

Tree Removal applications are considered on many grounds other than those specified by the applicant.

As set out in the chapter E17: Preservation and Management of Trees and Vegetation of Council's Development Control Plan 2009, the Council will not grant consent to the removal of a tree unless it has made an assessment of the importance of the tree in relation to:

- a soil stability and prevention of land degradation;
- b scenic or environmental amenity; and
- c vegetation systems and natural wildlife habitats.

Provided that no significant hazard or other safety issues apply, the following shall not generally be considered as valid reasons to remove a tree:

- a leaf drop (into gutters and downpipes, pools, lawns and the like);
- b to increase natural light;
- c to improve street lighting of private property;
- d to enhance views;
- e to reduce shade created by a tree;
- f to reduce fruit, resin or bird droppings on cars;
- g minor lifting of driveways and paths by tree roots;
- h to erect a fence;
- i bushfire hazard control which has not been verified by Council;
- j potential damage to sewer mains unless supported by written expert advice and only where reasonable alternatives are not feasible (eg. relocation or encasement of main).

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