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This document is a summary of the relevant Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) (AUP (OP)) chapters to assist with determining if mana whenua values can be considered in relation to a consent application under the AUP (OP).

The AUP (OP) is updated over time and updates will be made to these chapter summaries quarterly. This chapter summary reflects the AUP (OP) provisions as of June 2021. As changes may be made to the AUP (OP) more frequently than this document is updated, please refer to the AUP (OP) for the full text and provisions.

E15. Vegetation management and biodiversity

E15.4. Activity table

Table E15.4.1 Activity table - Auckland-wide vegetation and biodiversity management rules

Activity		Activity status
Use		
All zones outside the RUB and all riparian and coastal areas (as described below)		
(A1)	Biosecurity tree works	P
(A2)	Dead wood removal	P
(A3)	Vegetation pruning, alteration or removal for customary use	P
(A4)	Emergency tree works	P
(A5)	Forestry and farming activities as existing at 30 September 2013	P
(A6)	Pest plant removal	P
(A7)	Conservation planting	P
(A8)	Vegetation alteration or removal for routine maintenance within 3m of existing buildings	P
(A9)	Vegetation alteration or removal for routine operation, maintenance and repair of existing tracks, lawns, gardens, fences, shelterbelts and other lawfully established activities	P
All zones outside the RUB		
(A10)	Vegetation alteration or removal, including cumulative removal on a site over a 10-year period, of greater than 250m ² of indigenous vegetation that: (a) is contiguous vegetation on a site or sites existing on 30 September 2013; and (b) is outside the rural urban boundary	RD
Riparian areas (as described below)		
(A11)	Vegetation alteration or removal within a Wetland Management Areas Overlay	D
(A12)	Vegetation alteration or removal of any vegetation within a Natural Stream Management Areas Overlay	RD
(A13)	Vegetation alteration or removal within 50m of the shore of a lake within a Natural Lake Management Areas Overlay	RD

(A14)	Vegetation alteration or removal within 30m of the shore of a lake within an Urban Lake Management Areas Overlay	RD
(A15)	Vegetation alteration or removal within 20m of rural lakes	RD
(A16)	Vegetation alteration or removal within 20m of rural streams, other than those in Rural – Rural Production Zone and Rural – Mixed Rural Zone	RD
(A17)	Vegetation alteration or removal within 10m of rural streams in the Rural – Rural Production Zone and Rural – Mixed Rural Zone	RD
(A18)	Vegetation alteration or removal within 20m of a natural wetland, in the bed of a river or stream (permanent or intermittent), or lake	RD
(A19)	Vegetation alteration or removal within 10m of urban streams	RD
Coastal areas (as described below)		
(A20)	Vegetation alteration or removal of greater than 25m ² of contiguous vegetation, or tree alteration or tree removal of any indigenous tree over 3m in height, within 50m of mean high water springs in the Rural –Rural Production Zone, Rural –Mixed Rural Zone, Rural –Rural Coastal Zone, Rural –Rural Conservation Zone, Rural – Waitakere Ranges Zone and Rural – Countryside Living Zone or Future Urban Zone	RD
(A21)	Vegetation alteration or removal of greater than 25m ² of contiguous vegetation or tree alteration or tree removal of any indigenous tree over 3m in height within 20m of mean high water springs in all zones other than in a Rural – Rural Production Zone, Rural – Mixed Rural Zone, Rural – Rural Coastal Zone, Rural – Rural Conservation Zone, Rural – Waitakere Ranges Zone and Rural –Countryside Living Zone or Future Urban Zone	RD
(A22)	Vegetation alteration or removal of greater than 25m ² of contiguous vegetation, or tree alteration or tree removal of any indigenous tree over 3m in height, that is within: (a) a horizontal distance of 20m from the top of any cliff with; (b) a slope angle steeper than 1 in 3 (18 degrees); and (c) within 150m of mean high water springs	RD
All other zones and areas not covered above		
(A22A)	Vegetation alteration or removal	P
All areas		
(A23)	Permitted activities in Table E15.4.1 that do not comply with one or more of the standards in E15.6	RD

Table E15.4.2 Vegetation and biodiversity management in overlays [other than in

the coastal marine area]

Activity		SEA -T [rp]	ONF										HNC	ONC	ONL	
			A1	A	V1	V2	B	C	D	E	F1	F2				
General																
(A24)	Permitted, controlled and restricted discretionary activities in Table E15.4.2 that do not comply with one or more of the standards in E15.6	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Use																
(A25)	Vegetation alteration or removal of up to and including 25m ² of any contiguous indigenous vegetation	NA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
(A26)	Vegetation alteration or removal of greater than 25m ² of any contiguous indigenous vegetation	NA	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
(A27)	Vegetation alteration or removal of up to 50m ² of any	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	P	P	P	

	contiguous indigenous vegetation														
(A28)	Vegetation alteration or removal of greater than 50m ² of any contiguous indigenous vegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	RD	RD	RD
(A29)	Vegetation alteration or removal within a SEA for a building platform and access way for one dwelling per site	C	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
(A30)	Vegetation alteration or removal within a SEA on Māori land or treaty settlement land for: (a) one marae per site; (b) up to 30 dwellings per site; (c) activities associated with a marae and with papakāinga	C	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	RD	NA	NA	RD	RD	RD
(A31)	Biosecurity tree works	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A32)	Deadwood removal	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A33)	Emergency tree works	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A34)	Vegetation alteration or removal for customary use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A35)	Forestry and farming	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P

	activities as existing at 30 September 2013														
(A36)	Pest plant removal	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A37)	Conservation planting	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P
(A38)	Vegetation alteration or removal for routine maintenance within 3m of existing dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A39)	Vegetation alteration or removal for routine maintenance within 3m of existing buildings greater than 100m ² gross floor area	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A40)	Vegetation alteration or removal for routine maintenance within 1m of other existing buildings	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P
(A41)	Tree trimming	P	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
(A42)	Vegetation alteration or removal for routine operation, maintenance and repair of existing tracks, lawns, gardens, fences and other lawfully established activities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P

(A43)	Any vegetation alteration or removal not otherwise provided for	D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
(A44)	Any vegetation alteration or removal within a Quarry Zone	RD	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

E15.7. Assessment – controlled activities

E15.7.1. Matters of control

The Council will reserve its control to all of the following matters when assessing a controlled activity resource consent application:

- (2) vegetation alteration or removal within a significant ecological area on Māori land or Treaty Settlement land for one marae per site and up to 30 dwellings and activities associated with a marae or papakāinga:
 - (a) the location of activities;
 - (b) the provision for Mana Whenua, mātauranga and tikanga values;
 - (c) the area of vegetation to be cleared;
 - (d) the ability to locate activities outside the SEA but on the site; and
 - (e) the measures to remedy or mitigate adverse effects of vegetation clearance and associated earthworks.

E15.7.2. Assessment criteria

The Council will consider the relevant assessment criteria for controlled activities from the list below:

- (2) vegetation pruning, alteration or removal within an significant ecological area on Māori land and Treaty Settlement land for one marae per site and up to 30 dwellings and activities associated with a marae or papakāinga:
 - a. whether there are practicable alternative locations for the development on the site outside the significant ecological area;
 - b. whether vegetation clearance can be carried out in a way that avoids high quality vegetation, particularly if it has conservation significance, and clears lower quality vegetation; and
 - c. whether the location of development is appropriate to provide for Mana Whenua, mātauranga and tikanga values¹.

¹ Assessment criteria E15.7.2(2)(c) trigger: E15.4.2(A30).

E15.8. Assessment – Restricted discretionary activities

The Council will restrict its discretion to all the following matters when assessing a restricted discretionary resource consent application:

E15.8.1. Matters of discretion

- (1) all restricted discretionary activities:
 - (j) Mana Whenua values:
 - (i) the effects on Mana Whenua values associated with a Significant Ecological Areas Overlay, Outstanding Natural Features Overlay, Outstanding Natural Character Overlay, High Natural Character Overlay or the Outstanding Natural Landscapes Overlay.
- (2) additional criteria for vegetation alteration or removal within an Outstanding Natural Features Overlay, Outstanding Natural Character Overlay, High Natural Character Overlay or the Outstanding Natural Landscapes Overlay on Māori land or Treaty Settlement land for one marae per site and up to 30 dwellings and activities associated with a marae or papakāinga:
 - (a) location, mitigation and Mana Whenua values;
 - (b) whether the location of the development is appropriate to provide for Mana Whenua, mātauranga and tikanga values;
 - (c) whether there are practicable alternative locations for the development on the site outside of an overlay;
 - (d) the extent to which vegetation alteration and clearance is minimised through the location of development within an overlay;
 - (e) the extent to which vegetation alteration or clearance can be carried out in a way that reduces its impact on the values of an overlay; and
 - (f) whether adverse effects can be remedied or mitigated, including through revegetation, restoration of other areas of vegetation and ongoing maintenance of vegetated areas.

E15.8.2. Assessment criteria

The Council will consider the relevant assessment criteria for restricted discretionary activities from the list below:

- (1) all restricted discretionary activities:
 - (j) Mana Whenua values:
 - (i) the extent to which any adverse effects on Mana Whenua values can be avoided, remedied or mitigated, and having regard to the objectives and policies in [E20 Māori Land](#) whether the proposed works are appropriate to provide for Mana Whenua, mātauranga and tikanga values².

² Assessment criteria E15.8.2(1)(a)(i) & (j)(i) trigger: all Restricted Discretionary activities.
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(2) additional criteria for vegetation alteration or removal within an Outstanding Natural Features Overlay, Outstanding Natural Character Overlay, High Natural Character Overlay or the Outstanding Natural Landscapes Overlay on Māori land or Treaty Settlement Land for one marae per site and up to 30 dwellings and activities associated with a marae or papakāinga

(a) Location, mitigation and Mana Whenua values:

- (i) whether there are practicable alternative locations for the development on the site outside of an overlay;
- (ii) the extent to which vegetation alteration or clearance can be carried out in a way that reduces its impact on the values of an overlay; and
- (iii) whether the location of development is appropriate to provide for Mana Whenua, mātauranga and tikanga values³.

³ Assessment criteria E15.8.2(2)(a)(i)-(iii) trigger: E15.4.2(A26), (A28) & (A30).
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