

# Tree Management Policy

## 1 Document Information

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## 2 Summary

Details Council's policy on trees – including the sale of trees in parklands, planting of Pine Trees, and tree management in conjunction with Electricity Network Authorities.

## 3 Approvals

Title	Date Approved	Signature
Director of Engineering & Technical Services		

## 4 History

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	Compilation of various policies: "Trees – sale of", "Pine Tree Planting - Distance from Boundary Fences - Pine Forests" and "Tree Management"	
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## 5 Reason

To advise conditions so as to provide a process for the sale of trees in parklands, maintain an adequate buffer between pine forests and adjacent land use and to avoid interference with power lines.

## 6 Scope

Applies to the Cabonne LGA

Applies to land zoned 1(a) and 7(c) by CLEP 1991

## 7 Associated Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

In accordance with Energy Network Authority

“Planning for Bushfires” guidelines (NSWRFS)

## 8 Definitions

CLEP 1991 – Cabonne local Environmental Plan 1991

NSWRFS – New South Wales Rural Fire Service

LGA – Local Government Area

## 9 Responsibilities

### 9.1 General Manager

The General Manager is responsible for the overall control and implementation of the policy.

### 9.2 Directors and Managers

Directors and Managers are responsible for the control of the policy and procedures within their area of responsibility.

## 10 Related Documents

Document Name	Document Location

## 11 Policy Statement

All applications to purchase trees from parkland within the Cabonne LGA are to be considered at a meeting of Council.

Pine trees in pine forests in land zoned 1(a) and 7(c) by CLEP 1991 are to be planted so that a distance of fifteen (15) metres is available from boundary fences to the trunk of trees for firebreak purposes.

Council join in Joint Tree Management with the relevant Electricity Network Authority on the following basis:-

1. Tree Planting - New and Replacement by Cabonne Council be in general accordance with ISSC 3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation near Power Lines.
2. Existing Trees

Existing trees which are located beneath power lines shall be pruned by the Electricity Network Authority or its sub contractor in order to maintain statutory clearances between the foliage and the conductors. Where, in the opinion of the Electricity Network Authority the

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tree is unsuitable for location beneath power lines, the tree shall be marked with yellow tape and reported to Cabonne Council. Cabonne Council shall determine what action, if any, shall be taken with regard to replacing the existing tree.

In areas where street trees are varieties that require frequent trimming to maintain clearance from power lines, Council will remove tree trimmings following maintenance by the Electricity Network Authority or its sub contractor.

### 3. Tree Planting - By the Community on Public Land

The Council shall, wherever possible, cause to have unsuitable trees which are less than two years old and are located beneath power lines, either removed or replaced when such trees are brought to the attention of Cabonne Council.

Notes: A tree shall be considered to be beneath power lines if, during its expected growth, it is likely to come within 1 metre of power line conductors.