

## VEGETATION REMOVAL APPLICATION

Application to prune / remove trees

If the land is zoned rural (RU1, RU2 RU6) contact Local Land Services for approval

### 1. Details of the Applicant

Preferred Method of contact  Mail  Email

Mr  Miss  Mrs  Other

Given name (or A.C.N)

Family name (or Company Name)

Unit/Street No.

Street Name

Suburb

Postcode

Contact Number

Email

### 2. Owner's Consent - Where there are 2 owners both signatures are required. (for Strata Buildings, the Consent of the Owner's Corporation [formerly the 'Body Corporate'] is required).

- For trees located on a shared boundary, consent of both owners is required.
- It is the applicants responsibility to notify the property owner before any overhanging pruning works are carried out, not council.

Mr  Miss  Mrs  Other

First Name

Family Name (or Company Name)

Unit/Street No.

Street Name

Suburb

Postcode

Date

Date

Date

Owner's Signature

Owner's Signature

Owner's Signature

Name

Name

Name

Position In Company

Position In Company

Position In Company

### 3. Address of where trees are located

Unit/Street No.

Street Name

Suburb

Postcode

#### 4. Property Access

Is there a dog on the property? If yes refer to fact sheet Yes No

Will Council need you to be present to gain access to the tree(s)? Yes No

Do you wish to be present during the inspection? Yes No

Have you used tape or non-invasive methods to identify nominated trees on site? Yes No  
Failure to do so may delay application process

**Please note:** If an appointment is required, this will need to be made, delays are possible

#### 5. Tree Species, Proposed work and Reason for Request

	Tree Species	Removal/Prune	Reason for Request
1			
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#### 6. Site Plan – Must be completed as per sample site plan shown in Fact sheet

The plan must show:

- Existing buildings and structures on the site
- The location of the subject tree(s)

**Note:** Where there is more than one tree to be pruned/removed, the trees are to be suitably numbered to correspond to section 5

#### Site Plan

## 7. Standard Conditions

Approval is hereby given to you to carry out the tree work as itemised in the approval, subject to the following:

1. Council approvals for pruning or removal are valid for two years from date of response, meaning that works must be carried out within this timeframe or additional approval will be required.
2. Waste material resulting from the removal or pruning is to be removed from the site so as not to create a harbourage for vermin or constitute a fire hazard.
3. All pruning must be carried out to the Australian Standard 4373 'Pruning of Amenity Trees'.
4. All pruning and removal works must be carried out by a Cert. 3 Qualified Arborist (AQF Level 3).
5. All trees must be replaced with a suitable replacement tree with a mature height of no less than 4 metres. Please note replanting does not have to be in same location as the removed tree. It can be moved to a more suitable location on your property and must not be species listed as an exempt species in [Section 21.1 of Council's DCP](#).

For more information on dispute resolution go to Trees (Dispute Between Neighbours) Act 2006 or seek mediation through the Community Justice Centre.

## 8. Disclaimer

Vegetation Removal Applications do not include the inspection of hedges.

Definition of a hedge: A fence or boundary formed by closely growing bushes or shrubs

Definition of a tree: For the purpose of this policy, a tree is vegetation that is or has the potential to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a) Typically having a single stem trunk
- b) Is 3 metres or more in height,
- c) Has a trunk circumference of 30 cm or more at natural ground level,
- d) Has a branch spread of three (3) metres or more.

If nominated tree is listed as heritage item a Tree Report from an independent Arborist with a minimum level 5 qualification (Australian Qualification Framework) is to be submitted with application. The report should address issues such as health, structural integrity and any other notable issues to support your request. This includes both pruning or removal.

## 9. Privacy Statement

Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 we may be required to publicly release any correspondence or information we have on this matter, which means your personal information may not be confidential and may appear on Council's website.

Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statement forms will be kept in a public register held at Council's Administration Building and may also be available on our website.

## 10. Declaration

- I acknowledge that no work can be carried out until a permit has been issued by Council.
- I have read and fully understand all the information contained in this application and undertake that all information is true and correct.
- I understand I must inform neighbouring properties prior to undertaking any pruning works if the trees are on a neighbouring property.
- I hereby give council permission for a Tree Management Officer to enter the property to undertake an inspection.

Owner's / Applicants Signature:

Date:

## 11. I'm not happy with the decision on the permit. What can I do?

If justification for removal is not found and the applicant is dissatisfied with Council's determination, a request for review of the determination can be addressed in writing within 6 months from the date of issue on the original permit. If a request for review is lodged this does not automatically grant approval.

Any review must be supported by relevant documentation from an appropriately qualified consultant such as an arborist/ structural engineer, depending on the reasons for this request. In some circumstances and appeal with the Land and Environment Court can be lodged.

If you are not satisfied with Council's decision, a request for a review of the determination can be addressed in writing within 6 months from the date of the original request. Please visit the below link for additional information: <https://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees/review-tree-removal-decisions>

## 12. Land Zoning and Development Application Information

### Land Zoning

- Residential (R2, R3, R5)
- Employment (E1, E2, E3, E4) or Business/Industrial (B1-B5, IN1, IN2)
- Conservation (C2, C3, C4)
- Is the land on the Biodiversity Values Map? If yes, contact Environment Fees and Charges (GST exempt) Yes  No

### Development Application Information

Is there a current Development Application either under review or approved for the property? Yes  No

If Yes, Please provide Development Application Number: .....

## 13. Customer Service Checklist

Paid by:  Cheque  EFT  Cash

Amount: ..... Receipt Number: .....

Date: ..... Received:  Mail  Counter

## 14. Fees and Charges

For a listing of applicable fees to accompany this application please refer to Council's Fees & Charges which can be downloaded [here](#).

Vegetation Removal Category	Trees
Vegetation Removal Application	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Trees
Vegetation Removal Application	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 Trees
Vegetation Removal Application (Pensioner)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 Trees