

TREE POLICY - 1996 - CABOOLTURE SHIRE COUNCIL
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5.7.2 Tree Removal

Tree removal should always be a last resort and be undertaken for reasons of public safety in the interests of the community, or protection of capital assets. Removal will not be undertaken for reasons such as leaf drop.

When in the opinion of the Council staff, the problem can be alleviated by other means, the tree shall not be removed until such remedial actions have been evaluated or attempted.

The remedial actions may include:

- pruning
- tree surgery
- pest or disease treatment
- provision of barriers around the tree
- installation of root control barriers
- realignment of access ways near the tree
- realignment of services near the tree

if removal is necessary:

it shall be undertaken by Council approved personnel after assessment and approval by a **Environment**, Dev. and Local Laws Unit Office.

Removing trees on Council land shall not be undertaken by members of the public except where written approval to do so is given by Council. All trees and shrubs on Council land are regarded as Council property and interference with them will be regarded as a prosecutable offence.

Request for remedial action to trees on Council land shall be made by the owner of the property having frontage to the footpath, easement or parkland.....

Parks and reserves

Tree removal is conditional upon

a permit to destroy trees on Crown Land must be submitted to the Dept of Lands..... for clearing of significant stands of trees *

Tree removal in parks or reserves is subject to the Divisional councilors approval and shall generally be based upon the Council Officer's assessment of the tree and other factors tree removal is necessary due to similar reasons as for street trees i.e.

- where the tree is dead or dying
- where the cost of saving the tree outweighs the value and or benefit of the tree
- where the tree constitutes a safety hazard due to damage or ill health
- where the tree presents a traffic visibility problem which will be recurrent
- where the tree is an inappropriate species beneath power lines
- where poisonous
- where there are thorns spikes or prickles
- where an invasive species

the parks supervisor is authorized to remove trees in parks and reserves without further approval in an emergency where a tree presents a serious safety hazard which cannot otherwise be alleviated.