

Have your say on tree protection controls

Amendment C163

What's happening?

The Maribyrnong Significant Tree Register has been established to protect significant trees so that we can safeguard our City's natural and cultural heritage and preserve the many benefits of trees in the urban landscape.

Around 80 trees on private land are listed on our draft register, following extensive public nominations and assessment by independent arborists.

As the trees play a special role in our neighbourhoods, it is important they are protected and considered in future development proposals.

Interim tree protection controls are in place. Council is seeking to amend its Planning Scheme to make these controls permanent and is seeking your feedback. This is called Amendment C163.

Amendment C163 aims to:

- Replace the interim tree protection control with a permanent control
- Introduce the Maribyrnong Significant Tree Register 2019 as a reference document in the planning scheme
- Include new policies and strategies in the planning scheme to protect and enhance significant trees in our City

What is the tree protection control and how does it affect me?

The control is called an Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO). It affects properties with trees on the register and neighbouring properties within a tree's Tree Protection Zone (canopy and root area).

Under the ESO, a planning permit is required to:

- Remove, destroy or lop a tree on the register
- Construct a building or undertake works in the Tree Protection Zone

Pruning trees for maintenance purposes does not require a permit, provided the branch size is no more than 10cm in diameter and total amount removed is less than 10% of the canopy.



Trees provide a vast array of benefits, including shade, local habitat, improved air quality and character for our neighbourhoods.

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Urban environments, such as our City, can particularly benefit from tree canopy which can filter air pollution and reduce energy use in buildings shaded by trees.

How can I find out more?

You can view the amendment documents and find out more about the significant trees by visiting our website www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/AmendmentC163

Questions? Feel free to contact Council's Strategic Planning team on 9688 0200.

How do I have my say?

Any person who may be affected by Amendment C163 may make a submission to Council about the amendment. Submissions must be made in writing and include your name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) you wish to be made.

You can lodge your submission by post, email or online:

Post Maribyrnong City Council
Strategic Planning Amendment C163
PO Box 58, Footscray VIC 3011

Email amendmentc163@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Online www.yourcityyourvoice.com.au

Your submission is a public document and is available to any person who requests a copy, however your contact details will be removed.

The closing date for submissions is
Thursday 6 August 2020.

What happens next?

Once the public consultation (exhibition) period closes, Council considers all submissions received. Any that cannot be resolved need to be referred to an independent Planning Panel before Amendment C163 can proceed.

Anybody who makes a submission can present to the Planning Panel.



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