

## Attachment 2 - Wakatipu Croquet Club Tree Removal (Reasons)(1)

### Site Location Details

In Jardine Park, West of the Wakatipu Croquet Club and North East of the 100 conifer trees proposed for removal near the Jean Malpas Nursery

### Scope of Work

#### Proposed Activity:

Removal of Eight Gum (Eucalyptus) trees and New Planting.

#### Reason For Tree Works:

For over eight years the Wakatipu Croquet Club, which has its club house and croquet grounds immediately East of these Eucalyptus trees, has been asking for their removal. Approval was given some years ago and approximately half were removed but the job was never completed. Repeated requests have been declined on the basis of cost.

We are now very concerned by the danger these trees pose to our members and the public. During periods of strong wind there is a danger of being struck by large falling debris and now as the trees are reaching heights in excess of forty metres there is an increasing likelihood of them being blown over. Our members have had to stop play on occasions during Westerly winds for fear of being seriously injured by flying debris or falling trees. Most species of Eucalyptus trees are notorious for self shedding and it is well documented that Eucalyptus trees have a tendency to be blown over in strong winds due to their shallow root structure. If the proposed removal of the 100 conifer trees immediately to the West of these Eucalyptus proceeds, the Eucalyptus will be totally exposed, increasing the likelihood of injury or death, not only to club members but to the public as there is a pathway used by the public alongside these trees. There would also be the obvious issue of property damage.

The most cost effective time to remove these remaining Eucalypt trees would be in conjunction with the removal of the 100 conifer trees. Although additional cost would be incurred it will never be cheaper than when machinery is on site and plenty of working space is available.

There are Thuja Plicata already planted under these gum trees, in anticipation of their removal, but they are struggling to grow. We are prepared to plant additional natives (under guidance) in place of the removed exotic gums which will enhance the area

In summary we think it is imperative that these Eucalypts are removed, whether the adjoining conifers are removed or not. We think it would be a highly responsible approach to have these trees removed now as their potential danger to the public and our members continues to increase as they age and grow taller.