

Chapter 6 – Natural Features and Landscapes

Important Amenity Landscapes

Overview

The current District Plan identifies and provides protection for Natural Features and Landscapes in accordance with the requirements in the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

These landscapes were identified in 1995 and given protection through varying zoning techniques and the resource consent process. Since then, changes have been made to how natural features and landscapes are identified, protected, and maintained.

Current Rules

- Other than the use of zoning techniques and resource consent monitoring, there are no specific rules relating to Important Amenity Landscapes.

Key Changes Proposed

- A new Natural Features and Landscapes Chapter (Chapter 6), with associated plan maps, has been developed to clearly identify key landscapes and features that should be protected.
- Five important Amenity Landscapes have been identified in the City:
 - Upuhue;
 - Harbour edge of Matapihi;
 - Harbour edge of Bethlehem;
 - Wairoa River
 - Coastal Dunelands (in part)

Reason for the Change

- These landscapes and features were not included as Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, however they are considered highly important. They provide unique roles, while not dominant, are characteristic of Tauranga City and should be managed appropriately to limit development in and along the edges of these landscapes.
- Changes are proposed to allow Council to meet Resource Management Act (RMA) requirements in regard to Important Amenity Landscapes.

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The edge of the Matapihi Peninsula is identified as an Important Amenity Landscape.



Parts of the Open Coast are identified as Important Amenity Landscapes



The Wairoa River and its margins are identified as an Important Amenity Landscape in the City Plan.