

Council Policy

1.13 Dangerous Trees on Private Property Policy

Objective

To provide clear direction for Council Officers when considering allegations, from property owners and/or residents, that a tree in an adjoining property is dangerous.

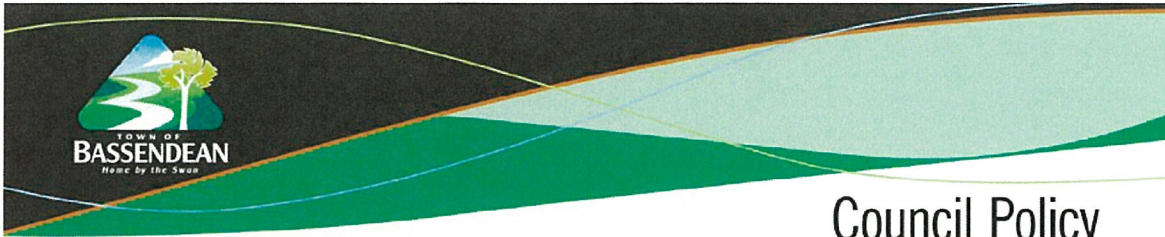
Strategy

Council endorses the following processes in dealing with the receipt of an allegation/concern from a property owner/ and/or resident that a tree is dangerous:

1. Recommend to the complainant that, if they have not already done so, they should address their concerns with their neighbour; and
2. Provide the complainant with a copy of the Dangerous Trees Information Sheet;
3. If necessary inspect the tree to determine whether there is clear visible evidence that the tree is dangerous; and
4. Where:
 - a) a Council Officer deems there is clear visible evidence that the tree is dangerous; or
 - b) the affected neighbour provides, at his or her own expense, a report from an independent and suitably qualified person (arboricultural consultant) declaring that the tree(s) is/are dangerous:

The Chief Executive Officer shall consider the use of powers under Section 3.25 of the Local Government Act in relation to serving a Notice for the removal or pruning of the tree(s).

Where the affected neighbour provides, at his or her own expense, a report from an independent and suitably qualified person (arboricultural consultant) declaring that the tree(s) is/are dangerous.



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Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Mayor, Councillors, Council delegates and Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

<p>Policy Type: Strategic Policy</p> <p>Link to Strategic Community Plan: Town Planning & Built Environment</p>	<p>Policy Owner: Director Operational Services</p> <p>First Adopted: OCM 22/07/05</p> <p>Last Reviewed: March 2014</p> <p>Version 1</p> <p>Next Review due by: December 2016</p>
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