

# Landscape Approvals

## Key Messages

July 2025

### Nau mai haere mai

#### Kia ora Koutou

It's July already - Autumn has treated us to a stunning display of colour, and now Winter has well and truly arrived. The alps are snowcapped, Solstice and Matariki have passed, and we hope you've managed to find some moments of sunshine and perhaps a refreshing escape into nature.

Here's to your projects running smoothly and your winter mahi going strong. Wishing you all the best as we settle into the season and look ahead to the second half of 2025.

#### Shout out:

A big thank you to those using and sending in the checklist with plans and ensures a smoother process for all.

#### Communications:

To help us support you more efficiently, please include the relevant **RMA number** and **development stage** in the **subject line** of all email correspondence.

#### Lawn Quality:

Many sites have turf with greater than 25% die off which is due to poor establishment methods. Please refer to CSS standards when sowing lawn or laying turf. Please pay attention to watering and establishment.

**Monthly establishment reports** are required and demonstrate compliance with the consent conditions. Please remember to send these monthly. Any queries or concerns, do request a mid-maintenance inspection from our team.

#### Stakes & Planting Practice:

After 12 months, please ensure all stakes and ties are **removed**. Monitor for stability with your arborist. Delaying removal until PC can cause damage to the trunk and hinder the tree's ability to establish a strong structure. Please refer to CSS for specifications. Any queries or concerns, contact our Council's arborist.

#### Tree Inspections:

*We're currently reviewing our process for conducting Practical and Final Completion tree inspections and would love to hear your thoughts. If you have any suggestions on how these could be improved or delivered more effectively, we'd really appreciate your feedback. Please email them through to [landscape.approval@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:landscape.approval@ccc.govt.nz)*



#### Reserve - Riverstone: Rocky Outcrop:

Thank you to *Your Section Ltd & Xterioscapes*, who are working with our Council's Biodiversity and Landscape Team. Together, they are applying the ecosystems soil typology and appropriate plant species to develop a unique, biodiverse lizard habitat that will become a valuable asset to the community.

#### Webpage:

You can find our newsletter on our [Subdivision landscape assets page](#). We have updated and added the NCR Word document for ease of use.

#### Coming Soon - Conditions Assessment Guide:

The guide will soon be available, a valuable addition to your *kete* (toolbox) to support your *mahi* (work). We appreciate your patience and apologise for the delay. It'll be up shortly, and we're confident it will be a helpful resource for your projects.

Practical Completion

Rating	Meaning
Pass	No observed defect/s. The asset is accepted.
Currently Not Meeting Pass Standard	The identified defect/s must be monitored through the establishment period and/or rectified. However, the asset is accepted at Practical Completion.
Fail	The defect/s must be rectified prior to Practical Completion. The asset is not accepted.

#### CSS Update:

The update is currently in the approval stage, and a new release will be available shortly. Keep an eye out - we'll let you know as soon as it's live!

#### End of Year:

All plans received from last week of November through December will most likely not be turned around until the end of January due to the holiday period and seeking external council advice. Reviews/inspections will not be undertaken during December 21st through to January 9th. If you are wanting to order plants for the following planting season - do ensure your plans are with us by November 1st.

#### Submissions:

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Specify the subdivision RMA number, name, stage and types of assets