
APPENDIX 2

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LETTERS TO NAPIER CITY COUNCIL



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07 September 1999

Janet Owen
Manager, Biodiversity Recovery Unit
Department of Conservation
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WELLINGTON

Dear Janet

**RE: THE CONVERSATION REQUIREMENTS OF NEW ZEALAND'S NATIONALLY
THREATENED VASCULAR PLANTS**

Currently, the Napier City Council Reserves Department is reviewing its strategic direction and development proposals for their botanical garden. As part of this review I am re-evaluating our mission statement and objectives for this garden.

One of the new primary objectives is to place more of an emphasis on the conservation of rare or threatened flora, - an activity which is undertaken by most botanical gardens worldwide.

It was therefore, fortunate and good timing that a copy of the above document arrived on my desk last week.

Upon examination of this publication I became aware that there exists an ideal opportunity for Napier to contribute, in a tangible way, toward the propagation and advocacy of New Zealand's threatened plant species.

As you are aware Napier City Council is currently a key contributor toward the conservation of N.Z. Brown Kiwis, having bred Kiwis for release into Lake Waikaremoana over the last 4 years and more recently, the captive breeding of chicks for D.O.C.'s boundary stream mainland island project.

I would be keen to receive your views regarding the utilisation of the Napier Botanical Gardens as a Conservation Resource for New Zealand's threatened plant species.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

TONY BILLING
RESERVES MANAGER



Department of Conservation
Tē Papa Atawhai

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16 November 1999

NAPIER BOTANICAL GARDENS – A CONSERVATION RESOURCE FOR NEW
ZEALAND'S THREATENED PLANT SPECIES

Tony Billing, the Reserves Manager for the Napier Botanical Garden, has informed me of the Garden's proposal to place more emphasis on the conservation of rare or threatened New Zealand flora by making this one of the gardens primary objectives.

The conservation of local flora is an undertaking of most botanical gardens, here and overseas. The Napier Botanical Garden is proposing to help conserve some of New Zealand's threatened plant species, particularly by propagation and advocacy, two incredibly important tools for plant conservation. Propagation is necessary for insuring there are secure populations in cultivation should anything happen to the wild populations; for helping develop suitable cultivation techniques; and for (eventually) providing resources for restoration projects. Advocacy is necessary for helping educate the public on the plight of New Zealand's threatened plants, the threats to them, what the plants look like, and what the public can do to help.

Upwards of 20% of New Zealand's native flora is under some degree of threat, and it is essential that we have these sorts of programmes in place in New Zealand to help conserve what is left of New Zealand's special flora. As a Threatened Plant Botanist, working for the Department of Conservation, I wholeheartedly support and endorse the Napier Botanical Gardens proposed programme of threatened plant conservation, and wish them all the best in their endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

Suzan Dopson,
Species Protection Officer
for the Manager,
Biodiversity Recovery Unit.

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Department of Conservation
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17 November 1999

Mr Tony Billing
Reserves Manager
Napier City Council
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Dear Tony

Re: The Conservation Requirements of New Zealand's Nationally Threatened Vascular Plants

Thank you for your recent letter to Janet Owen regarding this matter. I have been asked to convey to you my Department's enthusiastic support of your proposal to review your strategic directions and to place greater emphasis on the conservation of rare and threatened native flora at your botanical gardens.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you with the aim of discussing matters of mutual benefit, particularly with respect to provision of technical advice, and the supply of parent material.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Adams".

John Adams
for AREA MANAGER