



## Dinosaur for sale – your chance to bid

"The Collectors Edition" first generation of 292 Wollemi pines (*Wollemia nobilis*) will be auctioned by Sotheby's on 23 October 2005 in Sydney.

The Wollemi pine is considered one of the world's rarest tree species and was discovered by David Noble in a narrow canyon system, northwest of Sydney, Australia in 1994.

*"This magnificent plant has not only outlived the dinosaurs but was established on our planet long before our own species was born"*

Peter Crane, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.



One grove of five trees is named "*The Given Collection*" after David Given, New Zealand's own expert plant conservation scientist and global plant conservation advocate. Proceeds from sale of this grove will go to the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network—the country's only non-governmental organisation devoted solely to protecting New Zealand's unique plant life (see [www.nzpcn.org.nz](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz)).

Our mission is to ensure "*The Given Collection*" comes to New Zealand. If successful, the five trees will be separated and one will be planted for public view at each of New Zealand's main botanic gardens (Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin).

***Pledge money to the joint New Zealand bid and have your name or company logo displayed beside the trees.***

**To register a pledge e-mail us at: [wollemi@nzpcn.org.nz](mailto:wollemi@nzpcn.org.nz)**

**For further information about the auction visit [www.wollemipine.com](http://www.wollemipine.com)**

