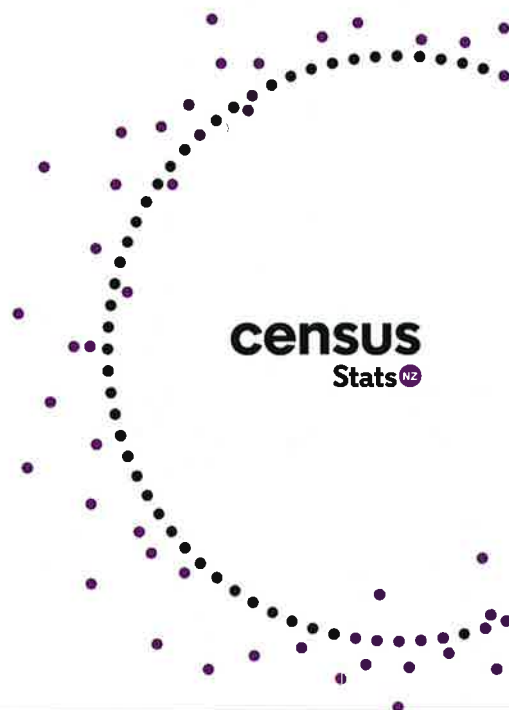


## Te Karearea Strategic Forum

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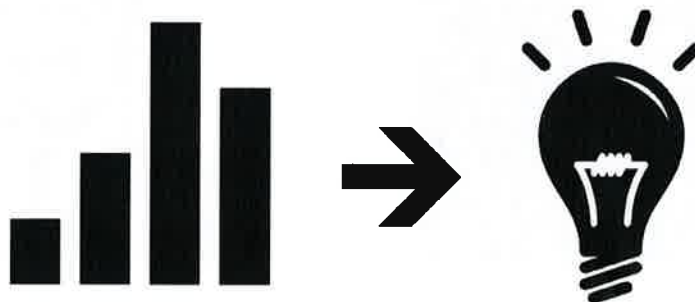


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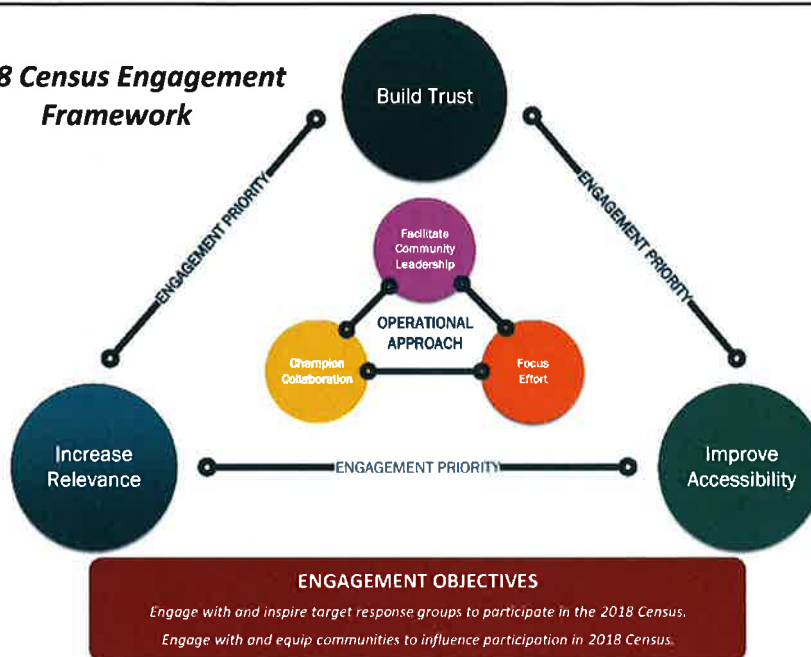
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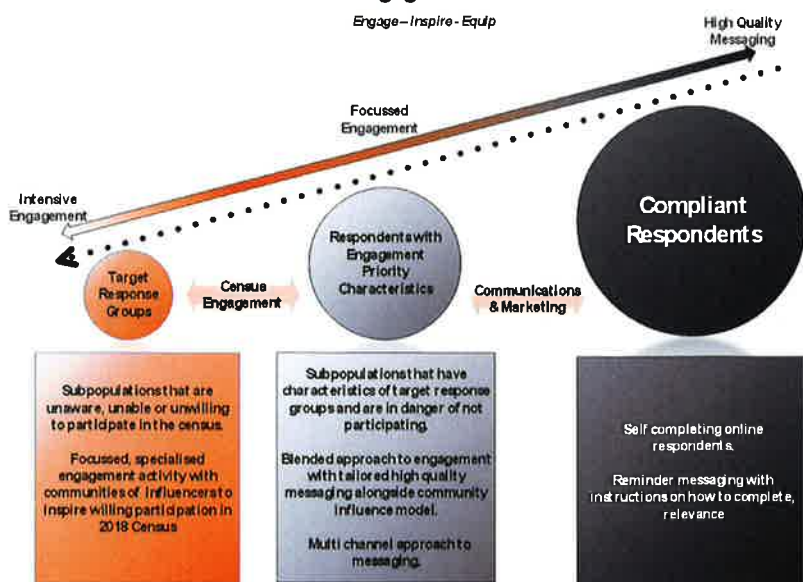
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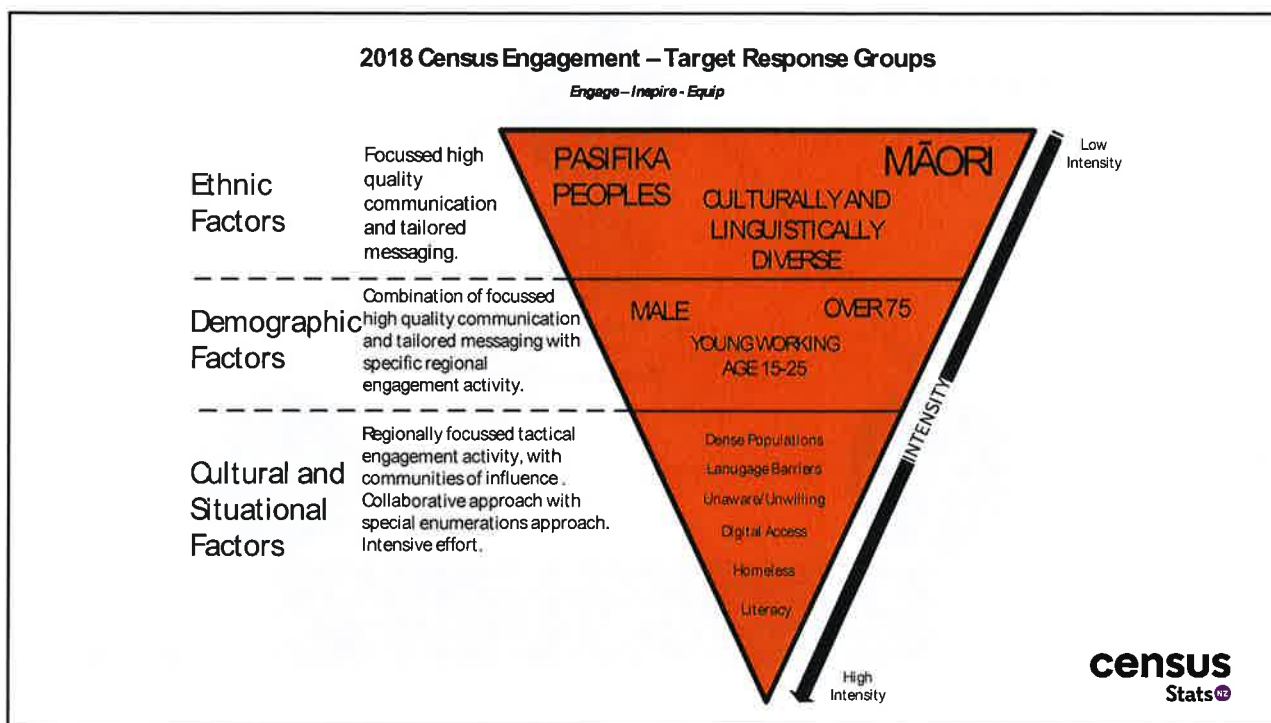


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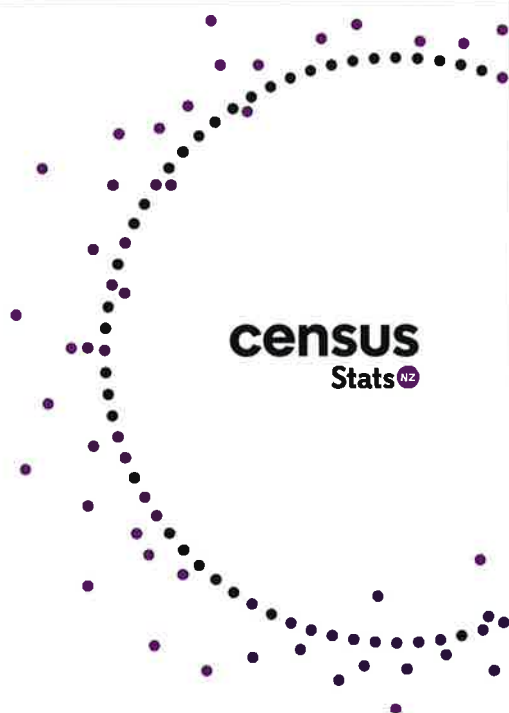


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- Notable & Public Trees

## PC129 – Notable & Public Trees

*Presentation to Te Karearea*



**B&A**

David Badham  
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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017

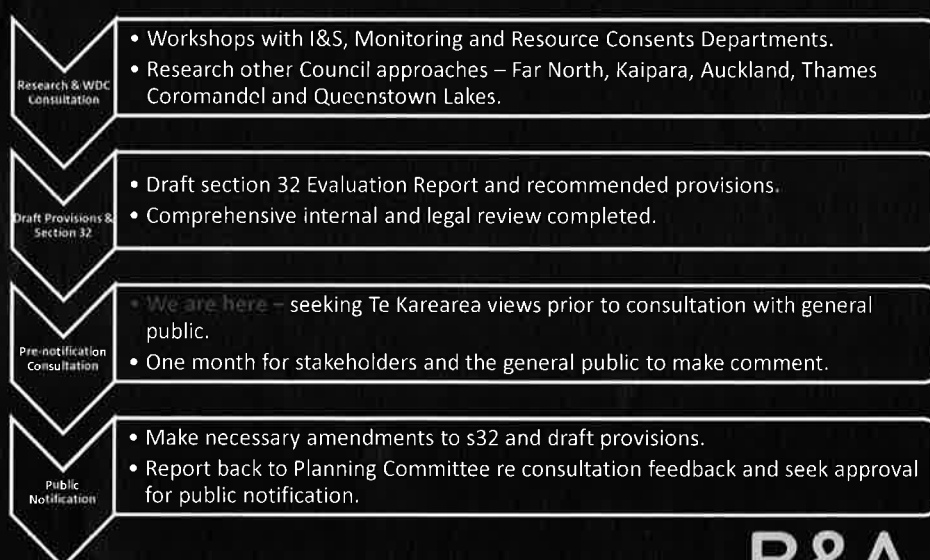
# Introduction

## Presentation Outline:

- Where are we now?
- Existing “Heritage Tree” Provisions.
- Internal Feedback from Council departments.
- Proposed “Notable and Public Tree” provisions.
- Next Steps.

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## Where are we now?



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## Existing Provisions

- Chapters 14 – Objectives & policies.
- Chapter 59 – Rules for trimming, removal and works within dripline.
- Appendix 2 – Schedule of Heritage Trees scored using Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM™).
- Appendix 2 – General tree protection note for trees over certain size in road reserve or reserves administered by Council.

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## Internal Feedback

- Cost of resource consents.
- Transparency of blanket Resource Consent.
- Appropriate Balance between protection and allowing necessary works.
- No issue with current STEM™ criteria.
- Difficulty in monitoring and compliance.
- Misconception associated with the term “Heritage Tree”.

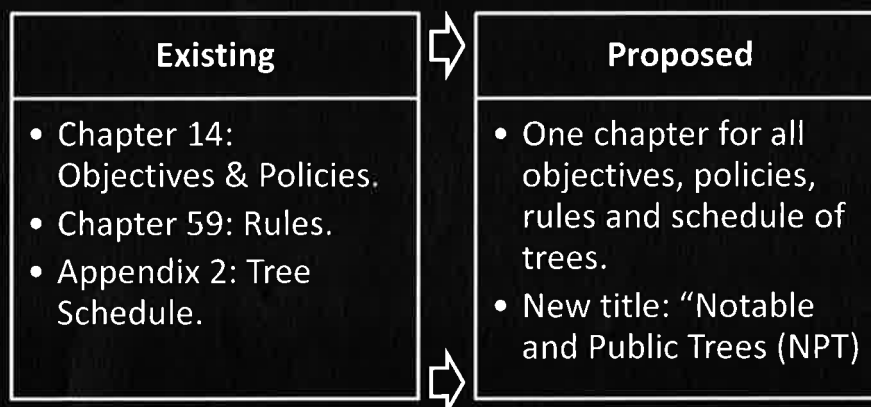
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## Other Councils' Approach

- Variation in approaches taken.
- Majority of Councils researched use STEM™.
- Some have one overall chapter, others have multiple chapters.
- Most have general protection of public trees.
- Greater use of non-statutory tree strategies in some Councils.

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## One Chapter



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## Notable & Public Trees

Existing	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provisions only for Heritage Trees (which include public trees via note in Appendix 2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate provisions for Notable Trees and public trees.</li> <li>Greater protection for Notable Trees.</li> <li>Allowance for more works for public trees.</li> </ul>

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## What is a Notable Tree?

Existing	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred to as "Heritage Trees". Trees listed in Appendix 2.</li> <li>Scored using criteria in Schedule 14A, derived from STEM™.</li> <li>Trees scoring 100+ points are heritage trees in Appendix 2.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Heritage Tree" becomes "Notable Tree".</li> <li>Refer solely to STEM™ for criteria and scoring.</li> <li>Keep 100+ score requirement.</li> <li>Retain existing Schedule in Appendix 2.</li> <li>Public can make submissions to add / remove trees from the schedule during notification.</li> </ul>

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## What is a Public Tree?

### Existing

- Heritage Tree includes: "Any tree greater than 6.0m in height or with a girth (measured 500mm above the ground) greater than 600mm located within a road reserve or reserve administered by the council."
- Blanket Resource Consent obtained by I&S allows removal of pest species.

### Proposed

- "Any tree or trees located within a road reserve, park or reserve administered by Whangarei District Council greater than 6.0m in height or with a girth (measured 1.4m above the ground) greater than 600mm."
- Exceptions for pest species in blanket resource consent included to increase transparency.

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## Objectives & Policies

Existing	⇒	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 objective referring to “heritage values”.</li> <li>• 4 supporting Policies</li> </ul>	⇒	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Objectives: Notable Trees, Public Trees &amp; provision of future trees.</li> <li>• 3 Supporting policies (including number of sub-points).</li> </ul>

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## Trimming & Alteration

Existing	Proposed
Trimming Permitted if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of dead wood.</li> <li>• 50mm branch diameter.</li> <li>• 1/3 foliage removed in a year.</li> <li>• Undertaken by an arborist.</li> <li>• Emergency works.</li> <li>• Network utility trimming.</li> </ul>	Trimming Permitted if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of dead wood.</li> <li>• Notable Trees: 100mm.</li> <li>• Public trees: 100mm.</li> <li>• 10% crown in a year.</li> <li>• Undertaken by an arborist.</li> <li>• Emergency works.</li> <li>• Network utility trimming.</li> <li>• Notable Trees: Written notice to Council.</li> <li>• Public Trees: works required to maintain sightlines / visibility.</li> </ul>

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## Works within Dripline

Existing	Proposed
Restricted discretionary RC required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction or alteration of any structure, excavation of land or formation of new impervious surfaces in the dripline of a scheduled tree.</li> </ul>	Same as existing, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discretionary RC required.</li> <li>• Public Trees: Specific allowance for thrusting to a depth greater than 650mm for network utilities supervised by an arborist.</li> </ul>

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## Tree Removal

Existing		Proposed
Destruction or removal is a discretionary activity.	⇒	Same as existing, damage or removal is a discretionary activity.

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## Subdivision

Existing		Proposed
<p>Rules in the subdivision chapters. Restricted Discretionary RC required if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage trees located within more than one allotment.</li> <li>• Heritage Trees are in identified building areas.</li> </ul>	⇒	<p>Rules in the NPT Chapter. Discretionary RC required if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100m<sup>2</sup> building platform outside of dripline of Notable and public trees cannot be provided.</li> <li>• Root zone or dripline of a Notable tree is located on more than one site.</li> </ul>

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## Assessment Criteria

Existing	Proposed
No assessment criteria for discretionary RC applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment criteria for discretionary RC applications to guide applicants / decision makers.</li> <li>• Consequential changes to matters of control and assessment criteria for subdivision to require consideration of the protection of existing trees.</li> </ul>

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## Next Steps

- Incorporate any feedback from Te Karearea.
- Allow one month for stakeholders and the general public to make comment.
- Collate public feedback, amend section 32 and provisions as necessary.
- Present PC129 to Planning Committee for approval for public notification.

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# **Whangarei District Council**

## **2017 Māori Wards**

Dale Ofsoke, Electoral Officer, 16 August 2017



# Objectives

- Provide overview on potential establishment of Māori wards
- Obtain general guidance

# Key Issues

- Māori wards
  - iwi consultation
  - criteria
  - decision by 23 November 2017

# Māori Wards

- Establishment optional
  - Legal obligations
    - LGA sec 4 - Treaty of Waitangi: ‘...to maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes...’
    - LGA sec 14(d) - ‘a local authority should provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision-making’
    - RMA changes – iwi participate in resource management and decision-making processes under the Act
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# Māori Wards

- Consult with iwi
  - do iwi want Māori wards?
  - are there other options preferred?
    - Māori Standing Committees
    - Iwi Partnership Models
      - Rotorua District Council/Te Arawa Partnership
      - Gisborne District Council
      - Taranaki Regional Council
    - Māori Statutory Board (Auckland only)

# Māori Wards

- Others with Māori wards/constituencies
  - Bay of Plenty Regional Council (2001)
  - Waikato Regional Council (2013)
  - Wairoa District Council (2019)

# Māori Wards

- If established, formula based on Māori and General electoral populations
  - if retain 13 members, 2 Māori, 11 general
- Criteria to establish
  - by Council resolution
  - result of public poll
    - poll called by Council
    - poll demanded by electors

# Māori Wards

- Council resolution
  - is optional
  - can resolve any time, but for 2019 election, made by 23 November 2017
    - takes effect for the 2019 & 2022 triennial elections
    - public notice required by 30 November 2017
    - in notice, right of 5% (2,892) electors to demand a poll



# Māori Wards

- Public poll
    - Council can resolve or public demand any time
    - for result of poll for 2019 elections
      - resolution required or public demand received by 21 February 2018
      - poll held by 21 May 2018
      - results binding for 2019 & 2022 elections
    - cost implication (\$90k + GST)
  - Other polls held
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# Timetable

- Māori wards
  - by 23 November 2017 – resolution (if required)
  - by 30 November 2017 –public notice (if required)
  - by 21 February 2018 - demand for poll/Council resolution for poll
  - by 21 May 2018 – poll concluded (if required)

# **Whangarei District Council**

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