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The Chief Executive Officer Town of Cottesloe Broome St Cottesloe

Dear Mr Humfrey,

PETITION FOR TREE PLANTING IN LOMA ST

Attached is a petition and supporting documents requesting Council to remove certain trees in Loma St and increase the planting of Norfolk Pine trees.

Not only are the Norfolk Island pines recognised as landmarks in Cottesloe, but their significance is supported by listing on the State heritage register.

The pines at the western end of Loma St are on the State Heritage register and our petition asks for this recognition to be reinforced by additional planting.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Kornweibel

To the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Cottesloe 5 August 2018

Petition for improved tree planting in Loma St.

The undersigned residents of Loma St Cottesloe request the Council of the Town of Cottesloe to:

REMOVE all Coral trees along the street verge of Loma St. **REMOVE** the recently planted and unauthorised Jacaranda at #21. **PLANT** in place of removed trees Norfolk Island pine trees.

SUMMARY

The Council has designated Loma St as a Norfolk Island pine street, reinforcing the State Heritage listing of the avenue of pines at the western end.

The east end of Loma St is a fragmented collection of unrelated species lacking the cohesion and aesthetic appeal of the western end.

It is understood the Council has a policy of not removing a tree unless it is dead or damaged. This policy can be and has been overridden by Council, as demonstrated by the recent approval to remove 48 trees for the Curtin Ave bike path.

Coral trees are known to break limbs in high winds, block drains with fallen leaves and make paving slippery with fallen flowers and cars have been damaged by fallen branches.

The Queensland govt. classifies Coral trees as a weed. (see attachment). The planting of additional Norfolk Island pine trees will be a significant step towards achieving a cohesive streetscape, and compliance with Council's designated species for Loma St., recognising the heritage value of the Cottesloe streetscape.

The enhanced aesthetics achieved with a cohesive streetscape contributes to increased property values and returns to Council through rates.

ATTACHMENTS

Plan of Loma St showing tree locations and species with Coral trees and Jacaranda highlighted.

Photo of west end of Loma St.

Photo of east end of Loma St.

Queensland govt. publication on Coral trees.

Petition signatures, names and Loma St number.

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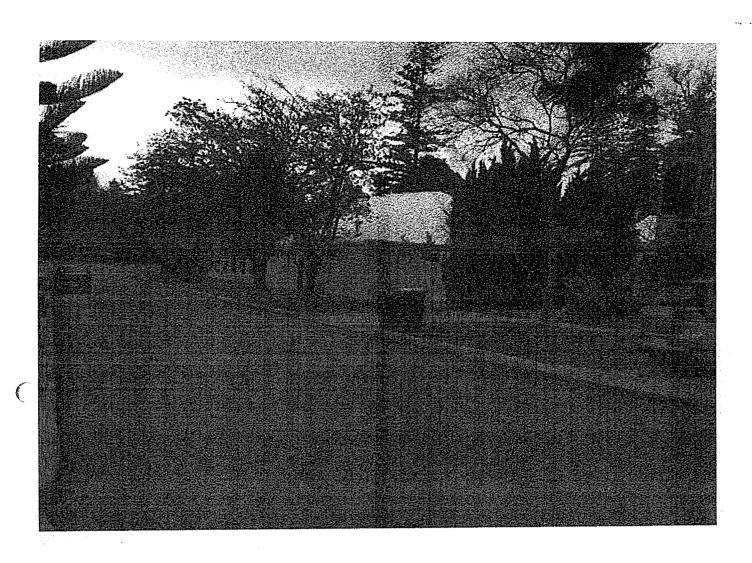
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WEST END - LOMA ST



EAST END LOMA ST.

fact sheet



Coral tree (Non Restricted Invasive Weed)

Erythrina indica, Erythrina crista galli and Erythrina x sykesii



Originally sold as a fast growing, beautiful ornamental tree, coral tree has become an invasive pest plant in native bushland areas.

Coral trees can spread by seed (except for the hybrid) and vegetatively – meaning that when a branch breaks off it can regrow elsewhere. This tree also has the ability to spread by suckering.

This weed thrives on disturbance and has been helped to spread by the irresponsible dumping of garden waste.

Coral tree is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems.

Description

Coral tree is deciduous, thorny and has bright red orange flowers.



The trunk and branches of the weed are soft and they easily break off (reshooting elsewhere later).

Leaves are bright green and have three large leaflets. The middle leaf tends to be larger and on a longer stalk.

Management

Small individual plants can be removed by hand pulling, particularly in moist soil. Take care to remove all roots and branches before bagging and disposing. Handle the plant carefully with gloves as the thorns can cause injury, which can then become infected.

If you would like further information on weeds look at the A–Z Listing of Weeds at Queensland Government Website.



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