

TREE PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS

1. Tree Protection Measures and Protocols.

All work around existing trees to be retained shall be in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites with the clear establishment of the required Tree Protection Zones (TPZ's). If the scope of work allowed within or the extent of the Tree Protection Zones of existing trees is not clear, please refer to the Contract Manager or Project Consulting Arborist for clarification.

Before any site works commence tree protection zones and other measures must be established and conveyed to those all working on the site. The Contractor shall ensure all subcontractors are inducted prior to working on the site. All inductions shall include description and identification of the Tree Protection Zones and the restriction on work and activities with regard to trees.

Damage to roots or degradation of the soil through compaction and/or excavation within TPZ's is likely to cause serious damage to the tree. Any work operations required within TPZ's must be carried out with extreme care. All trees, palms and other shrubs within TPZ's are to be retained unless shown otherwise on the Tree Protection Plan(s). Trees marked for retention shall not be used to display signage, or as fence or cable supports for any reason. No materials stockpiling, chemicals or washout areas are permitted immediately upslope of or within the Tree Protection Zone. The washing down of wheel barrows, paint cans/brushes, acids and the like shall not be done near existing trees as the runoff is very harmful to tree roots.

2. Controlled Construction Access

Construction access points, stockpiling and storage areas shall be clearly identified on site and fenced off where appropriate. Uncontrolled access and parking of vehicles inside TPZ's shall be avoided. If access is required through a tree protection zone, the access way shall be treated with ground protection.

3. Tree Protection Fencing & Signage

The Tree Protection Plan(s) shows the extent of areas to be fenced and protected. Protection measures shall be certified as adequate by the Project Consulting Arborist. This fencing may form part of the general construction site fencing, where practical. It shall remain in place as long as possible and typically not be removed until the final landscape installation in those areas begins.

All tree protection fencing shall be 1800mm high galvanised chain wire or welded steel mesh. Fencing must be bolted together and secured with the necessary back stays and bracing.

Star pickets with bunting or danger tape shall not constitute acceptable tree protection fencing.

Suitable signage as defined by AS 4970-2009 Appendix C shall be affixed to the external side of the fencing at a spacing of not less than 1 sign per 20 lineal metres of fence.

If fence locations conflict with the proposed works, contact the Project Consulting Arborist and Contract Manager for resolution. No new services (unless under-bored) shall be located within or through the Tree Protection Zone.

4. Trunk and Lower Branch Protection

A trunk barrier is to be erected around the circumference of the tree trunk and root buttress where shown. This barrier will consist of a double layer of used carpet or carpet underfelt placed around the trunk. A layer of battens is to be placed over the underfelt. The battens are to have a maximum spacing of 50mm. The height of the battens is to be 2 metres or to the height of the first branches. Lower large branches may require the same protection if likely to be damaged by passing vehicles or equipment. Secure in place with galvanised steel bracing straps. Do not nail into or otherwise injure the trunk or bark. Battens may be made from any suitable waste timber of similar sizes and depths. All sharp or protruding edges are to be properly covered with tape or similar padding.



Example image of acceptable ground protection rumble boards

5. Works within the TPZ

All work within the root zone of existing trees shall be undertaken with the utmost care. If by necessity a tree requires removal of branches for building or access, pruning shall be done in strict accordance with accepted arboriculture techniques and AS 4373-2007. No rubbish, spoil or new materials shall be placed on the root zone of any existing tree or against their trunks.

6. Ground Protection

If it is proposed to create any access route, or similar, within the TPZ of a retained tree, the Contractor shall install rumble boards over the TPZ ground surface. No excavation shall be allowed. Contractor shall first place a suitable permeable geotextile to the extent required and then a 100mm thick layer of wood chip mulch or coarse no-fines gravel over the extent to be covered. Then place hardwood boards (minimum 3600 x 200 x 75mm) on their flat edge, side by side, with a 30 - 50mm gap to form a rumble strip. These boards are to be held together with three galvanised metal bracing straps nailed to each board. The two outer straps are to be approximately 200mm in from the ends of the boards. The third strap is to be along the centre line of the boards.

7. Provision of Temporary Irrigation

A temporary and automated (battery powered timer is sufficient) watering system to be placed within the TPZs of all trees to maintain adequate water to the retained trees and help maintain their healthy condition. This shall be a surface mounted 'residential-style' soaker hose and/or similar surface sprinkler systems. It is to be surface visible and spray delivered so that is operation can be easily visible and verified. It should be on a designated supply line, separate from other construction related water supplies to minimise its likelihood of being disconnected.

Typically, during spring and summer months it should be set to run for a minimum of 30 minutes every day, in the early morning. During, autumn and winter months it should be set to run for 1 hour once every week. The operation can be suspended temporarily in periods of extensive and prolonged rain.

The system is to remain in place for the duration of construction, or until the project consulting arborist approves it's removal. It may be removed to allow final landscape treatments to proceed. If accidentally disturbed or damaged by construction activities, it is to be reinstated as soon as practicable.

8. Structural Demolition Within TPZ's

Project Consulting Arborist shall be on site during all demolition work within the TPZ's to monitor and advise on tree protection. Secateurs and a handsaw shall be available to deal with and cleanly cut any exposed roots that have to be cut. Machines with a long reach may be used if they can work from outside TPZ's or from protected areas within TPZ's. They shall not encroach onto unprotected soil in TPZ's.

Debris to be removed from TPZ's must be moved across existing hard surfacing or temporary ground protection in a way that prevents compaction and disturbance of soil. Alternatively, it can be lifted out by machines provided this does not disturb TPZ's or damage the canopy. If appropriate, leave below ground structures such as footings and disused pipes in place if their removal will cause excessive root disturbance.

When pulling up existing paving the Contractor shall work backwards, lifting demolished paving back onto the existing paving. Roots may be found growing under the pavement and should not be trafficked. Roots growing into existing sub-base should be left and new surface finishes placed over the top without disturbance.

9. Excavations or Trenching within TPZ's

Excavation within TPZ's shall not be allowed using mechanical equipment such as excavators or backhoes. Excavation within TPZ's shall only be carried out carefully by hand taking care not to damage the bark and wood of any roots. Specialist tools for removing soil around roots using compressed air (air spade), or water vacuum extraction shall be an appropriate alternative to hand digging and is the preferred method.



Example image of acceptable tree protection battens

Exposed roots to be removed shall be cut cleanly with a sharp saw or secateurs at the face of the excavation. Roots temporarily exposed must be protected by appropriate covering with damp hessian or sand. Roots greater than 50mm in diameter are to be retained and shall only be cut in exceptional circumstances and only after consultation with the Project Consulting Arborist. Roots greater than 100mm in diameter shall typically not be allowed to be cut and must be worked around.

10. Soft Landscaping Installation

Final trimming and planting shall be judiciously undertaken around trees. All soft landscaping within the tree protection zones will be installed with care to avoid root disturbance from irrigation trenching, lighting installation and the planting of larger plants. Permanent irrigation (if used) shall be installed as spray heads located outside of TPZ's and spraying inwards. All other services such as small-scale electrical services shall also be designed and installed to avoid any excavation or trenching around the trees.

No significant excavation or cultivation, especially by rotary hoes or excavators, shall occur within TPZs. Where new designs require the levels to be increased, good quality and permeable top soil shall be used. It should be firmed into place but not over compacted. All areas close to tree trunks shall be kept at the original ground level. Where turf is to be installed tree trunks shall have mulched rings applied rather than grass laid up to the trunk.

The size of the installed plants shall typically be less than 5L pots so that the maximum depth of the new root balls is less than 200mm. Any planting proposed that is larger than this shall be only installed outside of the SRZ and with care to not injure roots while digging planting holes.

11. Canopy Pruning

The Contractor shall prune branches of protected trees only as directed by the Project Consulting Arborist. Pruning is only to be undertaken by a qualified arborist (under the supervision of a person with AQF Level 4 or above). The Project Consulting Arborist is to be present at all times during the pruning work. Work is to be in strict accordance with to AS4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees. Do not treat wounds.

12. Root Pruning

Pruning of roots of protected trees shall only be as directed the Project Consulting Arborist. The Tree Contractor shall use only a qualified arborist (AQF Level 4 or above). The Project Consulting Arborist is to be present at all times during the root pruning.

Roots are not to be cut using normal excavation machinery of any sort. This usually results in splitting and massive disturbance well past the intended line of cut. When required to cut roots, use hand methods and sharp hand tools (e.g. secateurs, hand saw) such that the remaining root systems are preserved intact and undamaged. Roots are to be cut back by hand square to the direction of the root travel (or edge of the excavation). Do not cut any tree roots exceeding 40mm diameter unless permitted. Excavations within root zones should be kept open for as short a period as possible. Any excavated face containing roots is to be temporarily supported, where necessary, to prevent soil loss from around the other retained roots.

13. Accidental Tree Damage

Should a tree be accidentally damaged, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Consulting Arborist. Timing can be of the essence, particularly with bark injuries, trunk damage or chemical contaminations.

If a branch has been broken, it shall be removed and the damaged end pruned to a suitable branch collar. If the branch has been torn out of the trunk, assessment shall be made and the damage cleaned up by as much as possible without further damage to the tree.

If roots are accidentally disturbed or excavated, any broken, crushed and torn sections shall be exposed and pruned leaving clean cuts to minimise risk of infection by fungal pathogens and promote good conditions for new root growth.



Example image of acceptable tree protection fencing measures to be applied. (1.8m high rigid metal fencing with appropriate lateral bracing)

Allambie Heights Village Project 2 - Tree Impact Assessment Schedule										
TreeID	Tree Species	Common Name	Trunk Diameter at base (dbh) (m)	Trunk Diameter at base (dgb) (m)	Nominal TPZ radius (m) 12xdbh (AS 4970)	Nominal SRZ radius (m) (AS 4970)	Retention Value	Recommendation		
1	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.58	0.77	6.96	2.97	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
2	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.17	0.27	2.04	1.91	Low	Remove		
3	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.22	0.31	2.64	2.02	Low	Remove		
4	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.15	0.22	2.00	1.75	Low	Remove		
5	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.27	0.37	3.24	2.18	Low	Remove		
6	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.35	0.43	4.20	2.32	Low	Remove		
7	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.25	0.30	3.00	2.00	Low	Remove		
8	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.39	0.50	4.68	2.47	Low	Remove		
9	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.18	0.23	2.16	1.79	Low	Remove		
10	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.39	0.50	4.68	2.47	Low	Remove		
11	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.40	0.59	4.80	2.65	Low	Remove		
12	Pinus canariensis	Canary Pine	0.31	0.39	3.72	2.23	Low	Remove		
13	Callistemon viminalis cv.	Weeping Bottlebrush	0.22	0.25	2.64	1.85	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
14	Erythrina x sykesii	Coral Tree	0.37	1.20	4.44	3.57	V Low / Remove	Remove		
15	Erythrina x sykesii	Coral Tree	0.49	5.00	5.88	6.51	V Low / Remove	Remove		
16	Ligustrum sinense	Narrow-leaf Privet	0.22	0.50	2.64	2.47	V Low / Remove	Remove		
17	Erythrina x sykesii	Coral Tree	0.92	1.15	11.04	3.51	V Low / Remove	Remove		
18	Erythrina x sykesii	Coral Tree	0.88	1.55	10.56	3.98	V Low / Remove	Remove		
19	Banksia ericifolia	Heath Banksia	0.25	0.25	3.00	1.85	Low	Remove		
20	Salix sp.	Willow	0.65	0.65	7.80	2.76	V Low / Remove	Remove		
21	Allocasuarina littoralis	Black She-Oak	0.25	0.35	3.00	2.13	Low	Remove		
22	Angophora costata	Smooth-barked Apple	0.29	0.35	3.48	2.13	High	Retain and Protect		
23	Eucalyptus punctata	Grey Gum	0.68	0.80	8.16	3.01	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
24	Angophora costata	Smooth-barked Apple	0.27	0.29	3.24	1.97	High	Retain and Protect		
25	Eucalyptus punctata	Grey Gum	0.24	0.35	2.88	2.13	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
26	Eucalyptus punctata	Grey Gum	0.32	0.40	3.84	2.25	High	Retain and Protect		
27	Platanus levei	Broad-leaved Greebung	0.24	0.24	2.88	1.82	High	Retain and Protect		
28	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	0.43	0.63	5.16	2.73	High	Retain and Protect		
29	Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp Mahogany	0.40	0.47	4.80	2.41	Moderate	Remove		
30	Eucalyptus botryoides	Bangalay	0.29	0.37	3.48	2.18	Moderate	Remove		
31	Eucalyptus botryoides	Bangalay	0.36	0.47	4.32	2.41	Moderate	Remove		
32	Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp Mahogany	0.19	0.24	2.28	1.82	Low	Remove		
33	Eucalyptus botryoides	Bangalay	0.29	0.35	3.48	2.13	Moderate	Remove		
34	Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp Mahogany	0.38	0.46	4.56	2.39	Moderate	Remove		
35	Eucalyptus botryoides	Bangalay	0.42	0.50	5.04	2.47	Moderate	Remove		
36	Eucalyptus botryoides	Bangalay	0.40	0.46	4.80	2.39	Moderate	Remove		
37	Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp Mahogany	0.51	0.64	6.12	2.74	Moderate	Remove		
38	Eucalyptus botryoides	Bangalay	0.50	0.62	6.00	2.71	Moderate	Remove		
39	Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp Mahogany	0.84	0.96	10.08	3.25	High	Remove		
40	Michelia champaca	Champaca	0.17	0.20	2.04	1.68	V Low / Remove	Remove		
41	Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood	0.41	0.44	4.92	2.34	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
42	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	0.14	0.20	2.00	1.68	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
43	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	0.52	0.66	6.24	2.78	Low	Retain and Protect		
44	Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood	0.35	0.39	4.20	2.23	Low	Remove		
45	Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood	0.42	1.00	5.04	3.31	Moderate	Remove		
46	Eucalyptus haemastoma	Scribbly Gum	0.80	0.80	9.60	3.01	Low	Remove		
47	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.62	0.72	7.44	2.88	V Low / Remove	Remove		
48	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.68	0.83	8.16	3.06	V Low / Remove	Remove		
49	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.63	0.70	7.56	2.85	V Low / Remove	Remove		
50	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.95	1.08	11.40	3.42	Low	Remove		
51	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum	0.28	0.47	3.36	2.41	Low	Remove		
52	Morus nigra	Mulberry	0.20	0.40	2.40	2.25	V Low / Remove	Remove		
53	Populus deltoides	American Cottonwood	0.95	1.18	11.40	3.55	Low	Remove		
54	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	1.25	1.25	15.00	3.63	Low	Remove		
55	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	1.13	1.24	13.56	3.62	High	Retain and Protect		
56	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum	0.18	0.19	2.16	1.65	Low	Remove		
57	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum	0.12	0.18	2.00	1.61	Low	Remove		
58	Ligustrum vulgare?	Privet	0.26	0.37	3.12	3.31	V Low / Remove	Remove		
59	Ligustrum lucidum	Broadleaf Privet	0.21	0.37	2.52	2.18	V Low / Remove	Remove		
60	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.23	0.27	2.76	1.91	Low	Remove		
61	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	0.22	0.28	2.64	1.94	Low	Remove		
62	Pittosporum undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum	0.17	0.32	2.04	2.05	V Low / Remove	Remove		
63	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.22	0.30	2.64	2.00	Low	Remove		
64	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.25	0.37	3.00	2.18	Low	Remove		
65	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.45	0.54	5.40	2.55	Low	Remove		
66	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.43	0.47	5.16	2.41	Low	Remove		
67	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.55	0.59	6.60	2.65	V Low / Remove	Remove		
68	Lophostemon confertus	Brush Box	0.27	0.33	3.24	2.08	Low	Remove		
69	Eucalyptus haemastoma	Scribbly Gum	0.48	1.20	5.76	3.57	Moderate	Remove		
70	Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood	0.24	0.35	2.88	2.13	Low	Remove		
71	Glochidion ferdinandi	Cheese Tree	0.50	0.50	6.00	2.47	High	Retain and Protect		
72	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	0.37	0.44	4.44	2.34	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
73	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	0.86	1.08	10.32	3.42	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
74	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.37	0.44	4.44	2.34	V Low / Remove	Remove		
75	Pinus radiata	Monterey Pine	0.25	0.31	3.00	2.02	V Low / Remove	Remove		
76	Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum	0.27	0.33	3.24	2.08	Moderate	Retain and Protect		
77	Leptospermum polygalifolium	Tea Tree	0.26	0.42	3.12	2.30	Low	Remove		
78	Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood	0.22	0.28	2.64	1.94	Low	Remove		
79	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.17	0.23	2.04	1.79	Low	Remove		
80	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.80	0.27	9.60	1.91	Low	Remove		
81	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.27	0.37	3.24	2.18	Low	Remove		
82	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.23	0.29	2.76	1.97	V Low / Remove	Remove		
83	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.35	0.37	4.20	2.18	Low	Remove		
84	Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood	0.31	0.40	3.72	2.25	Low	Remove		
85	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.31	0.37	3.72	2.18	V Low / Remove	Remove		
86	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	V Low / Remove	Remove		
87	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.17	0.22	2.04	1.75	Low	Remove		
88	Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Wattle	0.25	0.32	3.00	2.05	Low	Remove		

