

Survey - Draft Tree Policy (Trees on council land)

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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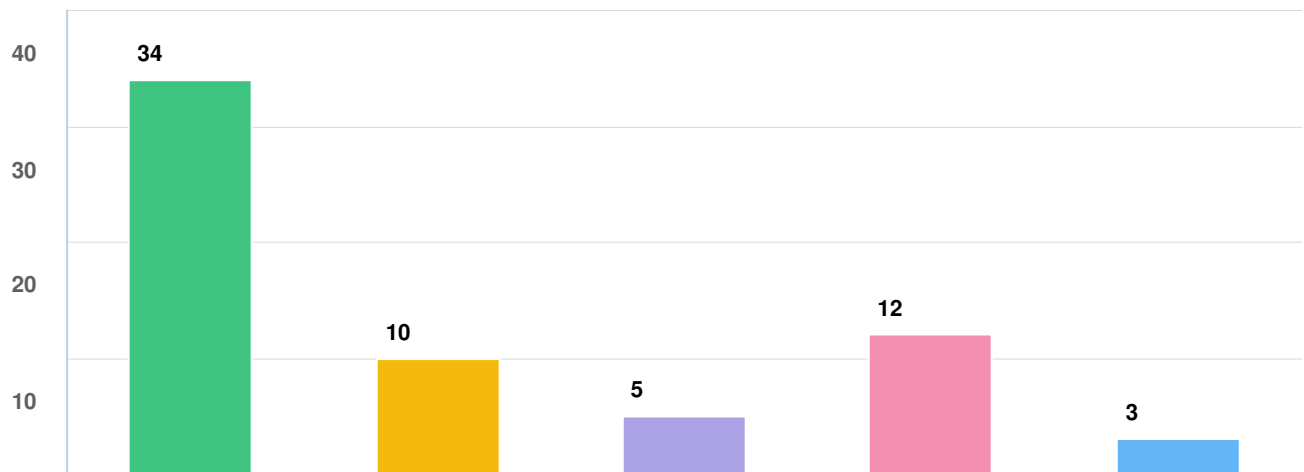
PROJECT NAME:

Draft Tree Policy (Trees on Council Land)



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 How did you hear about this consultation



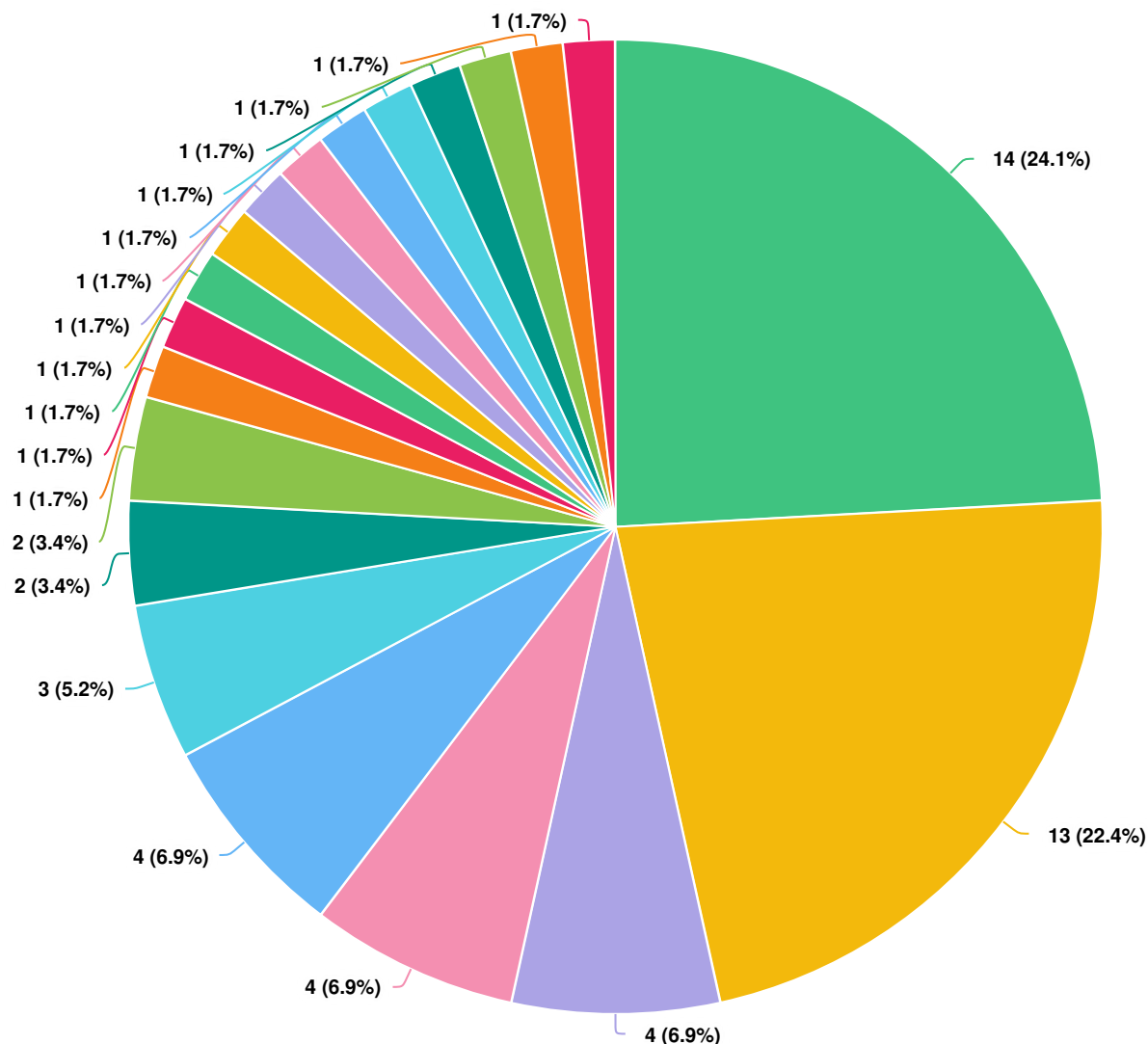
Question options

☒ Social media ☒ Council website ☒ Media ☒ Word of mouth ☒ Other (please specify)

Optional question (61 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 What suburb do you live in? (Please type your suburb and scroll to select)

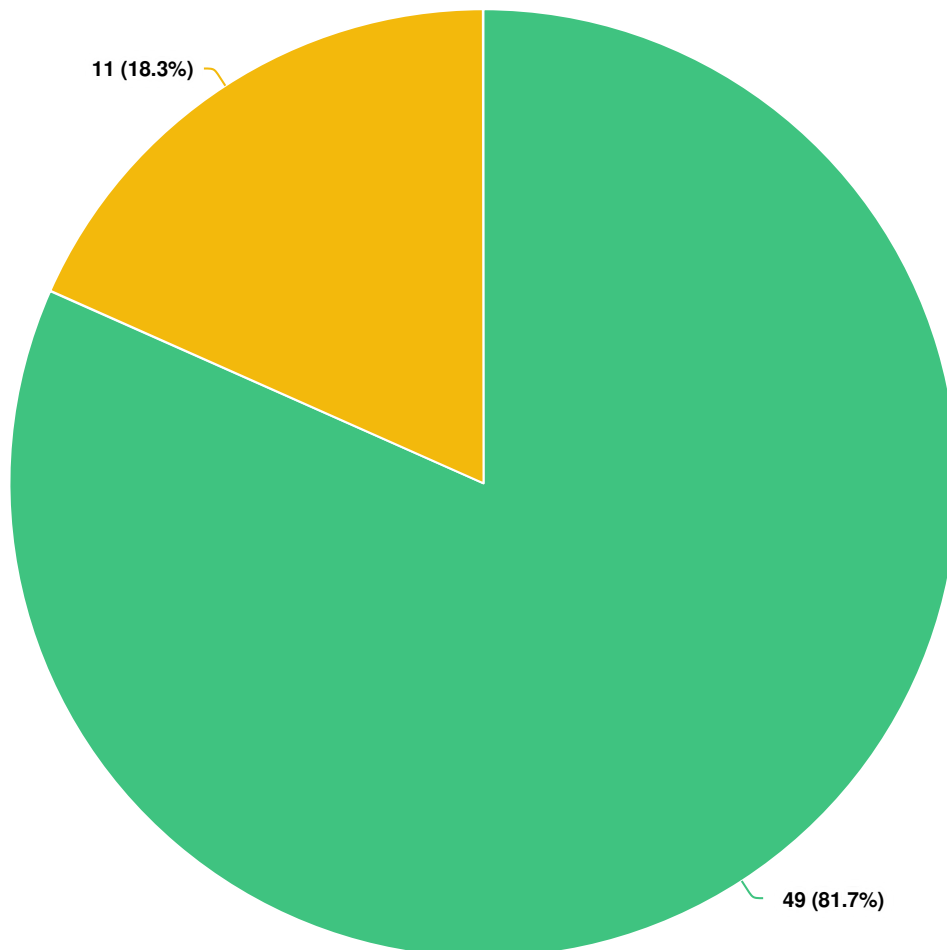


Question options

- HOWRAH, TAS
- BELLERIVE, TAS
- SANDFORD, TAS
- TRANMERE, TAS
- LINDISFARNE, TAS
- CLIFTON BEACH, TAS
- LAUDERDALE, TAS
- CLARENDON VALE, TAS
- ACTON PARK, TAS
- SEVEN MILE BEACH, TAS
- MORNINGTON, TAS
- WARRANE, TAS
- CAMBRIDGE, TAS
- ROSE BAY, TAS
- GEILSTON BAY, TAS
- ROKEBY, TAS
- ROCHES BEACH, TAS
- ROSNY, TAS
- OTAGO, TAS
- PYALONG, VIC

Optional question (58 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Region Question

Q3 Do you support councils draft Tree Policy (Trees on council land)?



Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Optional question (60 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 | Do you have any further comments on why you support this policy?

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9/06/2021 03:35 PM

To mitigate climate change, to increase visual amenity and mental health benefits of a green environment, to increase biodiversity in urban areas.

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9/06/2021 03:54 PM

The policy values trees for environmental, aesthetic and practical purposes and aims to protect the trees that exist. It also places the value of trees above minor human requirements such as retaining the view from their home. In these times of climate crisis, protecting and planting trees as much as we can is vital.

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9/06/2021 04:01 PM

Leave all the big trees that have hollows for wildlife. Takes over 150 years for small hollows to form. Dead trees have an important ecological need.

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9/06/2021 05:18 PM

To save and nurture our trees returns benefits tenfold to ourselves

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9/06/2021 05:39 PM

Its well overdue to recognise the need for trees for well bring, cooler suburbs and aesthetic engagement. Its amazing when you go to places that value trees and have street scapes and parks how much it impacts on your snd your families well being.

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9/06/2021 06:21 PM

Trees are important.

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9/06/2021 07:05 PM

It helps to make the place a nice place to live

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9/06/2021 07:10 PM

Stopping the unnecessary removal of trees is as important as planting new areas previously deforested.

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9/07/2021 01:40 PM

Urban forests are important for our physical and psychological wellbeing and are essential for our future within a changing climate. Our ecosystems need to co-exist with our ever expanding urban footprint rather than continuously being pushed back to fringe reserves. Very appreciative of council addressing these key concerns within a policy that is forward thinking and protective of the already great assets the municipality has in its array of existing established

trees.

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9/07/2021 03:40 PM

No

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9/07/2021 07:51 PM

It's important to do more to protect existing trees and focus on planting and maintaining new ones

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9/07/2021 10:08 PM

Urban forests are particularly important in a time of accelerating climate change.

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9/16/2021 06:46 AM

Trees are calming, beautiful. And we need more. Protects the. Land and animals.

Screen Name Redacted

9/16/2021 09:42 AM

Instead of signs where trees are vandalised, large screens should be erected instead, blocking some of the view. Also add signage then to explain that the screen will be removed once the vegetation regrows. Signs are no deterrent!!!!

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9/18/2021 04:21 PM

There needs to be a policy in order to protect trees, justify street greening and to hold developers to account when impacting public land.

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9/20/2021 12:15 PM

I would ask that we move away from larger GUM trees. The maintenance requirements for them in urban areas to avoid widowmaker branches and the large amount of bark etc they drop means maintenance can be prohibitive. if we could focus on natives that grow to 3 or 4 meters high that would be better in my opinion.

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9/20/2021 04:18 PM

I agree with all of the benefits that having trees in our suburbs bring. Trees bring birds, beneficial insects, shade, make the air cleaner reduce carbon. Trees add beauty to the environment.

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9/21/2021 11:03 PM

because it is much needed

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9/22/2021 12:49 AM

I support the intent and proposed implementation of the policy as long as it is not used as a justification for tree removal. For example if the Council wants a tree removed they may engage a "suitably qualified

person" to declare a tree diseased. What is the definition of a "suitably qualified" first of all. Secondly, over the years I have noticed numerous large healthy eucalypt trees on Council land (eg Wentworth Park) have been quietly removed in my neighborhood, officially in the name of safety, but more likely because they inconvenience nearby residents or because the Council doesn't want to bother with a detailed annual checking and pruning program.

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9/23/2021 08:29 PM

I support Council having a Tree Policy that recognises the importance of trees play in our community, and takes a strong stance against tree vandalism.

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9/24/2021 12:37 AM

Health of the environment.Soothing energy for citizens health.

Screen Name Redacted

9/26/2021 08:52 PM

Trees make suburbs look beautiful. They also make them more livable places by offering shade - particularly important as our climate warms.

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9/27/2021 06:45 AM

.Important to encourage native tree planting .As stated, shade is also important in public areas and streets .Trees important in assisting bird survival -consider when planting .Trees are positive contribution to climate change management

Screen Name Redacted

9/27/2021 07:51 AM

Trees will make for a more liveable city, and improve property values. I'm also very disappointed by the recent vandalism at Bellerive.

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9/27/2021 08:32 AM

Global warming

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9/27/2021 08:37 AM

Trees enhance the aesthetic quality of our beautiful community as well as providing important habitat for wildlife. Increased impact of climate changes it is more important than ever to use trees to provide shade and reduce heat loads in our urban areas. We were deeply disappointed by the deliberate poisoning of trees in our local area recently and there needs to be provisions in council policy for strengthening the resulting penalties for this kind of vandalism.

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9/27/2021 01:08 PM

We seem to be losing so many tall trees on the eastern shore, it's heartbreaking when we have such diverse native birdlife. Totally support plenty of trees being planted!!

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9/28/2021 07:46 AM

In the current climate and biodiversity crisis it is essential to be recognising the enormous value of trees as they improve liveability in cities (lowering temp in urban areas), store carbon and provide critical habitat for insects, birds and other animals.

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10/01/2021 03:38 PM

It's great that it recognises the value of trees and speaks of an urban forest. This is important to combat the heat island effect.

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10/02/2021 01:56 PM

I support habitat on nature strip's as well as creating urban forests retaining urban forest and linking wildlife corridors. Promoting catchment management awareness. I support cat prohibited council reserves. I support the tree policy

Screen Name Redacted

10/03/2021 08:48 AM

Trees are important habitat for our wildlife.

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10/03/2021 10:22 AM

Provides a policy framework to guide both developers and Council staff. Will provide a strong base for the response to tree vandalism as happened at Bellerive Beach. Informs the public and will remove much of the ambiguity in relation to tree management in Clarence.

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10/04/2021 08:38 PM

It's not really clear what an urban forest network would be, if possible, add more detail in the Definitions Section. The reference is quite old, would have expected a more recent reference. Also should have better definition of a tree. Not clear what types of trees will be planted in the urban forest. This may vary, for instance, in the Rosny area would probably be good shade producing deciduous trees to reduce the summer heat. In other areas such as South Arm new plantings may be more native trees. Perhaps the policy can touch on this or maybe it will be covered in other documents. Note the policy is limited to Council owned land and in urban areas of the city - define "urban areas", a list would be even better. Ideally a tree policy would extend to the entire municipality & all land tenures - maybe another policy. Purpose - recommend that this be more dynamic, add "expand or extend" ...urban forest.... Reporting - only refers to reporting trees removed, should also include new trees planted.

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10/05/2021 12:08 AM

Because development removes trees to build houses and trees should be part of any area for aesthetic appeal. They're beautiful living plants and bare suburbs like Clarendon Vale are soulless and ugly.

Optional question (34 response(s), 27 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q5 | Do you have any further comments on why you do not support this policy?

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9/06/2021 01:44 PM

No information on suitability of trees. Gum trees in particular can be dangerous and are often unsuitable in suburbs.

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9/07/2021 12:10 AM

Policy is totally silent on the biggest risk from trees in an Austrakian urban setting - BUSHFIRE. The reference made to fire management plans in the draft policy is only applicable to Council Nature Reserves. There are road reserves in my suburb, Bellerive that contain corridors of a number of hugh eucalyptus trees (30 - 40 metres in height) growing closley together and very close to housing. They constitute a hugh fire risk. These trees explode into fire balls in catastrophic bush fire conditions. These hugh forest trees are being protected against removal by this policy because they would likely be classed as healthy and the policy only treats trees on an individual basis. As a cluster of trees they present a much greater risk to the community from bushfire. They should be being risk assessed as a cluster. Should a bush fire occur that would damage and destroy life and property, I would expect the Clarence Council would be held legally culpable as Council had prevented this very high risk from being managed, even in the smallest way - as these trees are totally protected under the policy if they are deemed to be healthy. The largest legal payout in Australian history involved a Victorian bushfire and the SEC Victoria not properly managing bushfire risk involving trees. I see a Council prohibiting any bush fire tree risk management would similarly be held legally resposible.

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9/07/2021 11:09 AM

I support a tree policy, but this broad strategy is deficient in important aspects.

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9/07/2021 07:03 PM

The policy makes it too had for the reasonable removal of trees. It's gives too much protection to trees and priorities them of reasonable aspects of urban living.

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9/17/2021 03:39 PM

I am concerned that council will not trim trees that may obstruct clarence rate payers homes which have solar panels or lose especially winter sun as a result of high growth of trees on council property. Also trees that may obstruct road signs.

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9/22/2021 02:07 PM

Council , in its selection of tree plantings should be mindful of, and should avoid high shedding species which invariably become a huge maintenance hazard for nearby residents. The gum trees that have been planted on the Rose Bay esplanade are the wrong type. They have grown so large now and extend over the road, over the playground and will be above our nature strip very soon. The thousand of leaves, twigs (and pollen at certain times of the year) are blocking up our roof gutters, blowing all over our once lovely gardens, onto our decks, into our garages and the grate near our garage has to be cleaned by us frequently. We aren't young and am getting very tired of picking up leaves and twigs by hand every day from trees that are not on our property!

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9/28/2021 01:39 PM

There is no accountability for bird life and trees that are necessary to sustain the populations which have been struggling to find appropriate trees.

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9/28/2021 09:40 PM

Fining people for pruning trees seems way over the top. It is good for the trees and avoids risk of damaging limbs

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9/28/2021 09:44 PM

Lack of community consultation on types of trees planted (lots of allery causing wattle trees going in in areas which didn't previously feature these) and poorly planned location of tall trees in front of parking areas to maintain public views.

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9/30/2021 12:33 PM

Nobody wants to see unnecessary signs go up in public areas.

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10/04/2021 04:25 PM

The policy is a good start in terms of management and maintenance of existing trees, but has nothing to say on replanting degraded natural landscapes or promoting streetscape design incorporating trees. The public benefits from active tree planting and incorporation of trees in street landscape design are not referenced in the policy, nor is there any reference to a proactive stance on tree planting in natural or urban areas.

Optional question (11 response(s), 50 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q6 | Do you have any further comments about tree management in Clarence, or is there anything additional you would like to see included in this policy?

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9/06/2021 01:44 PM

Commitment by council to clean up fallen trees and branches.
Multiple dead she oaks have fallen over on foreshore. Large branch came down over tranmere road from the gum tree in the nature strip (i moved it off the road onto the naturestrip) and is still there 4 weeks later. If council wants trees you need to be responsible for them!

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9/06/2021 03:35 PM

Really pleased to see that council are intending to take a stricter approach towards the cutting down of healthy trees.

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9/06/2021 03:54 PM

Include anything that gives us more trees and more plants in general, for their well known environmental benefits, provided of course bush fire risk is also managed.

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9/06/2021 04:01 PM

Plant more trees!

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9/06/2021 05:18 PM

Some success has been made using chainsaw created hollows in live and dead trees (Phascogale study Victoria). Perhaps this could be trailed in your area, not removing the poisoned trees, but fitting them with nesting boxes and hollows to suit the many creatures that need homes too. All wildlife corridors enhance our lives. As lockdowns repeatedly show we all gravitate to nature

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9/06/2021 05:39 PM

It would be great if we added signs like they use in Glamorgan Spring Bay council area when residents deliberately poison or cut trees. They use the sign saying " this sign will stay until the trees grow back. Its a name a shame but has reduced the loss of trees significantly.

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9/06/2021 06:21 PM

Plant more trees

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9/06/2021 07:05 PM

Not at this point of time

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9/06/2021 07:10 PM

I'd love to see the hill of Tranmere/Droughty Point to be revegetated in line with neighbouring hills. Thank you for encouraging others to rethink the benefits of trees. Well done ccc

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9/07/2021 12:10 AM

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9/07/2021 12:30 AM

Management is key - please ensure that sufficient funding and staff is devoted to this

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9/07/2021 11:09 AM

The intro informs that trees shade buildings reducing energy costs and making places more attractive and comfortable. True for some trees in some climates, but not here. In summer with the sun high the dappled light is cooling and beautiful. in winter with the sun low and the eucalypts retaining their canopy, it is dark, cold and miserable. There can be no dispute that in our climate the energy cost of heating exceeds costs of cooling. And the shading reduces the efficiency of solar panels to the point of unviability. So "reducing energy costs" ????? I am in Waverley Court. In the colder months it is shaded here by Council trees, I can go to Eastlands, Clarence Street, even Waverley Street and be thinking it's a nice day for the time of year. But turn the corner into Waverley Court, the road will be wet, the air is cold, the auto-headlights turn on. It is not healthy. I am not complaining or calling for the trees to be lopped. I am here by choice. But the Council's policy needs less romanticism and more reality. Baseless generalisations are not good enough. I have recently had trees removed partially for this reason, albeit with no noticeable improvement. Call me 0414838491 to inspect for a better understanding. The policy should recognise that Council trees may overhang private land and give landholders guidance in their actions. The policy should recognise fire danger and guide tree management accordingly. We are in a fire risk zone here and I don't know what that means for tree management, but I have now noticed insurance

company asking if there are trees within 20m. If the trees are Council trees, what then ? In regard to fire safety/tree vandalism, I once challenged a resident cutting down a tree in Waverley Park. (which occurs quite regularly). He said the Fire Service said he had to have a 30m fire break and that's what he was doing - 30m into Waverley Park ! There needs to be more definitive guidance and consistency of practice because on the ground ignorance (or feigned ignorance) means policies are developed and reviewed, but for the trees, nothing changes. I know Council responds to complaints, but there should be more effort in inspecting for compliance rather than reliance on informants.

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9/07/2021 01:40 PM

Very comprehensive policy. Understanding this is more of a planning concern, I would appreciate consideration of Planning Applications and their subsequent impacts on forests when BAL clearing and or cut off drainage will likely be required.

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9/07/2021 03:40 PM

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9/07/2021 07:03 PM

Allow people to remove any trees on their property without needing to tie up council resources. Ensure all trees in reserves are pruned regularly to ensure people's safety and health. Stop have green political policies and truly have policies for all residents.

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9/07/2021 07:49 PM

I would like to see it easier to have green zones / community gardens on verges or nature strips

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9/07/2021 07:51 PM

I'd like to see large fines levied against people damaging and/or poisoning trees, shrubs and other plants in the area, and a focus on native plantings in the future

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9/07/2021 10:08 PM

On page 5, there is a statement beginning: "trees will not be removed because they..." .The list of reasons are sound but I feel the reason "block solar access" is too general. It seems to me that there may be circumstances where trees on Council land could potentially block solar access for PV systems or private residence living areas. I feel it is reasonable in these cases that trees that grow to block pre - existing solar access by home owners should be managed to maintain that solar access.

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Local residents to have access to chipped waste material.

9/15/2021 04:51 PM

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Emphasis on planting native endemic species

9/15/2021 07:21 PM

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Make sure the trees are native, birdlike attracting and not too large so as to cause issues as they grow. Plenty of good natives to choose from.

9/15/2021 08:39 PM

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No.

9/16/2021 06:46 AM

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Instead of signs where trees are vandalised, large screens should be erected instead, blocking some of the view. Also add signage then to explain that the screen will be removed once the vegetation regrows. Signs are no deterrent!!!! I would love to see more trees in streets especially along streets such as Lindisfarne shopping village. Developers should be required to include green spaces and plenty of tree planting along streets.

9/16/2021 09:42 AM

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The policy needs to be written in plain, simple language. It is not at all clear what it means in practice. I hope the policy will include an emphasis on renewal... some trees need to be removed and areas regularly replanted .

9/16/2021 04:49 PM

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I would like to see a greater emphasis on planting, reforestation and species selection in the policy. Currently the focus of the policy seems to be mostly on the removal or maintenance of existing trees, which is important and should remain, but to address the stated objectives of the policy there seems to be a missed opportunity for additional content relating to the proactive actions of council to grow the number of trees and green spaces.

9/17/2021 01:44 PM

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Consulation to be avaiable with residence who have a problem with large tree growth causing problems to residents homes in situations of fire management concerns, reduced solar power generation, reduced winter sunlight on property or dropping of tree limbs. In other words to be a good neighbour!

9/17/2021 03:39 PM

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just get it done! we need heaps more green

9/21/2021 11:03 PM

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9/22/2021 12:49 AM

I couldn't find the 'Urban Forest Strategy and Precinct Planting Plans Policy' on the Council Website, so can't comment on how the draft Tree Policy fits with this. Also is this draft Tree Policy replacing the October 26, 2015 Management of Trees on Council Land policy? If so, it is firstly much less detailed than the 2015 document. If not, which policy takes precedence? Looking at the 2021 draft Tree Policy's TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM on page 5 there are elements that actually contradict the 2015 document's RETENTION AND REMOVAL policy (also page 5): The 2015 document lists various grounds for the removal of a tree that is posing "a significant concern to an adjacent property owner". These grounds include unsuitability... shading...maintaining existing significant views... The draft 2021 document on the other hand says, under TREE REMOVAL, that "trees will not be removed because they, amongst other things, obstruct views, commercial advertising or signage, are disliked, produce leaf litter, cause minor allergic or irritant responses, block solar access". There are obvious contradictions in the two documents! Other comments/suggestions: 1. TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: The definition of an arborist is left too open. Most advertised arborists appear to be tree removalists first and foremost. I believe any arborist employed by the Council to assess trees should hold a University qualification in Arboriculture. Also what is the definition of "other suitably qualified person"? This is also too vague a definition and could be open to abuse by someone with an "agenda". 2. TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: The phrase "in accordance with relevant plans relating to vegetation management" implies that tree conservation will be secondary to any other land management programs. 3. TREE REMOVAL: The draft policy mentions that trees will not be removed because they...produce "leaf litter". I suggest this should be broadened to "minor vegetative material eg leaf litter"

Screen Name Redacted

9/22/2021 02:07 PM

Why can't the council plant attractive deciduous trees or on the Rose Bay esplanade similar to the ones that are in the Bayfield St mall and in Hobart city? The prevailing northwesterly winds would then only blow the dreadfully messy leaves onto our properties once a year... not every single day.

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9/23/2021 08:29 PM

I think the Policy should provide more information on the value of trees, which is very important context for the Policy. For example – biodiversity: many bird, mammal and invertebrate species require mature native trees for nesting, food, shelter, etc. The trees in turn rely on these species for pollination, etc. The iconic swift parrot, a critically endangered species loved by many in our community, requires blue gum trees for foraging habitat. Trees can also be protected legally under other State and Federal legislation (threatened species protection act, nature conservation act, EPBC

Act, etc.). Trees also provide ecosystem integrity and contribute to coastal protection – an increasingly important attribute in Clarence in relation to climate change impacts. The policy should include a commitment from Council that whenever a tree is removed, that it is replaced. Over the last few years we have had 3 beautiful mature native Eucalypts removed from our street - one of those wasn't replaced, and the other two were replaced with juvenile plants of a different (non-native) species. The policy is terribly written – there are grammatical errors and ambiguous statements, etc... I would strongly encourage you to have someone experienced in the English language and in writing clear and articulate policy to review the document and ensure that it is well written and clear.. to avoid the potential for misinterpretations of the policy down the track.

Vandalism – it is disgusting what has happened in Bellerive recently and the community really needs to understand that it will not be tolerated. Given how hard it is to prove who has committed the offence, Council really needs to give this section some serious thought to make sure that people are held accountable. Some serious fines is a good starting point (not just an infringement notice, which sounds very light on) – like paying the full value of the trees (\$186k in the recent Bellerive case) plus any other costs. The policy also shouldn't commit Council to installing signage at the site of the vandalised tree. Sometimes this may not be appropriate (e.g. recent example at Second Bluff in Bellerive, the trees are not completely dead and it's not known who did the damage, so installing signage may end up penalising neighbours who didn't commit the crime – a double whammy for those local residents who liked having the trees and were upset by seeing them damaged). I would also recommend installing CCTV or remote sensor cameras, to attempt to capture follow-up actions (e.g. in the Second Bluff example, the trees didn't die so the perpetrator may revisit the site for a second attempt... put some cameras in now to try and catch them). Also – rather than saying Council will issue fines (infringement notice), be more specific – the criminal should be responsible for the cost of the damage done (in the Bellerive example, a fine of \$186,000). Given much of the Tree Policy refers to strategies that have not been developed (e.g. "Trees that are removed will be replaced in accordance with the Urban Forest Strategy and Precinct Planting Plans."). Trees should be native to the area (and preferably of local provenance), and the loss of one mature tree should be offset by a ratio of at least 1:10 – i.e. removal of one mature tree requires planting at least 10 juvenile trees. It takes decades after planting for a tree to develop the habitat values, social amenity values, carbon sequestration values, etc. that have been lost by removing a mature tree.

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9/23/2021 08:38 PM

I wish the Clarence City Council would plant as many trees as they can possible manage - so important for our well being and for the life

of our birdlife. Please please plant more trees!

Screen Name Redacted

9/24/2021 12:37 AM

As a rate payer of CCC with some substantial trees on my property, I would like to see there Council appoint a City Arborist who can be available to ratepayers for inspection of trees and advice on their health or need for trimming as was the case 30 years ago.

Screen Name Redacted

9/25/2021 08:39 AM

Happy to see mention of significant street canopy tree plantings and encourage this to be considered for established areas as well as in more developments. Please continue to focus on native regeneration and enhancement.

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9/26/2021 08:52 PM

In the past there have been a few inappropriate choices of tree (eg. Mt Fujis near Cottage School which later had to be severely pruned/removed) - so it's great to hear that thought is being put into the right types of trees :)

Screen Name Redacted

9/27/2021 06:45 AM

Please re-plant appropriate trees in the centre of the road in Queen St, Bellerive. The Mt Fujis are not suitable-they are a wide spreading tree which is not safe for this site where vision for cars must be maintained. This area looks awful. A row of upright growing ornamental blossoms as grown in many older suburbs could look superb. Thank-you. Great to see the council working on tree policy.

Screen Name Redacted

9/27/2021 08:37 AM

Would like to see a program for offering encouragement for locals to plant more trees on the nature strips of our suburbs.

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9/28/2021 07:46 AM

Biodiversity offset policy that developers must follow - if they want to remove trees when developing they must set aside land expressly as green space, or provide funds which council must actually use to increase/improve green space

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9/28/2021 01:39 PM

That no new development/subdivision such as Tranmere or Oakdowns be allowed without trees to offset the concrete (heat).

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9/28/2021 09:40 PM

This seems a knee-jerk reaction to some tree poisoning in Bellerive that doesn't need to become general policy.

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The purpose of the policy speaks of planting and growing an urban

10/01/2021 03:38 PM

forest. Hopefully your Urban Forest Strategy will deal with it, but I thought the policy could support the purpose better by including a section on tree planting and stating that the number of trees planted should exceed the number removed. The number of trees planted and growth of the urban forest should also be reported on.

Screen Name Redacted

10/02/2021 01:56 PM

Prune often and retain the existing old trees by pruning often. To keep habitats and hollows. And if a tree needs to be felled then keep the trunk and keep the habitat. No more grinding down to ground.

Screen Name Redacted

10/03/2021 08:48 AM

I think we should have more community education about trees and their importance to our wildlife and our own well being. I think too many trees are cleared from around Acton.

Screen Name Redacted

10/03/2021 10:22 AM

The draft Tree Policy should be expanded to include trees and other vegetation. Even though "vegetation" is referred to in the draft policy, exactly what flora is included is unclear. Similarly what land is covered by the policy is a little confusing - especially the borrowed landscapes.

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We look forward to accessing the new procedure document as well when this is available. We are interested in the ways council will investigate vandalism against trees and vegetation and what proactive measures towards public awareness programs will be incorporated in the procedures. We are also interested in the training and practices of those engaged in maintenance of trees and vegetation, either council or contractors.

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The trees in raminea Rd are too tall. When it's windy they are dangerous. Branches break off and the gumnuts amass in the gutters on the road, on the footpath and in the eaves of residents houses. Trees should be natives that don't grow too tall and mostly evergreen. Trees are necessary for the environment and there can't be too many, but they need to be managed on a regular basis.

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All developments that involve native tree or bush removal should be required to make up the loss elsewhere in Clarence. There should be no net loss of native trees from new development. Historic plantings, avenues, roadside plantings & avenues should be identified, protected and actively maintained, eg road side Morrisby gums near South Arm Hwy/Cremore turnoff and along the road into Clifton Beach, the avenue of poplars along the road into Cremorne.....

Consider a signature native tree to reflect Clarence's image - I suggest the banksia. Doesn't grow too tall or shed limbs, lovely yellow blooms in winter, great for birds. Lends itself to pruning as a low hedge or letting grow naturally. Would make great formal planting on urban fringe or lovely specimen tree in urban areas too. The miserable Norfolk Island pines fringing Kangaroo Bay in front of the sports oval could be replaced by banksias.

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Plant flowering natives that do not grow to tall and lots of native shrubs that are indigenous to the area but don't require a lot of water.

Optional question (47 response(s), 14 skipped)

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