

Street Trees Policy - Feedback

#	Name	Comment	Officer Comment
1	Dixie Maher	<p>I have only one request regarding the Street Tree Policy. I absolutely love the Norfolk Pines which are an icon of our suburb.</p> <p>Please don't bow to those who say they are not native and therefore should be removed. They are an historic part of Cottesloe.</p> <p>When my grandchildren were young and coming from other suburbs to visit me, they always became very excited as soon as they saw the "Grandma Trees". They still call the pines by that name even now they are grown up.</p>	<p>Noted. The Norfolk Island Pine will remain as the iconic specie within the Town's Street Tree Policy.</p>
2	Michael Beech	<p>Excellent policy.</p> <p>Well done, Michael Beech.</p>	<p>The Town thanks you for your support.</p>
3	Jo Taylor	<p>On reading the text of the proposed policy I note that Brazilian Peppers (<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>) is identified as a weed suitable for removal</p> <p>I live at <address removed> and there is a Brazilian Pepper on the verge of <address removed></p> <p>This tree due to its excessive size and growth rate is severely impinging on the <i>Agonis flexuosa</i> planted close to it I assume as a future replacement</p> <p>Is it possible to have this tree removed as soon as possible allowing the <i>Agonis</i> to thrive and form a natural shape</p>	<p>Noted. The request will be forwarded to our Works Department. Once verified by an Arborist, the Town will begin the process of removing this tree. The decision making procedure would have to be consistent with the new street tree policy.</p>
4	Rodney Johnson	<p>I wish to put forward that the planting of Queensland Box Trees ("QBT") in Cottesloe, and in particular Griver Street of which I am a resident, was an unfortunate decision by your predecessors.</p> <p>I am informed that this species of tree is best suited to Queensland rain forest type of country, and is wholly unsuited to urban planting.</p> <p>It is invasive, creates vast quantities of litter and nuts, drops (rains down) a sticky pollen like substance for a month each year, noting else will grow within metres of it, and its sprawling roots structure causes considerable damage.</p> <p>I have planted a lawn, and installed a reticulation system from my bore to beautify the streetscape, but it is a losing battle against the QBT.</p> <p>The QBT (and I only have one, where my poor neighbour at <address removed> has 2) has caused Council considerable expense. In the last few years, large panels on concrete from the laneway next to my residence have been replaced at ratepayers cost after being lifted by the QBT root system, and the same has happened to my neighbour's driveway, again at ratepayer's cost.</p> <p>I would estimate that 50% - 60% of the contents of my green litter bin at each collection is also directly attributable to the QBT, again adding a disposal cost to ratepayer's.</p> <p>I would urge the Town of Cottesloe to follow the lead of Claremont Council who have just voted to cull all QBT's given their damage to property and unsuitability.</p> <p>There is a high chance that the QBT will win the battle of my verge and I will just leave the high maintenance lawn to revert to weeds and dry grass ...</p> <p>Help !</p>	<p>Noted. Following the approval of this street tree policy, the Town will further investigate your request and if required seek the approval of Council for a variation to the Street Tree Masterplan including the replacements of these trees.</p>

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5	Shirley Primeau	<p>In the street policy, I could not see, any reference to the actions TOC will take if a street tree is poisoned/killed. Many councils support the placement of a billboard where the tree once was with a notice to say, "once a replacement tree is provided and grows to this height, the billboard will be removed".</p> <p>Princess St is a disgrace and one of the ugliest streets in Cottesloe, as there is no canopy, only bitumen and concrete.</p> <p>The situation on Princess Street should be thoroughly investigated and a report written in the interaction between administration and residents.</p> <p>If it is proven that residents have damaged trees they should be the first in Cottesloe to have a system of billboards implemented.</p> <p>I understand this billboard system presents some difficulties as residents may be poisoning trees that are not directly outside their property but occlude their view.</p>	<p>Section 11 of the proposed policy addresses vandalism and poisoning of street trees. This section allows the Town to respond accordingly. This would include the installation of billboards if deemed appropriate.</p> <p>The Town is investigating Princes Street and anticipates that new trees of an appropriate specie, supported by residents will be planted in the coming winter season.</p>
6	Elizabeth Barclay	<p>I write in relation to the recent draft of the new Tree Policy.</p> <p>My principal concern is that there is nothing in the policy that addresses ways to prevent or discourage continued vandalism to trees.</p> <p>As you are aware Princes Street where I live has been subject to ongoing tree vandalism for years from residents who do not want trees of any height or description in the area between Avonmore Terrace and Marine Parade. Why is Council not including action in this tree policy to deal swiftly and effectively with this vandalism? Other Councils have a policy of erecting a sign where there has been a major act of vandalism or in areas where there has been reported acts of vandalism. This has proved to be highly effective.</p> <p>Even to those who seem to detest trees, a sign is less appealing than a tree and they usually stop their criminal activity.</p> <p>These signs do not have to be unattractive. They could well designed and painted in organic natural colours, perhaps made in the shape of a tree with a meaningful message about the environment and the Council tree policy and its aim to enhance the particular street and promote the project as a positive environmentally.</p> <p>Other considerations could include the installation of bollards where it appears trees are vandalised purely for the convenience of parking on a verge as in Sydney St, South Cottesloe. After the bollards are in place for some time subsequent planting can be done. Once parking is clearly unavailable vandals trying to avail themselves of parking have no incentive to remove the trees.</p> <p>I hope Council will consider taking some proper action in regard to tree vandalism and address how the new tree policy could set out proper deterrents for vandalism in streets such as Princes Street and Sydney Street.</p>	<p>Section 11 of the new street tree policy allows the Town to respond accordingly to vandalism. If proven, this could include but not limited to prosecution for criminal damage through the magistrates court and recovery of cost from an offender. Installation of billboards will also be considered.</p>
7	Mike Young	<p>I believe Cottesloe's existing Street Tree policy is generally pretty good. In particular I believe the Norfolk Pines are a key part of Cottesloe's landscape and should be maintained.</p> <p>I do believe there are some areas for improvement though:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The council should consider allowing Queensland Box trees to be replaced, like Claremont council is now allowing. In my opinion these trees are very messy and not as beautiful as other species like the Peppermint. 2. North Street as one of the main entries into Cottesloe has a fairly barren feel to it in certain sections. It would be a big improvement to have more greenery and shade along this street. 	<p>The Norfolk Island Pine will continue to remain on our Street Tree Master Plan.</p> <p>We will investigate the possibilities of replacing the Queensland Box Trees following the approval of this street tree policy. However, Council approval would be required to vary the street tree masterplan should the Town support the modifications.</p> <p>Your request for additional trees along North Street will be considered in the next planting season.</p>

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8	Vivienne Jagger	<p>Firstly, may I say that I totally approve of the objectives of the policy as stated. However, the draft policy itself does not include in its terms many of the objectives as stated nor does it go far enough in its suggested ways to achieve those objectives.</p> <p><not provided in full due to size></p> <p>Point 1 and 2: The only actual reference to reserves and playgrounds in the draft policy terms is in para 4.1: "Preserve and increase the long term viability of trees on verges, reserves, parks and playgrounds through protection and maintenance programs" This is a statement of intent only and even this statement does not go far enough to cover the objective as stated to "promote" and "enhance".</p> <p>Point 3. The reference to heritage value of trees in the objectives is not referred to at all in the draft policy itself.</p> <p>Point 4.</p> <p>Having stated a very broad and, in my opinion, very necessary, statement about new development having to consider and accommodate where possible new and preserve existing trees, the text of the policy makes scant mention of this. The lack of consideration by property developers towards preserving existing street trees is mentioned in the statement of issues, but not the lack of consideration by property developers towards preserving existing trees on the property itself. <not provided in full due to size></p> <p>I strongly urge the Council to extend the policy proposed to cover street trees to all trees in parks, playgrounds and public spaces, and as well to consider adding policy terms to cover trees on private property. Some years ago when I lived in Dalkeith, there was a policy in force in that area that no one could remove any tree on their property without the consent of the Council. Although this probably caused some inconvenience to homeowners and developers, the policy continued for some time and was a very useful tool in maintaining the leafy nature of that suburb. Can I suggest that the Council consider adopting a similar measure for Cottesloe, with suitable exemptions to prevent problems and delays to landowners where there is a real need to remove those trees.</p>	<p>The strategy to achieve objectives will be detailed within a Green Infrastructure Management Plan.</p> <p>The set out of the street tree policy in general, promotes and enhances trees within the Town of Cottesloe.</p> <p>The Town has no jurisdiction over tree planting within the property.</p> <p>Point 2 under section 5, covering policy intent emphasises the Town's commitment to increase canopy cover. Trees beyond verges will be administered through a Green Infrastructure Management Plan.</p>
9	Chris Newall	<p>Whilst I support in general terms the aims of the Town of Cottesloe draft street tree policy I also have some issues with the past choices made regarding the species of existing street trees planted.</p> <p>I was interested to see that Claremont Council are allowing for removal and replacement of the Queensland Box trees within Claremont.</p> <p>https://www.communitynews.com.au/western-suburbs-weekly/news/claremont-to-chop-its-queensland-box-trees/</p> <p>These trees were a poor choice on many grounds and I believe other options would be more appropriate. These trees although "mature" have been pruned regularly by SEC/Council and kept below 5m in height. They are sparsely planted and so do not form a significant tree canopy.</p> <p>Is the Cottesloe Council considering a similar approach to that of Claremont Council? If so I would support this.</p> <p>If the council is carrying out a review of its street tree policy it seems an ideal time to rectify a long term "mistake". I know it will take some time for replacement trees to reach full size but this will occur and once completed will end up with a much more desirable and appropriate result.</p> <p>On a separate but related issue is there a way that Western Power can be made to modify the barbaric and extreme pruning of street trees that they regularly undertake?</p>	<p>Thank you for your support.</p> <p>We will investigate the possibilities of replacing the Queensland Box Trees following the approval of this street tree policy. However, Council approval would be required to vary the street tree masterplan should the Town support the modifications.</p> <p>In this new street tree policy, only the Town would be permitted to prune trees. This has to be authorised by the Manager of Engineering Services. Pruning by others is classed as an unauthorised activity. We will notify Western Power.</p>

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10	Mark Scully	<p>I wish to submit the following comments regarding the draft tree policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Cottesloe street tree policy should apply to all Town of Cottesloe reserves, not just street verges. 2. The Cottesloe street tree policy should expressly and clearly answer all the questions relating to tree removal that have been requested of Council in the last two years. 3. The Town of Cottesloe MUST AS A MATTER OF URGENCY adopt an Urban Forest Strategy having regard to the DPLH and WALGA guide including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cottesloe must measure and report to Council annually the status of its tree canopy and have an annual tree planting program reported to and approved by Council 	<p>Trees within reserves will be administered through a Green Infrastructure Management Plan. This document and an Urban Forest Strategy will be developed following the adoption of this policy.</p>
11	Chilla Bulbeck	<p>How hard can it be To keep our precious trees In the western suburbs so leafy? It really and truly baffles me. This is a winner ToC can't see: For our house values, our bodies healthy And last of all our treasured cockies Or put another way: I realise that the western suburb councils are squeezed between a desire for sensible infill that will reduce the pressure on land and natural resources in our urban fringe and the need to maintain our amenities, including our urban forests and tree canopy. For this reason, all urban canopy must be included in our tree policy so that the outcome is a target for a significant gain over time. The more trees we plant, the greater the carbon sink Town of Cottesloe is providing to mitigate climate change, along with keeping temperatures lower and the birds and wildlife that give us pleasure in our neighbourhood. All trees means the Town's policy must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A canopy growth plan and target which covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All trees on land managed by the council, including verges, bushland, waste land o A program to minimise cutting down trees on private land and to compensate for same with either owners or the council planting replacement trees • An annual report activities to increase the canopy which assesses change in the canopy and reviews successes and failures in achieving the target and outlines a plan for an even greater canopy in the subsequent year <p>This is a significant matter in the way that saving the pylon or even more bizarrely building a restaurant on the pier is not. Please put your energy and thought into issues that improve our daily health and happiness.</p>	<p>The feedback provided will be addressed either within the Green Infrastructure Management Plan or Urban Forest Strategy. Both documents will be developed following the adoption of the street tree policy.</p>

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12	Patricia Carmicael	<p>Please find attached one page Policy excerpts from the Town of Cottesloe "Trees Policy" & the City of Subiaco "Street and Reserves Trees Policy."</p> <p>I had read that WALGA & the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage have endorsed the Urban Forest strategy as has the City of Melbourne plus others.</p> <p>On reading the Town's current Tree Policy I found it to be out of step with other Councils within this area. Perhaps Councillors could find time to think about rewording or modifying the Town's current Policy to include important aspects of the "Urban Forest" objectives which play acritical role in creating healthier ecosystems resulting in the wellbeing of community members.</p>	<p>This has been addressed within the objectives and subsequent sections of the policy.</p>
13	Margaret Wilkes	<p>I have not been able to access a submission form but would like to comment on Cottesloe's tree plating proposal I support the council in following an Urban Forest design when planting trees and recommend that it should apply to all reserves and not just Street verges</p>	Noted
14	John and Kate Pascall	<p>In response to the recently published street tree policy, we put our strong support behind the removal of Queensland Box Gums - throughout the suburb in general but in particular those that run down the North end of Griver St.</p> <p>These mature box gums were poorly chosen in the past, and are causing a variety of problems, not limited to; damage to parked cars from insect litter from the aphid species that infests the tree yearly, path and kerb damage, and vast amounts of shed seed pods.</p> <p>The proposal to remove these and replace with a more appropriate species that provides year-round shade, sheds less, and provides more consistency to Griver St, is one which we fully endorse.</p>	<p>We will investigate the possibilities of replacing the Queensland Box Trees following the approval of this street tree policy. However, Council approval would be required to vary the street tree masterplan should the Town support the modifications.</p>
15	Louise and Ivan Thompson	<p>We live at <address removed> and currently have two very large Queensland Box Trees on our verge.</p> <p>In the last few years we have had problems with the roots of these trees cracking and creating a tripping hazard on our driveway. In December 2016 the council fixed our driveway by replacing one of the concrete slabs and by the looks of it we will need the same thing done again in the near future.</p> <p>The Queensland Box Trees also drop a lot of leaf litter and small nuts that seem to get caught in childrens scooters and bikes as they are using our driveway and footpath to visit the park and corner store. We attempt to keep the verge area clear but with a young family ourselves it is very hard to keep up with the trees required clean up (they are rather high mantainence!).</p> <p>Next year we would like to 'pretty up' our verge and put down some grass for our children to play on and everyone to enjoy but unfortunately the Queensland Box Trees aren't going to let us live out our dream of a beautiful lush verge anytime soon – judging by our neighbours attempt nothing grows very well underneath them!</p> <p>We would like to request that the Cottesloe Council follows the Claremont Councils vote and cull all the Queensland Box Trees.</p>	<p>We will investigate the possibilities of replacing the Queensland Box Trees following the approval of this street tree policy. However, Council approval would be required to vary the street tree masterplan should the Town support the modifications.</p>

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16	Margaret Morrison	<p>With regard to this Policy, would it be possible to introduce more flowering trees along roads? Some flowering gms are ideal.</p> <p>Every year when jacarandas bloom, we rejoice at their beauty. More should be planted to continue this display of colour.</p> <p>Another tree I suggest that loves hot weather is PRIDE OF INDEIA Lagerstromeia Speciosa a crepe myrtle with vivid rosy - mauve spectacular flowers, an excellent shade tree.</p> <p>It goes without saying that our Norfolk Island Pines are out great asset and must be maintained.</p>	<p>The new policy continues to promote the Norfolk Island Pine as the iconic tree of Cottesloe.</p> <p>Council would need to approve variations to the street tree masterplan to plant flowering species.</p>
17	Heather Goodwin	<p>I submit that Cottesloe Council should adopt the Better Urban Forest Planning which has been released by the WA Local Government Association, together with the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage</p> <p>to assist Councils, developers and government agencies in their planning and policies around urban greening, tree retention and replacement. https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/getmedia/a8b2687c-7189-4880-96c4-99ff227a54b8/PRJ_Better_Urban_Forest_Planning</p> <p>I submit that the Council should not be trying to develop its own Street Tree Policy but should be fully addressing and taking into account the matters raised in the Better URBAN Forest Planning guidelines in the link above.</p>	<p>This will be addressed in the Urban Forest Strategy that will be developed following the adoption of the new street tree policy</p>
18	Gail McLay	<p>I live opposite the Cottesloe Beach Hotel and used to be partially protected from the noise and visual exposure by a beautiful big tree that was damaged and later removed after a storm. It was replaced by a small shrub planted off-centre and my exposure is still comprised.</p> <p>I would like a mature tree to replace the one lost.</p>	<p>This will be included in the next planting season</p>
19	Jim Wilshire	<p>Well done, it's something we need, but I think Claremont has a simpler and clearer policy.</p> <p>My suggestion is we pinch theirs.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
20	Joan and Rob Sharpe (two submissions provided)	<p>I support the Better Urban Forest Planning released by WA Local Government Association, together with the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage as the plan to use for Street Trees in Cottesloe.</p>	<p>This will be addressed in the Urban Forest Strategy that will be developed following the adoption of the new street tree policy</p>
21	Robert Shand	<p>While street trees the property and responsibility of the Council., and residents and owners are encouraged to water them, let it not be forgotten that it is the owners/residents who install the reticulation systems and who pay for the water used all at no cost to the council. They also have to pay for repairs caused by various authorities installing or repairing services.</p> <p>When we came to Cottesloe in 1963, there was a deduction in rates if reticulation was installed and the verge (and street trees) watered. That, of course ,has long since disappeared but the owners and residents continue in the interests on maintaining their suburb.</p> <p>Any street trees that are not in step with the other trees in the street should be replaced to match irrespective of whether they are healthy or not.</p> <p>The Council should also examine the incompatibility of the tree policy and that of infill, in that when an infill occurs 70-80% of the trees in that lot disappear and are not replaced, resulting in a reduction of Tree canopy.</p> <p>Trees removed should be replaced by someone to maintain the status quo.</p>	<p>The feedback relating to replacement planting as a result of infill development is addressed in the new street tree policy.</p> <p>Unless a declared weed, dangerous or dying, trees not consistent with the masterplan will remain as they contribute to canopy cover. This is consistent with the objectives of the street tree policy.</p>
22	Peter and Jennifer Bath	<p>Dear Mat, many years ago we had terrible poplars (from previous owners) removed from the verge. The council offered to plant a tree but we liked the open aspect to the house and were allowed to have an open verge from then on. We would like to continue with an open verge and would appreciate if this could continue.</p> <p>Perhaps there may be a grandfather clause where the council has made a decision many years ago?</p>	<p>A new tree would have to be planted to achieve the policy objective of increasing canopy cover.</p>

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23	Thomas Alabakis	<p>Achieving compliance with the Street Tree Master Plan (STMP) should be the overarching objective of this Policy . Given that the council owns the verges and its maintenance is at the cost of all ratepayers there should not be any latitude given in trying to establish and implement this policy throughout the TOC. The administration of the TOC should be sufficiently empowered to act and engineer this policy for the betterment of all ratepayers.</p> <p>Unauthorised planting should not be tolerated under any circumstances.</p> <p>With respect to the policy my comments are as follows:</p> <p>4.4 Unauthorised Planting Unauthorised planting shall constitute any one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tree planted without an application to the Town • A tree planted of an inappropriate species for verge planting • A tree planted out of alignment in relation to the Town’s verge planting specifications Where an unauthorised street tree planting is identified, the Manager of Engineering Services shall determine whether the planting should be removed. All thriving and established unauthorised planting shall remain. Ownership and maintenance of retained unauthorised street tree becomes the responsibility of the Town of Cottesloe. <p>This clause should be amended to add :</p> <p>All unauthorised planting shall be removed and replaced by a tree that is designated for that street under Street Tree Master Plan</p> <p>To allow an unauthorised planting to remain because its "thriving and established" undermines the Street Master Plan, furthermore the subjective nature of "thriving and established" only promotes argumentative debate and opinion. If it's an unauthorised planting, if it's not as per the Street Master Plan then it should be a clear-cut decision to remove and replace.</p> <p>A clear and precise course of action for any unauthorised planting will also make clause 4.5 easier to implement.</p> <p><not provided in full due to size></p>	<p>Unless a declared weed, dangerous or dying, trees not consistent with the masterplan will remain as they contribute to canopy cover. This is consistent with the objectives of the street tree policy.</p>
24	Cathy Campbell	<p>Please note the following points in relation to the Street Tree Policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The value of trees in suburbs is increasingly shown to be important for the environment, social capital and mental health 2. Council should adopt the WALGA guide for an Urban Forest Strategy policy and include reporting on the tree canopy of our suburb regularly as well as increasing the number of trees each year 3. The policy should apply to trees on reserves as well as street verges close to houses 4. Morton Bay fig trees on narrow verges e.g. in Congdon St should have a plan on how to deal with them in the long term as their continued growth will impact seriously on local houses, verges, roadway etc 	<p>Point 1 is noted. Points 2, 3 and 4 will be addressed in an Urban Forest Strategy and Green Infrastructure Management Plan, developed after this street tree policy is adopted.</p>

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25	Gabrielle Gill	<p>I do not think the current Street Tree Policy 2009 clearly answers my concerns about my issue with the Norfolk pine/pines on my verge and it should.</p> <p>I honestly think the TOC Street Tree Policy should reflect the Walga Better Urban Forrest Planning guidelines, the City of Subiaco's street tree policy is better than this one, so just use Subiaco's.</p> <p>I want a new comprehensive policy that refers to and addresses situations such as mine as the proposed TOC policy does not address or resolve my predicament.</p> <p>TOC Street Tree Policy also does not address and it should, the tort of nuisance and negligence. If a tree on Council land unreasonably interferes with enjoyment of a property it might be a legal nuisance given the local gov knows about it ie a trip hazard or another issue unique to the owners of the property and adjacent property.</p> <p>TOC Street tree policy should include the option of re transplantation to replace sick or dying trees with mature trees and use this option to transplant trees when major works are undertaken rather than removing them.</p>	<p>The street tree policy cannot be tailored to suit a specific scenario. This is a position statement for decision making. The Town would be more than happy to assess the situation and implement a solution consistent with the street tree policy.</p> <p>Transplanting is a very costly operation that carries the risk of tree death.</p>
26	David and Pam Simenson	<p>would like to comment on the Council Proposal for Verge Trees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am totally against an overall plan as laid down by council. (a.I believe ratepayers should have the opportunity to decide whether or not they want to have trees on their verge.b. Consideration should be given to other neighbors' in the street. 2. Princes Street , from Avonmore Tce to Marine Parade should have special consideration as it has the highest view in the whole of Cottesloe where the ocean can be observed uninterrupted by trees. 3. The corner of Avonmore Terrace and Princes St, is a most favorable viewing area for tourists especially during the summer sunsets .a. This situation would be unknown to those who would have compulsory trees on every verge. 4. The proposed tree suggested for Princes St is Melalica Lanceolate as it is slow growing. I don't know where that information comes from, but the experience on our verge the growth of that variety is totally incorrect. Our experience is in three years that tree has grown to produce a crown of about 3 meters wide and a height of about 4 meters. It is NOT slow growing , and if someone bothers to observe Avonmore Terrace between Dean St and Pierce St the canopy of these trees have shut out any blue sky or sun. Possibly Melalica Lanceolate is considered a slow growing tree- however, not when it is subjected to receiving the same amount of water as the grass verge. 5. Unfortunately today everyone in so called authority is telling everyone else what they have to do.(Just look at the trouble Subiaco is going through) The tree situation in Cottesloe is going the same way. 	<p>A new tree would have to be planted to achieve the policy objective of increasing canopy cover.</p>

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27	Barb Dobson	<p>According to the local Post article p. 32 you voted to approve the destruction of an exotic tree species and to replace it with another exotic tree species - that being a Chinese elm.</p> <p>I can't believe the number of trees that council is approving the destruction of. ON what basis is this being allowed.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with the statement provided by Cr Lorraine Young where she asserts her view AGAINST "the valuation idea" stating (as reported by the Post (p. 32)</p> <p>"I have enormous difficulty with an economic fiction being attached to a tree....I would have to refer to them as tree dollars."</p> <p>Is Cr Young and those who voted with her not aware of the trend which is fast gaining momentum throughout Australia and across the world that trees have a very important economic asset value?</p> <p>Maybe those councillors who do not consider trees as assets should read this excellent discussion on the topic of the economic value of trees as recorded by the abc.</p> <p>https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/themoney/turning-a-new-leaf:-the-value-of-green-investment/8858984?fbclid=IwAR1Kf9r-bYH_0aaUVBv46DL1E_rsH9k6_GoKjHIp2brlXNyGeRZcIM9JXQA</p> <p>I hope that the Town of Cottesloe officers and/or councillors who disagree with the idea of trees having an economic value to the Town, read this article before they consider axing any more trees in our beautiful suburb.</p> <p>Hopefully this article will contribute to increasing the Town's awareness of its existing trees as providing a valuable and essential green infrastructure with a monetary value in our increasingly warming world.</p> <p>I strongly agree with Cr Pyvis and Cr Boulter's views that our Town's green infrastructure is important and does have an economic value to the Town and should be considered in this light by the Council.</p>	Noted