

## HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL VALUES

# HH – Historic Heritage

## HH-APP4 – Clearance of Indigenous Vegetation

Refer GRUZ-R1 to GRUZ-R29, NH-R1 to NH-R11.

This rule shall not apply to the heritage places listed in HH-APP1 or HH-APP2. Rules on the modification of these places are instead contained in the Historic Heritage Chapter.

### Permitted

1. Clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* shall be a permitted activity if it meets any one of Rules a to f below:
  - a. The activity is limited to wind thrown trees or trees that have become dangerous to human life or property.
  - b. The activity is limited to *indigenous vegetation* which has been planted and managed specifically for the purpose of harvesting or clearance.
  - c. The activity is limited to *indigenous vegetation* that occurs underneath exotic plantation forestry.
  - d. The activity is associated with the operation and maintenance or *minor upgrading* of existing utilities, but excluding their expansion.
  - e. The activity is necessary for the maintenance of existing tracks, or existing structures such as farm troughs and fencelines.
  - f. The activity is limited to clearance, modification or harvesting of an agricultural or horticultural crop, (including grazing pasture).
2. Clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* (except the clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* listed in c below) shall also be a permitted activity if it meets any one of Rules a to c below:
  - a. The activity is limited to vegetation consisting of early successional manuka, kanuka, bracken or ring fern which has grown naturally from previously cleared

land (i.e. regrowth) in the period up to 10 years before the date of clearance and modification.

- b. The activity does not include:
  - i. An area of *indigenous vegetation* over one hectare with an average canopy *height* of at least 6m; or
  - ii. An area of *indigenous vegetation* of 5ha or greater which has an actual or emerging predominance of indigenous tree species of any *height* (where ‘tree species’ is any species which may attain a diameter at breast *height* of 30cm or greater).
- c. The activity is limited to no more than 50m<sup>3</sup> of timber per 10 year period per certificate of title, solely for private use (i.e. shall not be sold or gifted to a third party) or for use by tangata whenua for culturally appropriate purposes such as rongoa, waka, traditional *buildings* or marae-based activities.

## Restricted Discretionary

1. Despite Rule 2 above, the clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* shall be a *restricted discretionary activity* if:
  - a. The activity involves the clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* within a *wetland*, or
  - b. The activity involves the clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* within the coastal vegetation area shown on the Planning Maps, and the vegetation concerned is not within an artificially-created *wetland* or within an area of production forest or pasture.
2. Clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* shall also be a *restricted discretionary activity* if the activity involves the clearance, modification or harvesting of *indigenous vegetation* not permitted under 1 or 2 above.