

Subject **Fwd: your bush**  
From Pat Russell <patrussell61@gmail.com>  
To MDCA <info@ourmapua.org>  
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Hi Marion,

This is what I'm fighting for. Why I needed time while Kirby was at the meeting - although it did no good as they issued the Consent with the destructive Condition included anyway while we were still actively arguing against it.

This is important! As you can readily see from the report. It deserved MDCA time! It is a small area but a huge local resource. Under threat from TDC.

Kind regards,  
Pat

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Michael North" <totara@ts.co.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: your bush  
**Date:** 16 July 2020 at 1:06:03 PM NZST  
**To:** "Pat Russell" <patrussell61@gmail.com>

Pat, attached is the report that I have just submitted to council.

Michael

On 15/07/2020 6:10:02 PM, Pat Russell <patrussell61@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Michael. I much appreciate the time you spent here and what you are prepared to state to TDC. It is a brutal circumstance that should not occur and should never have been proposed, and yet here we are. These people are a blight and are amoral untutored bullies. But here we are. Too many have said that and no change.

Nothing will happen for a year or two as I can't bring myself to take the Consent to separate Title and sell the section as that is the point, as I understand it, the bank cutback damage will be done.

It has been quite a learning experience. I feel tremendous guilt as I did not understand, as an incomer, the heritage value of what was cut. I do very much hope Forest & Bird will become involved and bring people here to see and enjoy and... whatever in the tree belt.

There must be an engineering intervention that will give the rimu - not 'mine' but in my care - a better than 50:50 chance of survival from TDC's brute behaviour. After all, it is on paper my land. Not theirs to destroy.

Can you recommend that the cutback is 4m not 4.5m - as the road was already widened and the bank scraped back when the hump was taken out and the sidewalk was put in across the road? The road all along here is already wider than the standard 3.5m from the median.

Can you recommend that the steepness of cutback by the rimu is 1:1? The bank is much lower there so it should be fine and the steeper angle might spare the roots to some degree by bringing the top of the cutback further out. Surely they can do those two things!

Also, please can you write in that a boardwalk section should go under the beech so they don't excavate to put in compacted hard core and drains.

These would need to be written into a reference engineering plan for the project or any sense and gain is lost and the argument to preserve them starts all over again. It's my last throw, I have no additional means of trying to protect the trees. So wrong.

Kind regards,

Pat

On Wed, 15 Jul 2020, 15:44 Michael North, <[totara@ts.co.nz](mailto:totara@ts.co.nz)> wrote:

hi Pat

just to let you know i consider the bush 'significant' in the context of the ecological district, and will file a report to that affect to the council by tomorrow. What will then happen, who knows. I would like to think that the council would avoid deliberately damaging a Significant Natural Area by way of a consent order.

This does not include the lone rimu that stands away from the bush beside the road fence. It may have been planted of course. In any case, all I can do is recommend that the walkway/cycleway avoid the root zone of this rimu.

best wishes

Michael