



# Canterbury Botanical Society Submission on the WDC Proposed District Plan

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# Notable trees

- The Canterbury Botanical Society would like to see more indigenous (native) notable trees in TREE-SCHED1.

*Riccarton Bush: Putaringamotu*

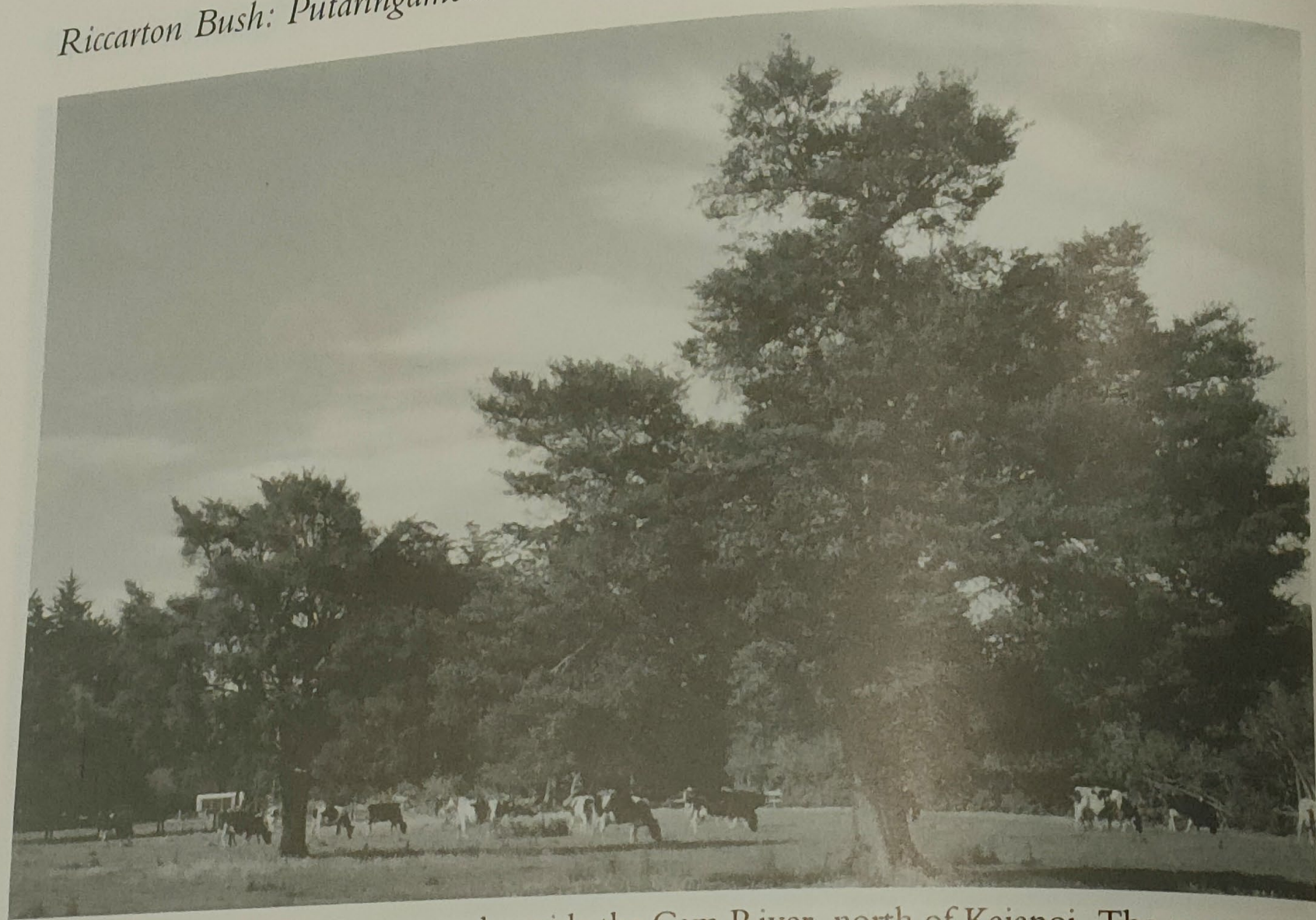


FIGURE 25: Two female totara trees alongside the Cam River, north of Kaiapoi. The nearer tree yielded 150 growth rings in 1988, suggesting that it established around 1838 (Brian Molloy).

## ECO- R1

- Would like ECO-R1 amended to provide the protection of any threatened indigenous vegetation along fence lines covered by the NZ Threat Classification System. (<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/science-and-technical/sap244.pdf>)
- Would like ECO-R1 amended to ensure any vegetation clearance via herbicide use for biosecurity purposes is managed by the Council Ecology Team



## ECO-R2

- Would like the allowance for indigenous vegetation clearance for the purpose of maintaining improved pasture deleted from ECO-R2.



# ECO-R3

- Would like ECO-R3 amended to a restricted discretionary activity status, requiring input from a suitably qualified ecologist, as planting can do more ecological harm than enhancement in a Significant Natural Area.



# ECO-R4

- Would like ECO-R4 amended so that the 20m setback from a mapped Significant Natural Area applies to the extent of the irrigation, not the new irrigation infrastructure. Note the particular vulnerability of dryland ecosystems to irrigation.



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## ECO-R7

- Support ECO-R7 as woodlots, shelterbelts or planting would be inappropriate within a Significant Natural Area.



# ECO-01

- Supports ECO-01 in part. Seeks that priority is given to the protection of indigenous biodiversity, over ecological restoration and enhancement.





# ECO-P1

- Would like the identification of new mapped Significant Natural Areas specified in ECO-P1 to be fast tracked.



# ECO-P2

- Would like adequate Council budget and staffing – in particular at least one full-time Council Ecologist to implement the outcomes in ECO-P2.



# ECO-P3

- Supports ECO-P3 in terms of bonus allotments and bonus residential units incentivising the protection of biodiversity in the district and reducing the attractiveness of the ongoing clearance of unmapped Significant Natural Areas.



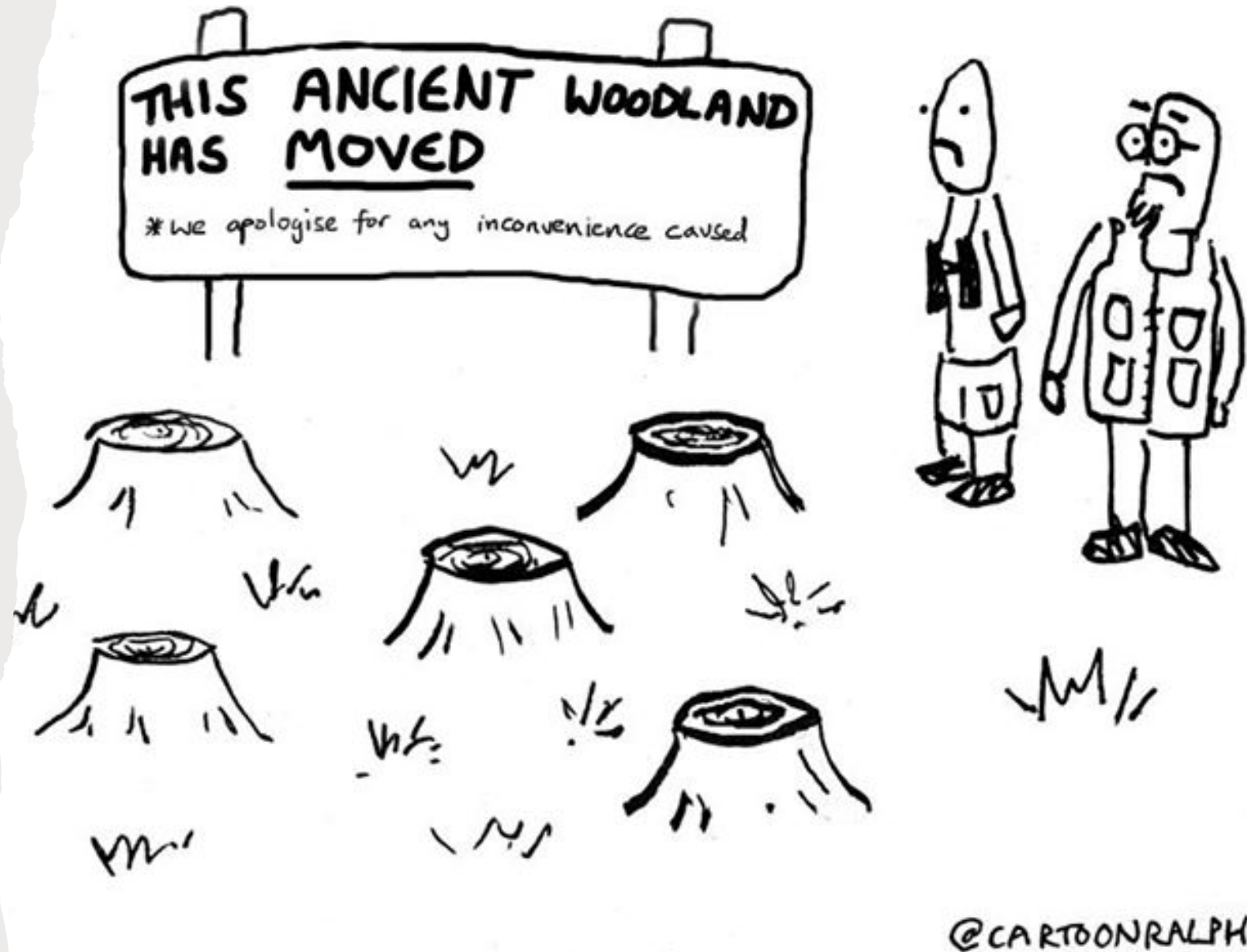
# ECO-P4

- Supports acknowledgement in ECO-P4 of indigenous vegetation loss on the Canterbury Plains and other flat land. Considers the continued risk to flat land within the Oxford Ecological District, particularly Lees Valley, should be addressed.



# ECO-P5

- Supports ECO-P5 in part as protection of biodiversity should be prioritised over the use of biodiversity offsets.



# ECO-P6

- We support ECO-P6.  
(Cultural heritage and customary rights)



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## ECO-P7

- Amend ECO-P7 to add regionally rare species.



# ECO-P8

- Supports ECO-P8.  
(Waterbodies)





# ECO-SCHED1

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- Supports mapped Significant Natural Areas identified in ECO-SCHED1.



# PA-P3

- Support PA-P3 especially the restriction of public access where necessary to protect naturally rare or threatened indigenous flora.



# EW-R12

- We support the protection of sand dunes.



Questions?

