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Purpose

This policy provides for the planting, maintenance and where necessary, the removal of trees and shrubs on Council controlled property and is consistent with Council's principle values in striving to achieve its vision of "valuing community assets including natural resources".

Scope

This policy shall apply to all trees and shrubs that are growing on any property under Council's control including operational land, community land, nature strips, road corridors, public reserves etc.

The health, safety and welfare of Council staff and the community, and the protection of public and private property is paramount, and these considerations shall take precedence in any determination regarding existing plantings, preferred or prohibited species selection or any individual tree.

Definitions

Nil, as at date adopted.

Policy Content

Council is committed to the maintenance and improvement of its "urban forest" environment including the proper management of trees and other vegetation growing on the lands over which it has control.

Council also recognises that there may be a need to exercise some management control over trees that are under the control of private persons on private land.

The provisions of the Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Act 2006 No 126 may also require Council action from time to time.

Budget allocations in support of this Tree Management Policy shall be made on the basis that maintenance of existing trees or plantings of new or replacement trees, is costed and funded in accordance with recognised risk management principles to ensure tree asset protection, community safety, risk and resource priorities and best value.

Links to Policy

Nil, as at date adopted.

Links to Procedure

Tree Management Procedure

References

- Local Government Act 1993
- Environmental Planning Act 1979
- Tree Management Act 2006
- AS/NZS ISO31000:2009 – Risk Management: principles and guidelines

Responsibility

Director Engineering

Relevant Legislation

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Associated Records

Nil, as at date adopted.