-thirds of the tree; and
      - ii. half of the foliage on laterals on the inner two-thirds of a branch is retained, provided that such removal shall not be used successively to incrementally reduce the size of the tree, or to remove the tree; and
      - iii. larger, older trees are not thinned or lion-tailed to the point it threatens the health or structural integrity of the tree or limb; or
  3. the canopy reduction or shortening of limbs to comply with the current Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003; or
  4. pruning subject to an order under section 333 of the Property Law Act 2007.
  5. This certificate must be delivered to the planning team administrator **five working days prior** to the work being undertaken, unless the work is carried out pursuant to **section 330 of the RMA** and the tree cannot be made safe (photos must be taken prior to any work commencing under **section 330 of the RMA**).
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## Tree details

Address:

Botanical name:

Cultivar:

Common name:

Nelson Plan unique tree ID number:

Tree category:

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## Owner details

Owner's full name:

Email:

Phone number:

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## Assessor

Date of inspection:

Name of assessor:

Company:

Email:

Phone number:

Qualifications:

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## Tree assessment

Height:

Spread E/W(m):

Diameter(m):

Proposed work:

Explanation:

Assessor observations and recommendation:

Alternatives considered:

Is the work being carried out pursuant to **section 330 of the RMA** (Emergency works):

If so, what are the reasons for the urgency:

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## Photos:

File names of attached photos:

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I confirm that the proposed work on the \_\_\_\_\_ (*Botanical name*),  
located at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of tree) and listed in the Nelson Plan under ID number  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ID number) has been assessed and meets the criteria for pruning or  
removal as described in TREE-R4 and TREE-R5 respectively.

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(Signature of Assessor)

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(Date)