



Trees on Council Road Reserves

1. Intent of Policy

The intention of this policy is to establish strategic control for the management of trees, for which Oberon Council has responsibility.

2. Scope of Policy

This policy applies to the planting, pruning and removal of trees on road reserves where Council is the road authority. This includes rural and urban areas.

Relevant Statutory Requirements specific to this policy:

Roads Act, 1993

3. Guidelines

To carry out work in a road reserve formal approval must be given from the relevant road authority. Council is the road authority in all cases in Oberon with the exception of crown roads and state roads.

To manage safety and asset risks that trees bring Council will remove trees from council road reserves that are considered dangerous and will bear the full cost. This assessment will be made by the Director of Engineering.

Where trees are not considered dangerous but the circumstances warrant removal or pruning of trees Council will consider applications from the public. The applicant will bear the full cost.

All planting, pruning and the removal of trees by members of the public requires approval from Council prior to carrying out the work. Applications will be assessed by the Director of Engineering.

Planting

Members of the public wishing to plant trees in the road reserve are to seek prior approval from Council. The application should provide the following information.

- ⌚ Type/species of tree – generally trees should be consistent with trees already planted
- ⌚ Location of where tree is to be planted – a sketch plan
- ⌚ Reasons for the planting
- ⌚ The likely impact on surrounding environment (including neighbours)

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Pruning

Members of the public wishing to prune trees in the road reserve are to seek prior approval from Council. The application should provide the following information.

- ⌚ Location of where tree is to be pruned – a sketch plan
- ⌚ Reasons for the pruning
- ⌚ The likely impact on surrounding environment (including neighbours)
- ⌚ Clean up plan

Removal

Members of the public wishing to remove trees in the road reserve are to seek prior approval from Council. The application should provide the following information.

- ⌚ Details of the trees to be removed - Location of where tree is to be removed and number of trees.
- ⌚ Reasons for the removal
- ⌚ The likely impact on surrounding environment (including neighbours)
- ⌚ Clean up plan

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