

City of Hobart

Policy

Title: Removal of City of Hobart Trees

Category: Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves

Date Last Adopted: 23 September 2019

1. Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to outline the framework and principals for the removal of the City's street trees and trees in reserves.

2. Background

This policy ensures that unnecessary tree removal is avoided and a healthy, safe and abundant tree population is maintained.

The City of Hobart Street Tree Strategy 2017, adopted by the Council on 24 July 2017, outlines a vision where Hobart is a City where tree-lined street are a valued component of our quality of life- achieved through excellence in planning, design, installation and care by the City's workers and out community. This Policy document consolidates the measures itemised in the Strategy.

The City of Hobart contains a diverse tree population with many mature and significant trees that contribute to the amenity and function of the City. These trees enhances the City's parks and streets and provide community, environmental and economic benefits.

Trees are living organisms that need to be maintained in a safe and healthy manner to ensure they can provide maximum benefit. This requires the removal of trees when they become unsafe, are in decline or are not maximising the potential of the site to support tree canopy.

The City of Hobart is responsible for trees on Council owned and managed land. This includes street trees park trees and trees in bushland reserves, foreshore areas, sporting facilities and other open spaces.



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3. Policy

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1. Tree removal is permitted for:
 - a. Trees that have been assessed as dangerous by a qualified arborist acting on behalf of the City.
 - b. Trees that been assessed as dead, in decline, or poorly performing by a qualified arborist acting on behalf of the City.
 - d. Trees that are a noxious or environmental weed species.
 - e. Any other reason that can be justified on technical or legal grounds at the discretion of the Director City Amenity.
2. Tree removal will not be permitted:
 - a. To facilitate views (including advertising signs), off-street parking, the installation of solar panels, the increase in light, etc.
 - b. To stop or reduce the extent of leaf/flower/fruit/bark drop, the impact from animal waste or noise, a dislike of the species etc.
 - c. To increase on street car parking numbers.
3. All tree work is to be undertaken by the City or contractors acting under the direction of the City unless a permitted to do so with a Public Spaces By-Laws permit.
4. All available alternatives will be explored to enable retention of trees and employed where practicable.
5. The retention of Significant Trees is a priority.
6. Trees that are removed will be replaced wherever possible.
7. Trees that are assessed as immediately hazardous will be programmed for removal as a matter of urgency and all reasonable steps taken to ensure the risk is reduced.
8. Trees that are removed as part of a City of Hobart project will be replaced on a minimum two-for-one basis



4. Legislation, Terminology and References

- City of Hobart Street Tree Strategy 2017
- City of Hobart Significant Trees Register
- DPIPWE list of Environmental Weeds and Declared Weeds

Responsible Officer:	Director City Amenity
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