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Dear Mayor and Council

Early last year I wrote to Council (FRED) about the reserve in front of us (Doherty Drive, running through to Acacia Bay Rd) asking could this reserve be thinned out of some trees, opening it up to our nice views of the lake and town again, but were told that trees are not removed or thinned just because people lose their views. I believe talking to a couple of neighbours that this same issue has been asked by them as well, and receiving the same answer from Council. (Mmmm - we wonder what would happen if one of our Council members were in our situation)

John Ridd did visit our property last year which we appreciated, but his answer very clearly "We don't remove trees because of views".

These trees have grown 10 fold in the past 12 mths and are in full leaf again hence our views nearly no more. 12 more months and the views will be NIL, so we would like a sensible answer of why you want this then, rather than the pathetic answer you give us.

This reserve is so dense now, that something needs to be done. There is something like 15-18 Silver Birch trees alone, without the same of Cherry trees in this small area, and removing the at least Birches would be a huge help to everyone. (The mowing guys as well). To plant 18 Silver Birches in such a small area was ridiculous, and who instigated the planting of them? Council we believe. Birches being out Rural not in small town reserves, they grow huge, and they would be one of the worse trees for asthmatics and those that get Hayfever or allergies. This reserve needs opening up again like the reserve it should be and once was, not a forest.

We await your reply, with hopefully a decision made by everyone in council, that will help us with our views returned to us, as was 5 years ago that we purchased and paid plenty for.

Regards Mrs. L. White.