

Summary of amendments in Tree Management Policy (TMP) & Tree Management Guidelines (TMG) 2022

The table below outlines the proposed change with references to the document parts.

#	Issue	Proposed Outcome	Reference
Introduction			
1.	Comprehensive review of TMP and creation of a new technical tree document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMP to provide a clear framework for the management of trees in Waverly LGA • Creation of a new document (TMG) that separates technical details from the TMP 	
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION			
Statutory Information			
2.	Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the list of relevant legislation, codes, acts, regulations, standards, policies, procedures, and guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Index of TMP & TMG. • Throughout
General			
3.	General spelling errors, formatting issues and grammatical errors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor updates 	Throughout
4.	Mature trees below 5m are being removed despite their valuable contribution to the amenity and character the Waverley area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the trigger for a Vegetation Clearing Permit from trees of 5m in height and 5m in spread, to 3m in height and 3m in spread. 	Waverley Development Control Plan (WDCP). Part B3
5.	Need to account for the ecological, cultural and amenity value of trees in addition to the Visual tree Assessment (health, structural integrity, useful life expectancy and visible damage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of a Landscape Significance Assessment. When assessing trees for pruning or removal, consideration will be given to the trees ecological, cultural and amenity value. 	WDCP Part B3 TMP 5.6.1 TMG 3.2, 5.1, 10.1
6.	Confusion about who is responsible for pruning for electricity wires/powerlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents will be directed to contact their service provider for pruning of overhead electrical wires including their service lead for all public trees 	TMG 4.3
7.	Canopy losses when large canopy trees are removed. Need off-set tree planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off set tree planting and replacement tree planting to increase from one tree to three trees 	WDCP Part B3 TMP 5.7.2 TMG 5.1, 6.9

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	to protect the established leafy local character of portions of the LGA and the quality of the natural environment.	<p>when applicable. This is to cover canopy loss when a resident removes a large canopy tree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity around when on-site replacements are not possible, that 3 off-site trees are required. 	
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8.	Loss of canopy on development sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape plans for development sites to include the total area of canopy when plantings are mature. 	WDCP Part B3 3.2.4 TMG 6.
9.	Neighbourhood disputes over tree removal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An application to prune overhanging branches or remove trees from a neighbouring property must have the written consent of the owner of the tree(s). Have removed the need for a 'signature' from owner of tree(s) when applying to prune or remove trees from neighbouring property 	TMP 5.8.4 TMG 5.2
10.	No guidance around the removal and replacement of dead trees in the public domain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Council managed land, Council will replace trees that are removed, including dead trees unless this is not feasible and implement tree planting programs whilst also investigating new planting opportunities. 	TMP 5.6
11.	Need to include more flowering trees to improve local fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include under street tree planting and replacement. Priority will be given to flowering trees that attract birds 	TMG 4.5
12.	Need to include new management techniques in the policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of Public Domain Tree Asset Database. This will inform Council on strategic and operational decision making, and help prioritise resources for managing current tree assets. New technologies in tree inventory management will assist Council in identifying and managing crucial green infrastructure assets 	TMP 5.5.2
13.	Update to canopy cover section from TMP – duplicated in DCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New tree canopy section in DCP 	WDCP Part B3
14.	Duplication of tree species and diversity section in TMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed trees species and diversity section which is already covered in Council's Street Tree Masterplan 	Street Tree Master Plan

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15.	Remove crime prevention through environmental design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invalid as new plantings consider dimensions and location of trees, so as not to encourage concealment or hinder light.	
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