

## 5. PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL – ANTIGUA RESERVE, BROUGHAM STREET

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to respond to a request to remove the poplar tree in Antigua Reserve (adjacent to 157 Brougham Street) as outlined in Mrs Pamment's deputation to the Board meeting of 17 May 2005. Approval is also being sought to remove a semi-mature ash tree and birch tree from the same reserve.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A request has been received, via the Community Board, from the resident of 157 Brougham Street, to remove the poplar tree in Antigua Reserve.
3. Antigua Reserve is situated on the corner of Brougham Street and Antigua Street and the tree is dominant in the reserve and immediate landscape.
4. Staff met with Mrs Pamment and the neighbour from 34 Antigua Street on Tuesday 10 May 2005 on site. The concerns raised by the neighbours are ones of nuisance, ie leaves/debris, which when wet create a potential slip hazard, and the threat posed by the size, situation and nature of the tree.
5. During this site visit, two other trees (a semi-mature birch tree and ash tree) were also identified as being suitable for removal at the same time, as the species seem inappropriate due to the "native planting" theme of the reserve, as well as the potential problems the trees will create over time.
6. The poplar tree is maturing, planted approximately 20 years ago. It has attained a height of approaching 20 metres with a similar canopy spread, and a girth of approximately 3 metres (1 metre diameter).
7. The poplar tree is a healthy tree showing vigour and vitality, but with some minor deadwood in the canopy. Other observations of the canopy noted pruning wounds, particular, p i) atta, p ov(6())-9(nt

14. As mitigation for the loss of landscape amenity, planting of a suitable replacement species is advised.
15. Should approval be granted for the removal of the semi-mature birch and ash trees the proposal would be to also plant species more in keeping with the theme of the reserve.

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