

# DECLARING NO INTEREST



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## **Refer to Regulations 15, 16 & 17 of the Electricity (Hazards from trees) Regulations 2003**

To be eligible to declare "No Interest" in trees on your property, the tree must be able to grow into the notice zone (see diagram on the notice). Therefore, if your tree is within falling distance only and is unable to grow into this zone, the tree will remain your responsibility and will not be accepted as a declaration of "No Interest".

Please read the following carefully to ensure you understand the outcome of declaring No Interest in your tree/s that have the potential to encroach on Unison's powerlines.

The No Interest notice must be completed by the owner of the land on which the tree/s is/are located. If the owner or occupier has received a Cut or Trim notice, in respect of the tree/s, to which the No Interest notice relates, the owner or occupier must complete and submit to Unison the No Interest notice **no later than 10 working days after the date on which the tree owner received the Cut or Trim notice.**

### **PURPOSE OF A NO INTEREST NOTICE**

The purpose of the No Interest Tree Notice is for you (the tree owner) to register No Interest in a tree, or trees, on your property that has/have the potential of encroaching into the notice zone around Unisons powerlines, in accordance with regulations 15 and 16 of the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003.

### **EFFECT OF A NO INTEREST NOTICE**

The effect of declaring No Interest in tree/s shifts the liability from the tree owner to manage the risk posed by the tree/s encroaching on the powerline, to Unison. This will take effect 20 working days after the date on which Unison receives the notice.

**If Unison receives a "No Interest notice", Unison may cause the tree to be felled or trimmed to an extent determined by Unison at any time; therefore, any action recorded on a previous notice/s is automatically superseded and becomes void.**

### **NO INTEREST NOTICE MAY BE RESCINDED**

If Unison receives a No Interest notice and the owner or occupier who gave the notice refuses to allow entry to enter the land for the purpose of felling or trimming the tree, the No Interest notice is immediately rescinded.

An owner or occupier who gives a No Interest notice to Unison may rescind the notice at any time by informing Unison in writing that the notice is rescinded.

If an owner or occupier who gives a No Interest notice to Unison is a local authority and the tree/s that is/are the subject of the notice and is/are subject to clearance or pruning restrictions under a district plan (as defined in section 2(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991), the No Interest notice will have no effect.

If a No Interest notice has been rescinded or is of no effect, the regulations apply as if that notice had not been issued.

### **UNISON POSTAL DETAILS**

Upon completion of the No Interest notice, please post it back to Unison in the self-addressed envelope(s) provided or post to...

**Unison Networks Limited, PO Box 555, Hastings.**

**Please phone the Unison Vegetation Management team at Unison on 0800 286 476 if you have any further enquires.**

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## NO INTEREST TREE NOTICE

### TREE OWNER DETAILS

First name	Surname
Postal Address	Suburb
Town	Phone Number

If you have received a Unison First Cut or Trim Notice; or a Cut or Trim Notice - **Please enter the number here...**

**Please read the following and tick one of the answer boxes for each question to be eligible to declare "No Interest", one or more of the following must apply...**

- a) I confirm that the tree was self-sown and the tree encroaches or is able to encroach into the notice zone  
 Yes       No

**Or**

- b) The tree was planted before the commencement of these regulations and at the time of planting it was believed on reasonable grounds, that the tree, when fully grown, would not interfere with any electricity conductor  
 Yes       No

*Please state your reasons*

**Or,**

- c) The tree was planted on or after the 15 January 2004 (commencement of these regulations) and at the time of planting believed on reasonable grounds that the trees when fully grown would not encroach the growth limit zone  
 Yes       No

*Please state your reasons*

- I (the tree owner) agree to remove all debris as a result of cutting the "No Interest" tree, the subject of this notice.
- I (the tree owner) have "No Interest" in the tree detailed over the page and agree to Unison or its contractors entering onto the land of the "No Interest" tree specified to **trim or fell** the tree to an extent determined by Unison or its contractors; now, or at some time in the future.
- **Note: Failure to permit access will result in the immediate rescinding of this "No Interest" Notice**

*If applicable, please specify land conditions or access requirements to the No Interest tree*

I (the tree owner) agree to the terms and conditions stated in this "No Interest" Notice and declare that all the information above is true and correct.

**Signed (tree owner/occupier)**

**Date**

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## NO INTEREST TREE NOTICE

### NO INTEREST TREE DETAILS

Please complete the location details of the tree below

Site address if different than postal (include rapid number)

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Suburb

Town

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Tree Species	Quantity	Power pole number nearest to the tree/s	Tree Location/s (eg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; or, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> tree on the right of the power pole, when looking from the house)

**Please draw a sketch of the land and exact location of the tree/s in the box below...**

Accuracy is needed in your drawing to ensure that the correct No Interest Tree is identified clearly. Alternatively, for identification, you can mark the trees with paint or other obvious marker.

## WARNING

**NO PERSON OR MACHINERY (PLANT) MUST ENCROACH WITHIN 4 METRES OF A POWERLINE WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORITY FROM UNISON**

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT A WRITTEN AUTHORITY**