

**8. REPORT ON THE REMOVAL OF A TREE LOCATED IN THE STREET
OUTSIDE 25 CLAREMONT AVENUE**

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a request by a resident, reference 90297818, to gain approval for the removal of a street tree. The tree is not a protected tree and it is not a health and safety issue, hence approval is sought from the Community Board.

The tree, *Malus spp* (Crab apple), outside number 25 is approximately 4m in height with a girth (at 1.4m) of 600mm. It exhibits some root damage, trunk wounds and dieback/deadwood in canopy; it is otherwise a healthy tree and one of the large and better quality trees in the street. These trees do not appear to have been maintained recently and this tree would be due for pruning in due course. There does not appear to be an arboricultural reason to remove the tree at this stage.

However, a building consent, reference number ABA 10032304, has been granted by Council and hence a vehicle crossing is required for access to the property. Directly in conflict with this crossing is the street tree. The house and garage have been constructed and there appears to be no alternative but to remove the tree in order to complete the development. The street is comprised entirely of *Malus spp* situated within the road seal, beyond the kerb and channel. Removal of any tree within this street would be difficult or impractical to replace until such time that the street was upgraded. This work has not been confirmed at present.

In conclusion, it will be necessary to remove the tree.

Staff

Recommendation: It is recommended that the tree be removed and not replaced.

Chairperson's

Recommendation:

1. That the staff recommendation be adopted.
2. That the Board raise the issue of new development impact on existing trees and the environment, including the neighbouring street environment, with Jane Parfitt, General Manager City Environment and Peter Mitchell, General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services.