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REMOVE, DESTROY OR LOP A TREE

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Information requirements

An application must be accompanied by the following information as appropriate:

- A copy of title for the subject land and a copy of any registered restrictive covenant.
- If the tree to be removed, destroyed or lopped is identified as a significant tree in a schedule to the overlay, a report prepared by an arborist.
- A layout plan, drawn to scale and fully dimensioned showing:
 - The location, shape, size and slope of the site.
 - The location of the tree to be removed, destroyed or lopped.
 - The location and type of other significant vegetation on the site.
 - The location, species and height of any significant trees on the site that have been removed or approved to be removed in the past 3 years.
- A written statement that describes:
 - The species, height and trunk girth of the tree to be removed, destroyed or lopped.
 - The reason the tree is to be removed, destroyed or lopped.
 - If provision is to be made to replace the tree elsewhere on the land.
 - If the tree is to be lopped, the extent of lopping proposed.
 - Any impacts on the significance of the area.
- A photograph of the tree to be removed, destroyed or lopped.

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Decision guidelines

In assessing an application the responsible authority must consider as appropriate:

- The statement of significance and the objectives contained in the schedule to the overlay and whether the proposal will adversely affect that significance or the objectives.
- Whether the tree proposed to be removed, destroyed or lopped contributes to the significance of the area and whether the proposal will adversely affect that significance.
- Whether the removal or lopping of the tree is needed because of the health of the tree.
- Whether the lopping of the tree will adversely affect the health, appearance or significance of the tree.
- Whether the removal of the tree will contribute to soil erosion, slippage or salinisation.
- Whether the removal or lopping of the tree is needed to create a defensible space to reduce the risk of bushfire to life and property.

- If the tree is a native tree, its role in conserving flora and fauna and whether the proposal will adversely affect the conservation of flora and fauna of the area.
- Whether provision is made to plant a new tree elsewhere on the land.
- The reasons for removing the tree including the health of the tree to be removed.
- The cumulative impact of the number of trees that have been removed or been approved for removal in the past 3 years.
- Any relevant decision guideline specified in the overlay or the schedule to the overlay.