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To the Owner/Occupier

Dear Resident

TREE THINNING OPERATIONS IN KAURI GROVE - BROOKLANDS

This letter is to advise you of the Council's intention to carry out thinning operations within the Kauri Grove area of Brooklands. These works are planned to commence at the end of October 2002, for a period of approximately three weeks.

The majority of kauri trees within the existing plantation represent some of the finest specimens anywhere in New Plymouth district, with a predicted 1-2000 year life expectancy. The removal of poor quality suppressed trees will allow the better specimens adequate space to fully develop. The planned felling and removal operation will involve carefully dismantling and extracting approximately 30-40% of the kauri within the plantation, together with other associated low grade trees. Trees designated for removal will be clearly marked.

The result of thinning will be a self-sustaining collection of superb specimens with a long-term future. In addition pedestrian boardwalk access, interpretive signage and a new road frontage planting will compliment the Kauri Grove trees.

Please find enclosed the programme for a Community Workshop designed to advise the public about the care and management of these unique trees. You are cordially invited to attend, to hear forestry experts and researchers discuss the Kauri Grove trees.

The Council is committed to managing and conserving these forest giants for future generations.

I look forward to seeing you at the workshop. Please feel free to contact me at any time on (06) 759 6087 if you wish to discuss this matter personally.

Yours faithfully

Bryan Gould
MANAGER PREMIER PARKS

Enc.: Brooklands Kauri Grove workshop programme

ATTACHMENT 2: LOCATION MAP



The location of the Brooklands kauri plantation.

Site boundary:

Factors concerning the site are:

- Area:** Approximately 1.3ha (13,150 m²)
- No of trees:** Approximately 150 (at 2.4m x 1.8m spacing = 2240 trees/ha)
- Aspect:** South-westerly
- Description:** Moderately steep slope, free-draining, stream at western boundary, with mixed native trees forming surrounding edges.