

TREE REMOVAL GUIDE



Prior to removing any trees, please contact the George Town Council Planning Department to determine if a planning application would be required.

Planning permits are generally required for the removal of native vegetation within residential areas.

Some exemptions may apply, these include:

- Removal of dead wood, or for the treatment of disease.
- Where the tree presents a risk to public or private safety.
- Vegetation is causing, or threatening to cause damage to a substantial structure or building.
- Within 1m of a title boundary fence for the purpose of erecting or maintaining a boundary fence.

In instances where a tree is dying or diseased, an arborist report may be required.

Should a planning application be required for the removal of a tree, the application must be supported with a site plan, photographs of trees, and reasons given for the removal. Quite often a planning permit condition will require the customer to plant a similar tree in place of the one being removed.

When removing vegetation in rural areas, there may be a requirement to obtain a Forest Practices Plan as part of a planning application.

Section 6.3 of the *George Town Interim Planning Scheme 2013* outlines the exemptions for vegetation removal in greater detail. If a planning application is required, the removal will be examined against the criteria listed in section E8.6.1 of the Biodiversity Code, which is contained within the *George Town Interim Planning Scheme 2013*.

If the Tree in question is located on Council land, please provide Council with the details of the tree and its location within the municipality. Council does not get involved in civil matters between neighbors, it is recommended that neighbors deal directly with one another or alternatively obtain their own legal advice.

Council always recommends that you make contact prior to undertaking any tree removal. Council offices can be contacted on **6382 8800**, or an email sent to council@georgetown.tas.gov.au, addressed to the attention of the Planning Department.