

Council Policy – Request to Remove Dangerous Trees

Responsible Directorate	Operations
Responsible Business Unit/s	Operations
Responsible Officer	Manager Operations
Affected Business Units	Operations

Objective

This policy recognises that there may be circumstances which justify the removal of trees and this policy establishes how the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale (the Shire) will deal with applications.

Scope

This policy applies to Shire Officers, property owners and the community.

Policy

Requests for the removal or permission to remove dangerous trees are to be made to the Shire as follows:

Trees on applicant's property

An application will only be considered for removal of a dangerous tree (other than permitted under Town Planning Scheme No. 2) if a report by a qualified arborist detailing the reason for removal is provided to the Shire.

Trees on adjacent private property

The Chief Executive Officer may authorise the serving notice for the removal of a tree or entering a property to remove a tree in the following circumstances:

- Where Executive Manager Operations advises that the tree has been assessed and is deemed to be in a dangerous condition; or
- Where the affected neighbour can demonstrate reasonable negotiation has occurred with the owner of the property on which the tree is located and no agreement can be reached and provides a report by a qualified arborist detailing reason for removal.

Trees on land under the care and control of Council

In the event that a request by a resident is denied for the removal of a tree on land under the care and control of Council, the resident may apply for a decision of Council subject to the application including a report by a qualified arborist detailing reason for removal. If Council resolves to approve the removal of the tree, the cost of the arborist report will be refunded to the resident.

Definitions

Nil.

Related Documents

- Council Plan 2023-2033

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Town Planning Scheme No 2*

Amendment Record

Relevant Delegations		1.15 – Local Government Act 1995 – Appoint Authorised Persons – Certain provisions about land	
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