



Private trees

A private tree is defined as any tree on land not under Council or other Government control or management. Council has a range of control measures designed to protect our local environment. These must be considered prior to undertaking any activity to or around trees on your property.

Exempt tree works

Some tree pruning or removal can be carried out without seeking formal Council approval:

1. Trees within three (3) metres of an approved building (measured one metre above ground level and between the face of the wall and the part of the trunk nearest the building), providing the tree species is not a threatened species, or listed on Council's [Significant Tree Register](#)(Opens in a new window)(Opens in a new window)(Opens in a new window) or is a heritage item.
2. Tree species listed as Undesirable or Noxious in each area's DCP.
3. Branches directly overhanging the roofline of an approved building (in accordance with Australian Standard AS4373-2007).
4. Branches within one metre around electricity and/or telecommunication wires.
5. Trees identified in the [Rural Fire Service 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Scheme](#)(Opens in a new window)(Opens in a new window)(Opens in a new window). Specified vegetation may only be cleared in accordance with the Code of Practice.
6. Removal of dead and or dangerous trees due to obvious instability or hazard. Evidence must be kept for a minimum of six (6) months and made available to Council if required. Evidence such as photos of the tree in situ and a report by a suitably qualified and experience person, or statement from State Emergency Services (if the service carried out the works).