



Best Practice Tree Management

A Model for Success

Trees & Legislation

- TPOs were integrated into broader legal frameworks like the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)*,
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 (2026)

The aims of this Chapter are—

- (a) to protect the biodiversity values of trees and other vegetation in non-rural areas of the State, and
- (b) to preserve the amenity of non-rural areas of the State through the preservation of trees and other vegetation.

Exemptions

(3) A permit or approval is not required under this Chapter for—

- (a) the removal of vegetation that the council is satisfied is a risk to human life or property, or
- (b) clearing for a traditional Aboriginal cultural activity, other than a commercial cultural activity.

(4) A permit is not required under this Chapter for the removal of vegetation that the council is satisfied—

- (a) is dying or dead, and
- (b) is not required as the habitat of native animals.



In the
beginning





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Consequences

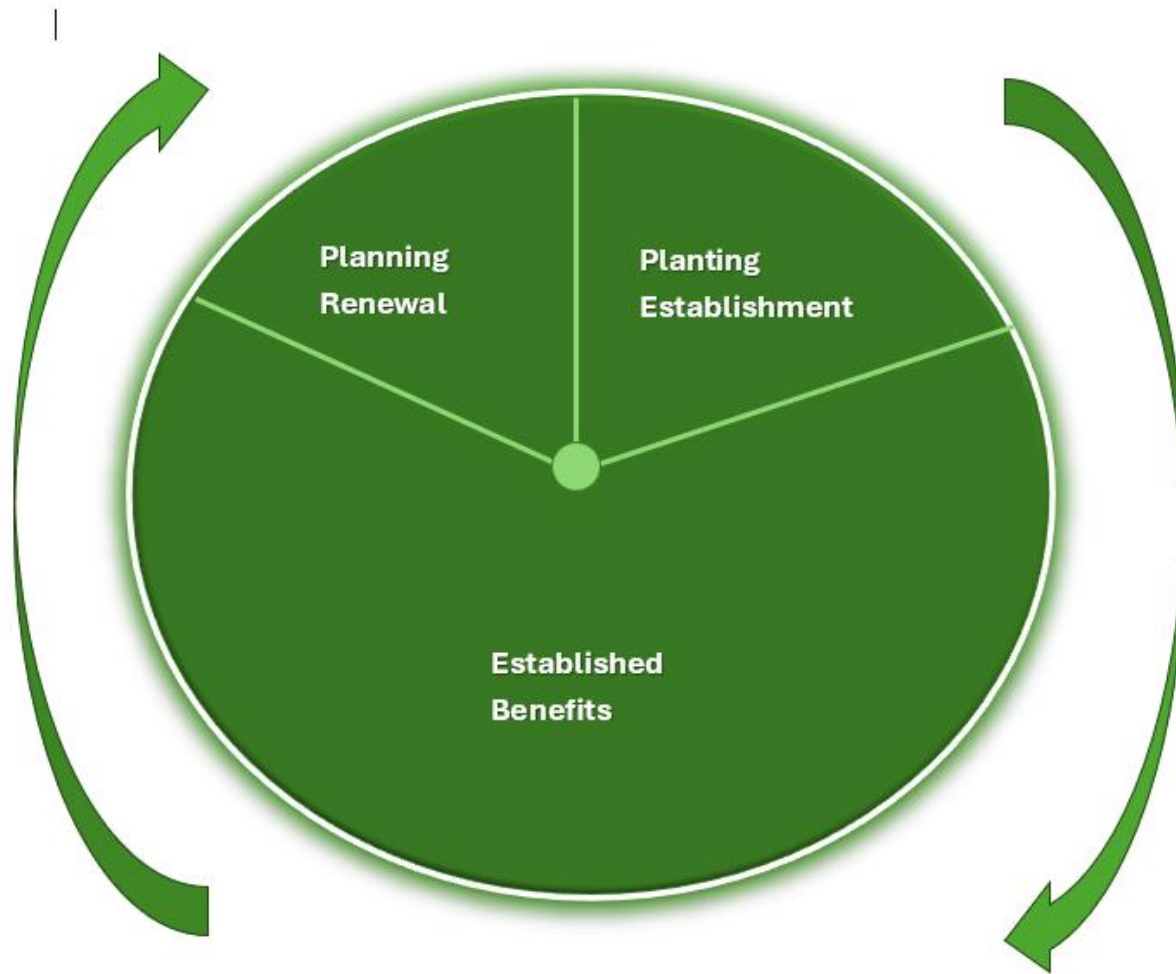




Preserve or
Renew?

The Model





Whole of Asset Life Cycle



Best Practice Manual

Trees and Tree Roots

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Urban Forest Policy

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Street Tree Selection Manual



Appendix 1:

Compliance with Statewise Insurance Obligations

Audit Requirement	How met
Council is encouraged to adopt a responsible planting procedure for new trees to ensure that the problems faced today from past plantings are not repeated into the future	STSM species selection process
The characteristics of the tree, within the environment or intended location, should be known prior to being planted. Only trees that have been reviewed for their characteristics should appear on the preferred species list E	STSM Species Matrix
Council needs to implement a systematic identification and evaluation process that will ensure that new tree plantings will not impact on services or structures	STSM site inspection and matrix process
In some instances, a case can be made to plant trees within the minimum distances for damage control. These circumstances may include trees of significant value or trees to compliment an existing street scene. If the situation warrants deviation from the procedure, then risk control strategies must be initiated.	STSM site inspection form, Inner West Council Technical Manual Public Trees 2025 – Risk Control Strategies
Council should develop policies to support its decisions	Urban Forest Policy 2025; IWC City Wide Maintenance Procedure – Trees 2025.

Tree Risk Methodologies

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GOODE v CITY OF BURNSIDE [2007] SAERDC 5
Judgment of Commissioner Hodgson 14 February
2007

ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification













Integrated Tree Asset Management Model Delivers

Questions?

