

# APPLICATION FOR TREE WORK/REMOVAL ON COUNCIL MANAGED LAND

This application <b><u>DOES NOT</u></b> apply to private property.			
Prior to completing this application, please read the attached extract from Council's Policy WI02.05CP - Tree Management on Council Controlled Land			
<b>APPLICANT DETAILS</b>			
<b>Applicant Name</b>			
<b>Postal Address</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>Fax</b>	
<b>Email</b>			
<b>TREE DETAILS</b>			
<b>Tree(s) Located On</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Road Reserve, Footpath or Pathway <input type="checkbox"/> Council Park or Reserve : ..... (Park or Reserve Name) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Council Land : ..... (Please Specify)		
<b>Near Address</b>			
<b>Location of Tree in Relation to above Address</b>	..... .....		
<b>Tree Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturally Occurring <input type="checkbox"/> Planted		
<b>Number of Species of Tree(s) proposed to be assess (eg. 2x Eucalyptus, 1x Wattle)</b>	..... ..... .....		
<b>Type of Activity Required</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Pruning <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Removal		
<b>Reason for Assessment (eg. Removal of Dead Branches)</b>	<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Leaf litter in your yard does not justify tree work ..... .....		
<b>Site Plan Sketch</b>	Accurately show location of all tree(s) for which removals/works are proposed. Indicate any structures, services etc near the tree(s). Also indicate the location of nearest landmark or road (with their names). Sketch diagram below, if more space is required please attached a separate sheet. <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">↑</div>		

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**PROPERTY OWNER DETAILS NEAR LOCATION OF TREE**

<b>Are you (The Applicant) the owner of the property next to where the tree(s) are located?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Please complete the details below
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<b>Does the owner of the property adjoin the tree(s) support your request?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Owners Name:</b>	
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<b>Owners Phone Number:</b>	
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All works to public trees are to be either performed by Council or reputable contractors adhering to Australia Standard 4373 – Pruning of Amenity Trees – as well as Scenic Rim Regional Council's Local Laws and/or Policies

<b>Applicants Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE - Privacy Statement**  
 Scenic Rim Regional Council is collecting your personal information on this form in order to issue the requested minor works approval. The information will only be accessed by Scenic Rim Regional Council for Council business related activities. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission or we are required by law.

**COUNCIL USE ONLY**

<b>Action Recommended &amp; Justification</b>	..... ..... ..... .....
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<input type="checkbox"/> Council to schedule and perform work <input type="checkbox"/> Work not justified at this time	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant to fund work as unsatisfied with priority <input type="checkbox"/> Other : .....
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<b>Inspecting Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**TO SUBMIT YOUR FORM TO COUNCIL**

	Scenic Rim Regional Council, PO Box 25, BEAUDESERT QLD 4285
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	Beaudesert Customer Service Centre	82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert
	Boonah Customer Service Centre	70 High Street, Boonah
	Tamborine Mountain Library & Customer Service	Cnr Main St & Yuulong Rd, Tamborine Mountain

	(07) 5540 5111		(07) 5540 5103		<a href="mailto:mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au">mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au</a>
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**EXTRACT FROM:**

**TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY COUNCIL MANAGED LAND - Policy No.: W102.05CP**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Council is committed to promoting, preserving and enhancing the heritage, landscape and environmental values of tree assets on Council controlled land.

Council will take a risk based approach to manage its tree assets.

Council will promote use of correct arboricultural practices and the natural services benefits of Council's tree assets.

**LOCAL LAW**

Scenic Rim Regional Council's Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011 determines that persons are prohibited from damaging or interfering with vegetation or native fauna.

**LOPPING/TOPPING OF TREES**

Lopping or topping of trees is an unacceptable practice that leads to unsafe trees and is contrary to arboricultural practices. The Australian Standard 4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees indicates that lopping or topping is an unacceptable practice.

The resultant epicormic growth from lopping or topping is vigorous, generally vertical, weakly attached and dense. The end result is a tree with an unnatural habit that is predisposed to decay and storm damage.

**WHEN COUNCIL WILL PRUNE OR REMOVE A TREE**

The pruning or removal of a tree requires appropriate justification. Pruning of a tree places stress on the tree through direct injury, by reducing the photosynthetic potential and impacting overall vigour. When removal is considered, it is essential to take into account that trees take a long time to develop and they are not easily replaced especially in terms of size or canopy spread. Because of the many benefits associated with trees and their significant asset value, Council will generally not remove a healthy tree. However Council will typically remove a tree or part of a tree on Council managed land:

- that substantially obscures essential vision or obstructs access for traffic, pedestrians or essential maintenance vehicles;
- that is dead, burnt out or damaged and has a high associated risk;
- that is structurally unsound;
- that prevents essential construction and maintenance of Council assets (where there is no reasonable alternative);
- that has a high associated risk; and
- that is deemed to be a declared or environmental weed tree.

With regard to a property owner constructing a fence on the property boundary with Council managed land where a tree or tree part needs to be removed, then an "Application for Tree Work/Removal (Council Managed Land)" needs to be submitted to Council for consideration. If permission to perform the tree work is granted, it is to be carried out at the property owner's expense in accordance with accepted arboricultural practices utilising a reputable, suitably qualified and insured arborist or tree contractor. Significant trees located on the property boundary will need to be retained and the fence located around the tree on the private property with no attachment or injury to the tree.

**WHEN COUNCIL WILL NOT PRUNE OR REMOVE A TREE**

With the exception of the clauses discussed previously, Council will not remove or approve removal of a tree or part of a tree on Council managed land:

- that is in good health;
- that has heritage, landscape or environmental value that outweighs associated risk;
- on the basis that it drops leaves, berries, twigs, needles, flowers, sap, fruit or nuts (with the exception of the of *Araucaria bidwillii*, bunya pine, which needs to have the large cones removed to prevent injury and damage);
- where the removal of part of the tree is considered to be a suitable alternative;
- to enhance views;
- to increase natural light;
- to improve street lighting of private property;
- to reduce animal droppings from being deposited on personal property;
- to address concerns that there is potential for damage to underground services (unless supported by written expert advice and only where reasonable alternatives are not feasible);
- for the reduction of bushfire risk (unless it is substantiated to the satisfaction of the Manager or delegated officer);
- because of minor lifting of driveways and paths; and
- because of the presence of white ants unless they have caused structural damage with a high associated risk.

The complete Council Policy available at [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au)