


## NEW SOUTH LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE BUILDING – REMOVAL OF TREES

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At the March meeting of the Project Control Group meeting, a report was received on the need to remove three additional trees from the above site. The PCG was advised that it had been discovered that the existing Ash and Kowhai trees were in the line of the path at the end of the walkway. The project's Landscape Architect had discussed the trees with the Council's arborists and received permission to remove them. A proposal to retain a large Schinus tree, also obstructing the line of the pathway, was also considered; however, the cost of \$15,000 was felt to be too great to accept the proposal, and it was decided to remove this tree also.

A start was made on removal of the trees yesterday, and the Schinus and Kowhai were removed. However, following concerns raised, the Project Manager was called to a meeting on site with Carole Anderton, the Chairman and staff. The remaining Ash tree has not been removed. This morning the Project Manager has met with the Landscape Architect and Deiter Steinegg, and a plan is being prepared to retain the Ash. This information will be available within the next two to three days.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.