

Tree Planting

8. To maintain the openness, boldness and clarity of the natural High Country landscape and to promote visual harmony and coherence between activities by:
- encouraging plantings to be located on the lower portions of adjacent slopes, and to use natural features such as river terraces and drainage patterns to achieve coherence with the existing landscape where plantings are in valleys or basins;
 - encouraging tree plantings to be located so that mature trees will not obstruct views from main roads and viewpoints;
 - encouraging tree planting to be shaped in sympathy with existing landforms and vegetation patterns, and if possible tied to an existing landform or vegetation edge;
 - discouraging the use of arbitrary geometric shapes on sloping ground;
 - encouraging the use of a simple planting regime with a limited range of species in each stand;
 - encouraging amenity planting only near settlements and in the immediate vicinity of dwelling houses;
 - avoiding, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects of tree planting on the natural values and character of the District's outstanding and significant landscapes;
 - encouraging tree planting of indigenous species where possible;
 - encouraging shelterbelts and woodlots in the High Country to be located on land of easy contour within areas of existing intensified agricultural use, such as areas characterised by cultivation, intensified subdivisional fencing, existing shelterbelts and woodlots, homesteads and other farm buildings.

Vegetation Clearance

9. To maintain the visual coherence of the High Country landscape, and protect the existing levels of natural character by:
- promoting where possible alternatives to indigenous vegetation clearing activities;
 - encouraging the retention of existing indigenous vegetation generally.

Wilding Trees

10. To avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effect of wilding trees on the High Country landscape by:
- supporting and encouraging co-ordinated action between the Department of Conservation, University of Canterbury, Regional Council, District Council and landholders to remove existing wilding trees and prevent further spread;