

COUNCIL POLICY LV136

TREE CANOPY

KEY FOCUS AREA LIVEABILITY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Town's tree canopy is preserved, maintained, and enhanced to support a healthy environment and in recognition of contrasting changes such as urban infill and climate change.

Policy

The Town of Claremont is known for its green leafy streets, parks and residential areas, and Council recognises the importance of trees as a valuable community asset for environmental and aesthetic contributions such as visual amenity, shade and heat reduction, and habitat for native fauna.

As such, Council supports the provision of the following:

- Resources to adequately maintain, preserve and increase the Town's tree canopy.
- Clear guidelines and direction to ensure a consistent approach towards the provision of trees in the Town.
- Guidance to developers and planners regarding tree protection and preservation at development sites.
- Clear parameters to residents and the wider community regarding the circumstances under which a tree will be planted, pruned, or removed.
- Recognises the need to remove trees when dead, diseased or deemed unsafe by a qualified arborist employed by the Town.
- Recognises the value and importance of heritage and significant trees.
- A Street Tree Master Plan which plans for the planting, retention, and maintenance of Town trees.
- Tree management and planting will be in accordance with the strategies identified within the relevant Legislation and Organisational documents as listed below.

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Legislation:	Australian Standards for Protection of Trees on Development Sites (AS/4970-2009) Australian Standards for Pruning of Amenity Trees (AS/4373-2007) <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Local Government Regulations 1996</i>		
Organisational:	Street and Reserve Tree Management Guidelines 2022 Street Tree Master Plan Street Tree Information Sheet Lake Claremont Management Plan Queensland Box Tree Council Motion and Resolution 2018 Street Tree Removal Application Form		
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