

 <p>DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY</p>	<p>POLICY# 14.01</p> <p>Township Tree Removals</p> <p>POLICY AREA</p> <p>Other Purposes</p>	Version No:	1
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Aims & Objectives

To provide elected members and the general public opportunity to make comment on proposed street tree removal/s within the Council area and/or referral of the issue to Council for further consideration. The Local Government Act 1934 made specific provision for processes regarding street tree removal but this Act has been superseded by the Local Government Act 1999 and the new Act has no provision for dealing with street tree removal.

Policy Detail

Council will continue to encourage the planting of trees within the Tumby Bay Township in accordance with the Tumby Bay Street Tree Planting and Management Report.

As part of their tree planting program Council will supply trees for footpath planting as recommended in the above report.

Removal of trees will only be allowed in accordance with report recommendations or in the case of extenuating circumstances.

1. All requests for removal of street trees will be listed on the schedule contained in this policy. Details of the street tree removal will be advertised in a newspaper circulating in the council area inviting written comment. Any written comment received shall be given consideration by the delegated group of senior officer for possible referral to full council for further consideration.

The schedule will be communicated to all elected members by facsimile or e-mail

2. The schedule will list the following information:-
 - location of tree(s)
 - the person/organisation making the request (including address);
 - the reason(s) for the request;
 - detail of the tree(s) ie. Species, height, visual value, condition etc.;
 - comments/reasons for recommended action;
 - recommendation for approved/not approved
3. The schedule will be available for inspection by members and the public during the normal office hours for a period of two weeks (10 working days).
4. Any elected member may withdraw any item on the schedule, and have it referred to Council for consideration.
5. If the recommendation for removal/non removal for each item is not withdrawn, it will become effective after the expiry of the withdrawal date.

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Requests for removal are usually generated by private owners, but also by Council staff and other Government authorities. Approval is normally given where the tree(s) is/are:-

- (a) visually poor as a result of age, disease or storm damage;
- (b) structurally unsound;
- (c) having a severe detrimental impact on the verge, adjacent gardens, structures, effluent pipes, road pavements and footpaths, other authorities' services, where other remedial works (eg root pruning, canopy pruning) are not appropriate or possible;
- (d) located in a proposed driveway, or other proposed construction site;
- (e) An unsuitable species often planted by property owners or self-sown, and which will cause severe future problems.

Where the removal of a tree is likely to be of considerable significance, for example, having severe visual impact or likely to be controversial, then the matter will be referred directly to Council to resolve.

Strategic Link:

Delegation:

Delegated authority is hereby delegated to any group of three of the following Senior Officers to execute the procedures for street tree removal:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Manager Works
- Manager Environmental Services
- Supervisor Works
- Supervisor Parks & Gardens

Sub-Delegation:

- Delegation made to a specific position (including Chief Executive Officer) extends to any person appointed to act in the position.
- In the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, delegation extends to the Deputy CEO.

Documentation:

Street Tree Removal Schedule

Authority: Adopted by Council: 10/10/2011 {Motion 19c/102011}

Reviewed by Council: 10/11/2015 {Motion 7c/112015}

SIGNED:

Responsible Officer

Date: ____/____/____

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Location of tree(s): _____

Person/Organisation making the request: _____

Address: _____

The reason for the request: _____

Detail of the tree:

Species: _____

Height: _____

Visual Value: _____

Condition: _____

Any other comment: _____

Comments/reasons for recommended action: _____

Recommendation for approval/disapproval: _____

Withdrawal Date:

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