



4.2 PARKS & RESERVES

4.2.1 Maintenance & Removal of Public and Verge Trees

Type:	Operations – Parks & Reserves
Legislation:	N/A
Delegation:	DA64 & DA65
Other Related Document:	Nil

Objective

The goal of the Town is to maximise the number of trees on Council’s road reserves, medians and public reserves. Ideally this policy will result in each verge having at least one tree per dwelling. Trees form an important element of the public domain and an important feature of the Town of East Fremantle (Town) and need to be protected, retained and conserved.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to all trees within the road verges and public areas in the control of the Town.

Policy

The Town will generally not support the removal of any public or street unless it is dead, dying or stunted.

1. Removal

It is the Town’s intention to retain verge trees that are healthy, and do not cause any safety concerns. In the absence of suitable justification being provided for the removal of a tree, the request for the tree removal will not be supported.

The Operations Manager has delegated authority to remove dead or dying street trees in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer - refer to DA64 & DA65.

2. Pruning (Maintenance)

Council reserves the right to prune, plant, or remove any tree or trees on its land or within Council’s verge, which it deems necessary.

Pruning of verge trees will only be carried out by Council or Council’s contractor on those trees that cause an adverse impact to street lights, services, traffic or create any type of pedestrian obstruction or safety impact.

Responsible Directorate:	Operations
Reviewing Officer:	Operations Manager
Decision making Authority:	Council
Policy Adopted:	15 October 2019
Policy Amended/Reviewed:	