

Tree Preservation Order Information Sheet

1. General

Clause 4.7.7.2(i) of Local Planning Scheme No. 10 (LPS 10) provides the local government the ability to order the preservation and maintenance of a tree via a Tree Preservation Order.

In assessing whether a tree meets the characteristics prescribed by Clause 4.7.7.2(i) of the Scheme, Council will not support the establishment of a Tree Preservation Order unless the tree(s) meets at least one of the following criteria:

(a) Historical Association

Those trees that are of importance to the Aboriginal community, European significance, association with a significant heritage site, or commemorative plantings.

(b) Aesthetic Quality

Those trees that due to their context in and contribution to the landscape, are considered to be of aesthetic, location and/or landmark significance.

(c) Rarity

(i) Those trees that are of an outstanding size or age, horticultural significance, or contain curious growth forms.

(ii) Rarity is to be considered from a state-wide and Town of Bassendean context.

(iii) Outstanding size or age and horticultural significance is based on the size and age of the tree relative to normal mature size and age of trees for that species in the Town.

(iv) Curious growth forms include abnormal outgrowths, fused branches or unusual root structures.

(d) Other Significance

Other significance includes, but is not limited to, habitat significance. Although all trees have some habitat value, in undertaking assessments, the habitat value of a tree is only deemed significant if it provides a breeding, feeding or roosting site regularly used by fauna protected under state or federal legislation.

2. Information Requirements

Applications for Tree Preservation Orders shall be accompanied by the Tree Preservation Order Nomination Form and any supporting documentation in support of the proposal.

3. Administration

3.1 Upon receipt of a request for a Tree Preservation Order, the Town will undertake an assessment using the criteria provided in this information sheet and any recommendations made by a suitably qualified environmental consultant or arborist.

3.2 Where the Town receives a request for an order, or to amend or repeal an order, the Town will give notice to the owner and occupier of the land on which the tree is located.

The Town will invite the owner and occupier of the land to make a written submission to the Town about the order within 14 days, or such further period local government as the Town may determine.

3.3 The Town will present the findings of the assessment and its recommendation to Council to consider whether the Tree Preservation Order should be issued.

3.4 The Town will maintain a Tree Preservation Register that lists notices issued and the date of their issue.

3.5 Proposed development, strata titling and/or subdivision of private land shall be designed to account for the ongoing protection of registered trees with consideration to the potential impacts and growth habits of a tree throughout its life cycle to the Town's satisfaction, with all works adjacent to significant trees to be undertaken as outlined in the Australian Standard 4970-2009: Protection of trees on development sites.

Tree Preservation Order Nomination Form

Applicant Details:

Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Tree Details:

Address of tree: _____

Common name and/or botanical name of tree: _____

Number of trees nominated: _____

Reason for Nominating Tree:

Aesthetic Quality ☐

Historical Association ☐

Rarity ☐

Other Significance ☐

Please describe why you consider the tree has special significance to the community of the Town of Bassendean, and why it should be considered for a Tree Preservation Order.

Photographs attached? (Please circle)

What is the condition of the tree? (Please circle)

Yes / No

Good / Fair / Poor

Signed

Dated

Nomination forms should be sent to the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Bassendean, PO Box 87, Bassendean WA 6934, by hand at 35 Old Perth Road, Bassendean or emailed via mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au