

House of Representatives
Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 8 September 2009

**Resource Management (Simplifying and
Streamlining) Amendment Bill**

Proposed amendment

Dr Russel Norman, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 18C

To insert the following new clause (after line 27 on page 25):

18C New section 25AB inserted

To insert the following new section after section 25A:

**“25AB Power of Minister for the Environment to direct
protection of trees**

- “(1) The Minister for the Environment may, on receiving a request from a territorial authority, direct that particular trees, groups of trees, species or subspecies of trees, or ecosystems may be proposed for protection under a district plan in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 1, without meeting the requirements under section 52(4A).
- “(2) In deciding whether to make such a direction, the Minister shall have regard to—
- “(a) the biological or cultural significance, or amenity value of the species or subspecies of tree proposed to be protected for the particular district or region; and
 - “(b) any report prepared by or for the territorial authority on the species or subspecies of tree proposed to be protected; and
 - “(c) whether the proposed protection of the species or subspecies of tree is the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the Act.”

Explanatory note

This SOP proposes a process whereby a territorial authority can apply to the Minister for a group or type of trees to be included in a Schedule, despite section 76(4A).
