

Title	Tree Management
Council Resolution	Item 11 (6 June 2016) as per Council Minutes
Responsible Directorate	City Services and Infrastructure
Due for Review	5 June 2020
Strategic Plan Reference	3.1 Create a liveable and desirable City
ECM	Parks and Recreation Tree Management

PURPOSE

This policy provides direction in relation to how the Glenorchy City Council will manage existing and new tree assets.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- all tree assets owned and maintained by Council within the City boundaries.

This policy specifies the processes associated with the management of all pre-existing and potential tree assets and articulates the standards in which management practices shall be applied.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Sections 38 and 39 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* requires that Council and occupiers must manage trees and vegetation to facilitate good management of local highways and to reduce the danger to persons using local highways.

Acts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> • <i>Local Government (Highways) Act 1982</i>
Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2005</i> • <i>Local Government (Highways) Regulations 2003</i> • <i>Glenorchy City Council Planning Scheme</i>
Australian/International Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees • AS4970-2009 Protection Of Trees On Development Sites • AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management – Principles and guidelines

DEFINITIONS

Tree Asset	Any tree which is owned and maintained by the Glenorchy City Council
Street Tree	Any tree planted or to be planted within a road reserve
Reserve Tree	Any tree planted within the boundaries of a nominated Glenorchy City Council open space area
Road Opening Permit	A two way legal document providing permission from Council for the undertaking of a road opening by another party, and specifying the conditions (if any) to which that other party must comply

TREE MANAGEMENT

Council is committed to sustaining and improving the visual appearance of the City through the maintenance and enhancement of tree assets. Council will ensure as practicable:

- that trees are recognised as a dynamic, living features of the City which require ongoing maintenance and management
- the appropriate protection and maintenance of the City's existing tree asset base
- resourcing the regular monitoring and maintenance of street trees
- planting of trees in streets and on public land which enhances the landscape of the City
- appropriate site and species selection for new street tree assets, and
- compliance with relevant acts and regulations.

It is the policy of Council that:

Tree Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees shall be planted and managed according to Tree Planting Guidelines • Where practicable, all trees shall be replaced after they have been removed • Species selection shall be considered relevant for each situation
Tree Pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All tree pruning carried out by Council staff and its contractors shall be in accordance with Australian Standard AS4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees and the Tree Pruning Guidelines • Trees shall be pruned in accordance to relevant legislation governing a particular site • Council shall be responsible for pruning trees owned and maintained by the City of Glenorchy
Tree Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees shall be assessed by appropriately trained staff on a 'case by case' basis and will only be removed if they meet one or more of the criteria set out in the Tree Removal Guidelines
Significant Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will continue to manage trees of significance which are planted within the City • Trees shall be classified as being 'significant' if one or more of the criteria outlined in the Tree Management Guidelines are met
Tree Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will continue to develop and implement its Tree Management Program in line with the Tree Management Guidelines and Councils Service Level Manual. Council's Tree Database shall be updated accordingly to record Council's tree works • Risk regarding trees shall be assessed using a recognised tree risk matrix by trained staff • The Tree Management Guidelines are managed and maintained by City Services and Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation section and are available upon request

BACKGROUND

Trees contribute to the appearance of the City via their aesthetic value which provides individual character and identity. In order to sustain the environmental, social and economic benefits that trees contribute to our community they must be managed in a consistent manner that meets current arboricultural industry standards.