



POLICY STATEMENT: REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC TREES

PURPOSE: To require the establishment for a Register of Significant Public Trees in the City of Gosnells, determine information to be included on the Register, and describe how decisions to include or remove trees from the Register will be made.

POLICY

1. Establishment of Register

- 1.1 The City will establish and maintain a Register of Significant Public Trees located in the City of Gosnells.
- 1.2 To be included on the Register, a tree must be:
 - 1.2.1 located on Crown land or land managed by the City; and
 - 1.2.2 an outstanding specimen based on the following characteristics:
 - 1.2.2.1 Physical form;
 - 1.2.2.2 Landscape value;
 - 1.2.2.3 Heritage value;
 - 1.2.2.4 Botanical value; or
 - 1.2.2.5 Locational significance.
- 1.3 The Register will include the following information in relation to each tree:
 - 1.3.1 A unique identifier;
 - 1.3.2 The species of tree;
 - 1.3.3 Physical characteristics of the tree (height, girth and canopy width);
 - 1.3.4 A description of the characteristics that led to the inclusion of the tree on the Register;
 - 1.3.5 The location of the tree;
 - 1.3.6 The date the tree was added to the Register;
 - 1.3.7 The date of the most recent inspection of the tree;
 - 1.3.8 A description of the condition of the tree at the most recent inspection.

2. Nomination of Trees for Inclusion on the Register

- 2.1 Any person may nominate a tree for inclusion on the Register of Significant Public Trees.
- 2.2 The Chief Executive Officer will determine the form and information required to nominate a tree for inclusion on the Register.
- 2.3 The assessment of nominations will be undertaken by suitably qualified Officers nominated by the Chief Executive Officer. Trees will be assessed for inclusion on the Register against the characteristics listed in clause 1.2.2.



- 2.4 A decision on whether to include a tree on the Register will generally be made by the Executive Team. However, the Chief Executive Officer may refer a proposal to include a tree on the Register to Council for determination.

3. Management of Trees Included on the Register

- 3.1 Trees included on the Register will be inspected at least biennially in order to determine any works required to maintain their health and enable the condition of the tree to be recorded in the Register.
- 3.2 Trees included on the Register will be subject to maintenance aimed at extending their life, preserving public safety and ensuring clearance to services (such as overhead power lines).
- 3.3 Subject to clause 3.4, a tree listed on the Register may only be physically removed with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer. However, the Chief Executive Officer may refer a proposal to remove a tree listed on the Register to Council for determination.
- 3.4 Where a tree listed on the Register presents an immediate and significant risk to people or property, its removal may be authorised by the Director Infrastructure, Manager Parks and Environment, Coordinator Tree Services or the Supervisor Tree Services.
- 3.5 Council will be advised of the physical removal of any tree that is listed on the Register.

4. Removal of Trees from the Register

- 4.1 A decision to remove a tree from the Register may be made by the Executive Team. However, the Chief Executive Officer may refer a proposal to remove a tree from the Register to Council for determination.
- 4.2 A tree that is physically removed in accordance with an approval issued under clauses 3.3 or 3.4 is to be removed from the Register.
- 4.3 Council will be advised of the removal of any tree from the Register.



GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Nil
Industry Compliance	Nil
Organisational Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening Gosnells: Our Public Tree Strategy 2022-2030 • Street Tree Urban Policy CP 2.3.9 • Trees and Urban Canopy CP 2.3.19 • City of Gosnells Heritage Inventory
Process Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment for Significant Tree Register

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer Title		Contact:	
Infrastructure		Manager Parks and Environment		9492 0130	
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1.	OCM 187/08/08/2023	New policy adopted.			
2.					
3.					