

7. EUCALYPTUS TREE NEAR PACKE STREET RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the proposed protection of a large Eucalyptus Tree situated at 117 Cannon Street, adjacent to the Packe Street Reserve.

The protection of the tree, a *Eucalyptus linearis* – willow peppermint gum, was requested by Mr Bill Sykes, a botanist, living near the Packe Street Reserve.

An evaluation of the suitability of the tree for protection, using the evaluation systems in the proposed City Plan, found the tree scored a total of 32 points. A minimum of 30 points is required for the tree to be considered worthy of protection as a notable tree. A copy of the evaluation field record sheet for the tree in question is attached. The details of the Eucalypt have been added to the list of trees proposed to be protected.

PROCEDURE FOR ADDING TREES TO THE CITY PLAN LIST

The list of protected Heritage and Notable trees is in Appendix 4 of Part 10 of the proposed City Plan. Any additional trees the Council wants to add to the list, must be added by way of a “variation” to the city plan, or a “plan change”. This involves the list of proposed notable trees being publicly notified, and the Council dealing with any submissions or appeals that may result from the notification.

Prior to the City Plan becoming “operative”, the Council may initiate variations to the plan. However, the Council has currently decided not to proceed with any further variations at this stage as there is a risk that any submissions or appeals in response to a variation being notified, may cause a major delay in the proposed plan becoming operative.

Once the current outstanding appeals have been dealt with, and the plan declared to be operative, the Council can proceed with a variation to include a new list of protected trees in the City Plan. At present however, it is estimated that it will be at least two years before the proposed City Plan becomes operative.

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Recommendation:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Board support the protection process for this tree.
3. That Board members be urged to attend the training session on preservation of trees to be held at the Fendalton Service Centre on 6 December 2000 (12.00 noon –2.00 pm).