

## Summary of Submissions:

The table below summarise the comments received during the initial advertising period (30 November 2023 - 18 January 2024) of the proposed amendments, together with Administration's response to each comment.

Supportive of proposed amendments	Comment Received: *As Received unamended	Administration Comment
Yes	Fully support the move to adopt and use native species. It is also worth considering the expansion of the one tree per verge policy to allow two trees where there is space and owner approval to plant a second tree.	Noted. Policy provisions focus on continuity of canopy. Therefore, if sufficient space is available, more than one tree per verge will be planted.
Yes	Tree selection should preference native Perth region trees to provide for increased foraging for native bird life. Using the same logic there should be variety of tree varieties even in each Street and the verge should be a place to grow larger trees like tuart that are hard for landowners to be able to support themselves in increasingly subdivided lots. Using the trees for recreation is a no brainer and a great positive for Vincent.	Noted.
No	Fixing lights to trees has become common. Not only are they put up at Christmas but they are left up all year round and consequently become unfit for use and just present as plastic rubbish left around the trunk.	Administration will investigate situations as they arise. In accordance with clause 7(v) of the policy, administration will request removal of attachments if required.
Yes	Selection of native trees is important from a water wise point of view with the exception of the tree that drops the small hard round 'gum nut' type outside but cover. They are dangerous for pedestrians i.e. like marbles on the ground, result in unnecessary raised verges due to rotting on the grass and building up if not raked up, leave a mess on the foot path and verge. I'm not sure if it's a Box Tree or a Snuff Box Tree. City of Vincent and South Perth have them on the verges. Very annoying and dangerous to walk in the hard round nuts	Noted.
Yes	It will be good to see more diversity of trees and more native trees instead of just more jacarandas.	Noted.

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<p>Unsure</p>	<p>Very happy to have a tree filled environment but care must be taken with selection and placement. Because a tree is a native species it does not mean it is native to our area. Many trees do not do well. Many trees require more space than a 10 metre by 3 metre verge.          Many eastern states insurance companies refuse or load insurance premiums if you have a tree greater in height of a second storey within a certain distance from your boundary.          Inability as council restriction on the home owner to “touch” verge trees with council not doing regular inspecting and removal of dead timber or low branches and those encroaching sidewalk. Many sidewalks are completely impeded, and you must walk on the road or crouch to transverse. Council should undertake a proactive approach to maintain safe walkways.          Many trees have been badly pruned because of the power lines and will never regain their balanced shape. Wrong tree planted in the wrong place.          Root invasion into sidewalk paving causing hazard of broken paving and driveway cracking. Council should again undertake a proactive approach to maintain safe injury free pavement.          Root invasion on the road by central tree road planting already causing lifting and destroying road base. Who is responsible for ongoing rectification?</p>	<p>Administration acknowledges that tree selection needs to be undertaken to ensure the right tree for each specific location. Scheduled maintenance and pruning programs ensure issues are addressed. In addition, residents can request street tree maintenance which is assessed in-line with the policy.</p> <p>The City is in the process of undergrounding power and additional tree planting will follow in the project areas once complete.</p> <p>Administration acknowledges that the growth habit of trees can result in increased maintenance of surrounding infrastructure (e.g. roads and footpaths). The City’s Engineering team undertakes repairs and maintenance of such areas either by request or through programmed maintenance schedules.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>It's good, but the preference should be for trees local to the area, not just Australian native.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Local Native Trees are preferred if deemed the most suitable.</p>

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No	Native trees need careful selection due to the habit of some with continuous leaf, nuts, and branch shedding and some are unsightly. Dangerous and messy. I would prefer fruit trees e.g. citrus. At least they provide food and look awesome.	Administration acknowledges that tree selection needs to be undertaken to ensure the right tree for each specific location. Whilst the City does not actively plant fruit trees due to their maintenance requirements (e.g. requirement to harvest fruit, specialised pruning, and watering/fertilising requirements), individual residents request for fruit trees are considered.
Yes	New trees should be native, but don't remove existing old trees. Native trees are great for wildlife, but no point until you finally introduce proper cat laws. Until you do that, you're just feeding native birds to cats.	Noted.  Trees will only be removed in-line with policy provisions.
Yes	Happy to have kids playing on the verge. Gives a more community feel.	Noted.
Yes	I support native tree planting	Noted.
Unsure	I'm in favour of every verge having a shady tree. Many native trees do not provide shade over the footpaths. It's too hot for many months of the year and Vincent should be promoting people to be active and encourage residence to walk / ride to their local amenities. Verge trees should be shady. Priority should not be given to natives only. Aesthetically streets lined with the same tree look charming and suits the heritage of the area. Mabel street is a great example of shade and lovely trees, attracting many birds too.	Policy indicates preference for natives in tree selection.  Due to the rise of PSHB and possible future threats from other pests/disease and climate change, the recommendation is to have species diversity within a street to ensure resilience. This has been reflected in clause 1(v).
No	Because the City does not actively maintain its current street trees	The City undertakes scheduled tree pruning programs in addition to inspections of verge trees to ensure they are actively maintained.
Yes	Jacarandas are beautiful but it's important to favour WA natives.	Noted.

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No	<p>There are both positives and negatives with the proposed amendments. The council cannot consider a focus on native plants whilst at the same time allowing Camphor trees to flourish which subsequently kill native plants.</p> <p>There are numerous Camphor trees around the streets of Vincent which are killing native plants. The intrusive root systems of these trees makes it further difficult for native plants to thrive. The City of Vincent should consider the Q1 literature surrounding Camphor trees and work with residents to remove the Camphor tree and instead focus on planting native trees.</p>	<p>There are only selected streets/location within Vincent that have Camphor Laurel verge trees. Due to the size of these trees, they are no longer actively planted. Should any of these trees require removal, the City will replace with a different suitable species.</p>
Unsure	<p>Love the push towards native selections. Permissions for non permanent things seems like a hassle and just one more thing to do.</p>	<p>Administration is unsure of what this comment is referring to.</p>
Yes	<p>I fully support the planting of native species as street trees, ones that will provide adequate shade when mature and food/habitat for wildlife.</p> <p>I would like council to go further with compulsory verge tree planting outside residences currently without any to improve green canopy and tackle the real issue of urban heat sinks.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Clause 1(iii) of the policy states that continuity of canopy will take precedence over individual objections.</p>
Yes	<p>Tree cover is important for shade and animal habitat. Natives are better for native animal species.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
Yes	<p>Native species will attract native birds, are more drought tolerant and better for waterways than deciduous or introduced species</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
Yes	<p>Native species significantly improve biodiversity, as they provide more food and habitat for native birds and insects, including native bees and butterflies.</p> <p>Our local native birds and insects are not adapted to trees from overseas; so these trees are barren in comparison to natives.</p> <p>Deciduous trees contribute excessive nutrients to</p>	<p>Noted. The City acknowledges that in the majority of cases, native species can be chosen over deciduous trees. In some cases, deciduous may be the best option owing the shade from tall buildings, very small verges and/or residential preferences.</p>

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	<p>receiving wetlands. Their soft leaves decompose readily over a short period. This results in an excessive release of nutrients, causing poor water quality, algal blooms and death and illness of aquatic fauna. Even deciduous trees planted a long way from the nearest wetland can harm our wetlands and waterways via our traditional, piped drainage systems. See Water note 25: The effects and management of deciduous trees on waterways via <a href="http://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/water-note-25-the-effects-and-management-of-deciduous-trees-waterways">www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/water-note-25-the-effects-and-management-of-deciduous-trees-waterways</a></p> <p>Choosing natives may help increase awareness that Perth is within an internationally recognised biodiversity hotspot.</p> <p>Perth is internationally significant because of the huge diversity - with over 8000 species of native plant. It also internationally significant due to continuing loss of remnant vegetation by land clearing. About half of south-west WA's plant species are found nowhere else on earth.</p> <p>The City of Vincent can be a leader, teacher and champion, working towards greater awareness and better urban biodiversity.</p>	
Yes	<p>I'm OK with the changes - but I have an old tree that drops dangerous nuts all over the pathway - if we don't keep it clean constantly you can slip on them and could really be injured. I have called the council several times and asked for it to be trimmed like the one on the other side of the road. The power line runs through the middle of the tree and only branches near the power line are trimmed whilst the other side is neatly fully trimmed. I pay the same rates I should have the same service - in fact since I renovated in keeping with the character of the house at extensive additional expense - I pay a further 943.00 due to the</p>	Noted.

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	<p>value of the house. I have been told its the cost as to why my side of the road cannot be fully trimmed. The tree is unwieldy - the amount of nuts on the ground is unsafe - they can get stuck in your shoes and can be all over the inside of the house. If the council will not trim it properly - allow me to when its greens pick up time. I am deeply unsatisfied with how the street looks one side neat and tidy the other side over grown and uneven - please do something about this!</p>	
<p>Unsure</p>	<p>'The amendments proposed are vague and don't explain the problems they are seeking to address.</p> <p>I think that the attachments element is OK.</p> <p>I think that the protections, species, purpose, and surrounds requires more thought.</p> <p>Specific situations that should be addressed (in my view):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trees with any type of allergy potential should be excluded from selection.</li> <li>2. Trees must be selected with consideration for location parameters including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- expected size (including root system)</li> <li>- probability to damage roads, lift paths, interfere with power/public infrastructure/services drop branches.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Examples -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Placing gum trees on a 2-3m wide verge ( Chelmsford st)</li> <li>b. Placing Trees under power infrastructure, knowing that they will eventually interfere with power (pick a street).</li> <li>c. Placing Trees near bus stops (eg fitzgerald/chelmsford) causing buses to collide and damage the tree/bus, and obscuring the passengers &amp; drivers view requiring the passenger to hail buses at the last second, and causing</li> </ol>	<p>Administration does not actively plant trees that are known to cause allergies.</p> <p>Tree selection takes into account growth habits of trees as well as the specific constraints of each planting site.</p> <p>Street Trees are owned by the City and therefore maintained by the City.</p>

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	<p>secondary traffic hazards.</p> <p>3. Protections should have reasonable provision for:</p> <p>a. Replacement (Trees can be problematic for many unanticipated reasons), while I'm principle I support /advocate for protection, it should not be designed as a deterrent and the administrative process should be simple and without expense (outside the activities involved). Council should have provision to assist Large projects like replacing an inappropriately selected Tree.</p> <p>b. Maintenance/pruning provisions should exist and not require administration. Residents should be empowered to maintain Trees with low hanging branches that cross roads and footpaths without constraint. Trees in suburban areas need maintenance, it's inevitable, and the city should not impede (and by extension) carry the burden of minor maintenance.</p> <p>c. Specific complexity for developers just makes what is probably an already necessary step, more costly and ultimately cost end owners or prevent necessary infil development. Just ensure there is a requirement to replace or remedy and make it reasonable, or and form of penalty should have a local area consult, ie, no blanket rule on how to penalise for, what in many situations is an accidental act.</p>	
No	<p>focus on natives is not needed - need best trees regardless of origin - speed of growth, canopy, leaf &amp; bark shedding; water effectiveness</p>	<p>Administration acknowledges that the best species for each location is required. This can generally be achieved by selecting natives that are best suited to our climate and other environmental conditions. This is reflected in the target of 75% native trees which was determined based on a review of previous years plantings.</p>
Yes	<p>Anything that encourages members of the community to spend time outdoors in nature is a welcome initiative.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>Yes</p>	<p>Policy amendments look good. I can't see any mention regarding how ratepayers request a tree planting. We have 2 verges where trees have not been planted or have been removed for whatever reason. I'll submit a general request to see if we can have trees planted</p>	<p>Noted.  Information on how to request tree works is contained within the supporting Policy Guidelines and Procedures.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>I fully support the policy as it is essential street trees are protected and canopy is enhanced to mitigate urban heat and provide resilience to climate change (particularly in light of infill development and loss of trees and gardens in the private space). Preferencing local native trees is supported to improve biodiversity and sense of place. A consideration is how to protect the soil zone around the base of the tree, as compaction and damage to the root zone severely impacts a trees health, longevity, height and canopy size.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>No</p>	<p>I personally know a number of people who prune their street trees and do a MUCH better job than the ridiculous tree loppers hired by the City. In those cases, these good folks should not be penalised for keeping their verge tree healthy and happy. I guess they can't be fined, since your policy only states potential payment for damages, and there is no damage. How do you deal with that kind of situation? Also, some folks plant (and maintain) useful trees like olive, fig, etc. These offer benefit to all neighbours. This use case is also not mentioned. Finally, the proposed penalty will do absolutely nothing to discourage developers, builders, contractors and tradies from damaging verge trees. Maybe try a fine like \$5,000 plus \$1,000 for every year of the age of the tree? Or more depending on the size of the development. And none of this having-to-catch-them-in-the-act rubbish. That never happens. Make the developer responsible for the state of verge trees in front of their development from the moment</p>	<p>Administration will investigate instances of unauthorised pruning as they arise.  The City's fees and charges outlines bonds for verge trees to ensure they are protected.  Unauthorised plantings maybe retained if deemed suitable in species and location. Clause 2(i).</p>



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	they apply for planning approval or, even better, the moment they own the block (just like any other resident).	
Yes	Particularly like the policy of planting native trees and making sure developers take care to protect trees already planted on verges when doing construction.	Noted.
Yes	I think it is important to active our streets. And to monitor plants selection.	Noted.
Yes	Enjoy swings etc on verge for community feel / enhancement	Noted.
Yes	Love the swings on the verges. Creates a community with kids playing out the front of houses	Noted.
Yes	A verge can become an extension of the home owners garden by enhancing an under utilised space. I would like to see more endemic species planted and a replacement program of the infamous Queensland Box Tree.	Noted. Administration no longer actively plants Queensland Box Trees. If one requires removal, it is replaced with a different suitable species.
No	The Council can't dictate tree requirements when they refuse to properly maintain the trees. You can't have it both ways. The tree at front of my house constantly drops FULL BRANCHES and hangs over my property. I have asked the Council to properly prune but you refuse to.	Administration undertakes scheduled pruning of all street trees where required. Residents can also request property line pruning which is carried out in conjunction with pruning programs.
Yes	It makes the streets more vibrant and fun, and brings community into the shared areas.	Noted.
Yes	Jacarandas should be an option to be in keeping with lots of other trees in the City.	Noted.
Yes	I love that my suburb is filled with trees, and the verge swings and ladders are great for local children	Noted.

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Yes	I fully support the proposed amendments to the Street Tree policy. The proposed changes continue the City's sensible approach to managing street trees and citizen stewardship of their verges. The abundance of adopted verges and play equipment on street trees is one of the great features of living in Vincent - it supports social interaction between neighbours and also helps slow traffic through the actual or perceived presence of children on the street. More local government's should be following Vincent's lead in this space. Keep up the great work!	Noted.
Yes	It's great to see kids playing on the tree attachments, makes the neighbourhood feel very welcoming and family friendly. I also feel these attachments help people meet more local neighbours and is good for the community!	Noted.
Yes	We need to do more to protect trees and reintroduce natives	Noted.
Yes	Keeps the streets nice and family friendly	Noted.
Yes	It is important to maintain a green streetscape. Areas devoid of trees retain to much heat and appear barren	Noted.
Yes	It's really important to maintain and improve the trees in our area. And it's great that families have the freedom to use their street trees for their kids	Noted.
Yes	Preference for native trees is a must	Noted.
Yes	We love a street with swings in their trees. What a great use of them to promote community spirit. Not everyone had a mature tree in their backyard so this is great.	Noted.
Yes	I said yes to question 1. hesitantly as no list of preferred species was in the Street Tree Policy. Definite lack of detail - not transparent public consultation. I would like to have seen a commitment to a target number of trees planted in the winter season. I would like to have seen a database of identified planting locations even if it were 1 per dwelling, 1 per rateable premises I find the Street Tree Policy lacking in any real detail of a 'forward	Noted.  The current Greening Plan contains targets for tree planting.

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	plan' thus lacking in substance of meaning. Are medium strips included?	
Yes	<p>This is very important - "Introduction of street tree protection requirements for developers and landowners carrying out works on or next to the verge area"</p> <p>Our neighbour recently added a second story extension by "Nexus Homes" and the damage caused to the very healthy verge tree during the process was sad to see.</p> <p>In saying that I have observed other developers protect verge trees by installing plastic cages around the trees etc to protect them</p> <p>It would be greta if this clause was included to make these developers accountable for their actions eg fines</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Verge tree preservation bonds are required to be paid by developers.</p>
Yes	<p>Support trees being retained as long as it's not used as an excuse to increase housing density.</p> <p>Less keen about permission being required for play equipment to be attached</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
No	<p>Native trees create the perfect avenue for the spread of fire in our suburbs.</p> <p>Stop finding more ways to hinder development, owners choices and get back to Council core responsibilities being roads, rubbish and rates (reduction)</p>	<p>Due to the urban nature of the City, the risk of fire is minimal with the planting of native tree species.</p> <p>The policy provisions for developments have been developed to provide guidance to ensure protection of street trees.</p>
Yes	<p>I love being able to have a swing on the verge bottlebrush. My kids are too big for it these days, but our footpath friends all know their kids are welcome to use it 😊 in my opinion it's another way to build a spirit of community. I'd love even more native trees as verge trees (no box trees or (evil) Robinias please!! 😊</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
Yes	<p>We have a young child and enjoy having a swing on our verge.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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No	Happy with natives, happy with swings etc. BUT all none native species should be allowed to be removed and changed to natives OR fruit trees, Olives, oranges, berries figs etc. If builders kill or damage trees and this includes, Western Power, Gas, Water Corp and NBN then remove and replace with natives or fruit trees.	Administration focuses on retaining canopy wherever possible. Should a non-native tree require removal (in-line with policy provisions), then a suitable replacement will be determined with a preference to the use of a native species.
Yes	Street tree attachments add to the charm of the area.	Noted.
Yes	I think swings on verges encourage children to go outside and play. I prefer native trees because they support local wildlife, provided they also have a big enough canopy.	Noted.
Yes	I love that tree houses and swings are on our street verges. It says as a community we honour and respect childhood. I would like to see consistency in street trees as it is more aesthetically pleasing than different varieties in a street.	Noted. Streetscape consistency is not supported as this does not provide resilience and diversity against current and future environmental threats.
Yes	Playing out in your local neighbourhood is a vital step in children developing a relationship and therefore care of their natural environment and neighbourhoods. It's is an important factor in developing independent mobility. Any incidental opportunities that allow for unstructured play around neighbourhood streets encourages this and more. For more information refer to the 1000 streets project by Play Australia and the City of Vincent's own Play street (Rae street) pilot project.	Noted.
Yes	Street trees are not only beautiful, they provide habitat for birds and insects, provide shade and offset some of the carbon in our atmosphere. The more native street streets, the better!	Noted.
Yes	Better for wildlife, water conservation, waterways including river because of deciduous, show pride in being Oz rather than foreign locality	Noted.

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Yes	Along with removal of overground power, a focus on improving canopy coverage will greatly improve the streetscape of the city.	Noted.
Yes	Important to our urban ecology that we have species native to our local area that can withstand our climate and are food sources to local wildlife/insects. Tree canopy needs to increase to help keep our suburbs cool.	Noted.
Yes	I would like to see a greener suburb but with more consistent planting that enhance the suburb rather than what seems a scatter gun approach to tree selection. In some cases i would like the council to invest in replanting in different street to gain more consistency.	Noted.  Streetscape consistency is not supported as this does not provide diversity and resilience against current and future environmental threats.
Yes	We need to preserve existing coverage and expand coverage of trees particularly in hot spots (eg Brisbane St between Stirling and Pier). The shift to natives is good but if smaller trees, closer planting is required to get the benefit. Canopy provides cooling which make streets more attractive for playing, walking and cycling.	Noted.
Yes	I like trees! But, I think the council should take more care in what is planted, you say natives, like Queensland Box!! When selecting you should make sure the leaf drop is at a minimum. I live in a street that FLOODS and the drains are blocked and not maintained enough, there are Box trees and many natives in the nearby park, the leaf drop is a huge problem and the maintenance that goes with trees is not enough, thus impacting on homes nearby when drainage is inadequate.	Noted.  Administration carefully selects trees for each location to ensure they are the most suitable.
Yes	agree with the 75% requirement for native trees.	Noted.

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<p>Yes</p>	<p>I mostly agree with all of amendment, however in some circumstances when planting in parks to replace old trees etc I think some non native that grow quickly and provide a much wider canopy should be considered aswell as native trees. Trees that match up to growing conditions in our climate. A lot of native trees do not have that wonderful wide spreading canopy.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Yes</p>	<p>I fully support the selection of native trees for streets. In addition I would like to see the incentivisation for planting out of paved verges, fines or disincentives for removing or damaging street trees and a more sympathetic approach to tree pruning.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>No</p>	<p>Preference for planting native trees: I think non-native species of trees have much to offer and should be considered for street trees: Shade in summer is often much denser and more cooling for introduced species; and deciduous ones the let light in in winter and this means houses and gardens are then less dingy. Some introduced species of trees seem to be doing well in the Perth climate. Some are also beautiful - a street full of flowering Jacarandas is very attractive and give the street a character which appeals to people. Some of the narrow streets might benefit from smaller trees also the big trees block out the view to sky from the house. If it is native trees, please consider the beautiful flowering species such as the red and pink flowering gums.</p>	<p>Administration acknowledges that the best species for each location is required. This can generally be achieved by selecting natives that are best suited to our climate and other environmental conditions.</p> <p>Depending on site constraints and residential preferences, an exotic species may be deemed to be the most appropriate choice.</p> <p>Wherever possible, Administration will select species that have aesthetic flowers as they also provide food and habitat to which increases biodiversity.</p>
	<p><b>Summarised Comments:</b> In the Introduction it would be good to add to the 'enhanced community well-being', the human health values of local native trees, as well as the benefit to local native wildlife such as local native birds and insects. Also add that an increased tree canopy will increase carbon</p>	<p>Introduction will be amended to include habitat and biodiversity.</p> <p>Administration acknowledges that the best species for each location is required. This can generally be achieved by selecting natives that are best suited to our climate and other environmental conditions.</p>

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	<p>sequestration and is a positive action against climate change.</p> <p>‘WA local native species should be required for new planting across City owned or managed land’. Avoid tree species which are known to cause human health problems including hay fever and allergies’.</p> <p>‘Deciduous trees are unsuitable and should not be planted. Deciduous trees cause catchment management issues.</p> <p>To significantly increase street tree canopy, there is a need for the City of Vincent to accelerate its proposed <u>underground power program</u>, so that street trees can grow and spread more.</p> <p>So-called ‘remedial pruning to form the shape of trees, encourage new growth...’ should be removed as it can be an issue of more branch breaks in extreme weather.</p> <p>The last dot point, ‘Property line prune (upon adjoining property resident request) to remove any canopy overhanging into private property.’ - should be removed.</p>	<p>The exclusive planting of WA local natives is not supported due to the limited number of species, many of which are unsuitable for most locations (e.g. Jarrahs and Marris). In addition, due to climate change, there is a possibility in the future that local species may not be the most suitable and more arid species should be considered.</p> <p>The City acknowledges that in the majority of cases, native species can be chosen over deciduous trees. In some cases, deciduous may be the best option owing to the shade from tall buildings, very small verges and/or residential preferences.</p> <p>The City is working toward implementing underground power. Additional tree planting projects will be undertaken following the undergrounding of power to further increase canopy coverage.</p> <p>Administration does not agree with the need to remove remedial pruning clause as this is sometimes required for tree maintenance.</p> <p>Administration does not agree with the removal of property line pruning requests as this will lead to a significant increase in unauthorised pruning which could be detrimental to our street trees.</p>
	<p><b>Summarised Comments:</b> The policy proposes a target of 75% of new planting to be Australian native species. The policy objective only refers to “maximise canopy coverage”.</p> <p>Species selection can have significant environmental impacts, particularly relating to water consumption and stormwater pollution. Exotic deciduous trees impact negatively on water quality.</p>	<p>Administration acknowledges that the best species for each location is required. This can generally be achieved by selecting natives that are best suited to our climate and other environmental conditions.</p> <p>The City acknowledges that in the majority of cases, native species can be chosen over deciduous trees. In some cases, deciduous may be the best option owing the shade from tall buildings, very small verges and/or residential preferences.</p>

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	<p>While I support the intent to have a high target for using Australian species for new plantings, I consider that <u>all</u> new plantings should be Australian species, unless there is a strong reason such as maintaining a heritage streetscape to use an exotic species.</p> <p>Clause 1. (v) second bullet point – amend 75% to 95%</p> <p>I also consider “reducing negative environmental impacts relating to species selection” should be added to Objectives.</p> <p>Not within this policy, but relevant, I am concerned about the ongoing use of the Tree Selection Tool. This tool should be reevaluated as I consider it is not fit for purpose.</p>	<p>Administration uses the street tree selection tool where required to assist in tree selection. It is not solely relied on for tree selection.</p>
	<p><b>Summarised Comment:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tree species selection should also take into account other environmental impacts not just canopy cover especially the requirements to support bird and animal life and water requirements.</li> <li>2. The definition of Australian native species should be either supplemented or replaced by reference to indigenous trees to our area. We suggest a target of 50% local to the area natives but this is quite arbitrary and ideally even higher.</li> <li>3. For transparency it would be good if Vincent provided an online service like South Perth does Intramaps to show trees. This can also be used to indicate priority areas for canopy and show residents changes from year to year demonstrating changes to canopy.</li> </ol>	<p>Administration acknowledges that the best species for each location is required. This can generally be achieved by selecting natives that are best suited to our climate and other environmental conditions. Natives are known for their provision of habitat and food source for native fauna.</p> <p>The exclusive planting of WA local natives is not supported due to the limited number of species, many of which are unsuitable for most locations (e.g. Jarrahs and Marris). In addition, due to climate change, there is a possibility in the future that local species may not be the most suitable and more arid species should be considered.</p> <p>Street Tree mapping project has identified locations where additional trees can be planted. Administration will implement planting projects in these locations.</p>



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<p><b>Summarised Comment:</b> I request that the City consider including a statement about the importance of street trees as a food source for native bird species.</p> <p>I also ask that the City consider including in this section, the importance of trees that provide all year shade.</p> <p>I ask that the City consider including a statement that trees that are appropriate for the climate of, and water availability in, Perth should be key criteria for tree selection. In addition, trees that are relatively fast growing - and will provide shade sooner than later.</p> <p>1 Street tree planting. should there not be a clause in section 1, subsection (I), that clearly states that a landowner or resident is to seek approval from the city before planting any tree?</p> <p>Subsection (II) states that suitable, planting locations will be determined by the city. I draw your attention to the city's greening strategy, which has a map identifying tree planting locations for each street in the City and the priority. What is the relationship between that document, and this policy? Furthermore, will the City advise council and the public about where the city is planning to plant trees prior to a final decision being made?</p> <p>Subsection (III) is strongly supported.</p> <p>Subsection (V), as stated in my proposed additions to the introduction section, elements, such as bird food sources,</p> <p>Regarding the target of 75% of new planting to be native species, it is noted that this is for all council managed</p>	<p>Introduction will be amended to include habitat and biodiversity.</p> <p>The exclusive planting of WA local natives is not supported due to the limited number of species, many of which are unsuitable for most locations (e.g. Jarrahs and Marris). In addition, due to climate change, there is a possibility in the future that local species may not be the most suitable and more arid species should be considered.</p> <p>Clause 2 will be amended to clarify that the City is responsible for all tree planting.</p> <p>Street Tree mapping project has identified locations where additional trees can be planted. Administration will implement planting projects in these locations. The Current Greening Plan is under review and will be incorporated into the new Enhance Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Administration acknowledges that the best species for each location is required. This can generally be achieved by selecting natives that are best suited to our climate and other environmental conditions. Natives are known for their provision of habitat and food source for native fauna.</p> <p>The target for 75% is across all City Owned Land (i.e. Verges and parks/reserves). There is no specific target for street trees as following a review of previous years planting, Administration deemed it best to have an overall target. This will enable ease of reporting and tracking.</p> <p>Clause 5 will be amended to clarify that tree protection also involves watering if required.</p> <p>Verge paving requirements are contained within the Verge Policy. Current verge paving applications must not exceed one</p>
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	<p>land. What is the target for new street tree planting to be native species? Why isn't a target incorporated into this policy? In my view, 100% of new plantings should be native species.</p> <p>Section 5, Street tree protection I strongly support this section. I request that the City consider a clause in this section that requires the builder or owner, to ensure the tree is adequately watered during the period of works.</p> <p>I also believe the city should consider including a clause here that states that new development applications, and in particular, the location of crossovers are positioned and/or minimised so as to protect existing trees and maximise permeable surfaces rather than paved surfaces.</p>	<p>third paving, as per current application form. Street Tree Policy Guidelines and Procedure contain more detailed information on crossovers.</p>
	<p><b>Summarised Comment:</b> Concerned with the inadequately justified change from having consistency along streets, to an 'anything goes' approach which allows people to plant what they like (within reason) thus impacting what planners might describe as the rhythm of the street.</p> <p>The provision of street trees is more than just providing canopy coverage. They have the potential to provide habitat and to significantly add to the aesthetic appeal of our neighbourhoods. They also have the potential to create or add to a sense of place. Sadly, they also have the potential to adversely impact on people's health, as well as the health of the environment.</p> <p>The selection of Australian natives should also be mindful of potential climate changes.</p>	<p>Due to the rise of PSHB and possible future threats from other pests/disease and climate change, the recommendation is to have species diversity within a street to ensure resilience. This has been reflected in clause 1(v).</p> <p>Introduction will be amended to include habitat and biodiversity.</p> <p>Administration acknowledges that the best species for each location is required. This can generally be achieved by selecting natives that are best suited to our climate and other environmental conditions.</p> <p>Clause 1 (v) will be amended to clarify what is meant by streetscape diversity.</p> <p>Clause 2 will be amended to clarify that the City is responsible for all tree planting.</p>

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<p>It should also be recognised that the selection of the wrong species can adversely impact on people's health and on the environment.</p> <p><u>Clause 1 (iii) – continuity of canopy</u> This clause is a welcome inclusion. We should strive for visual consistency rather than individual owner's often misplaced preferences. This is probably best addresses in 1 (v).</p> <p><u>Clause 1 (v) – species selection</u> I think the fundamental rule of thumb should be that plantings should be the same species as the existing chosen species with one exception – where a decision has been made to replace that species in a street (e.g. they aren't coping with the change in climate or have proved to be unsuitable).</p> <p>The current clause also vaguely mentions 'streetscape species diversity' in a way that could suggest that there would be a diversity of species in a single street. The species diversity should be on a street-by-street basis rather than a tree-by-tree basis.</p> <p><u>Clause 2 – Unauthorised/Unsuitable planting</u> I do not support the intention of this clause as it stands. I think it is a massive change in philosophy and is giving the green light to anybody who wants to have a different tree to simply poison the existing tree and plant something new.</p> <p><u>Clause 3 – Street tree pruning</u> It needs to make it clear that it is an offence to prune a street tree. While it is mentioned in Clause 6 (i) it should</p>	<p>Clause 5 (iii) states that if the protections required in 5(i) +(ii) are unfeasible then a management plan must be sought from an arborist at the applicant's expense. Due to the small size of many verges in Vincent, tree canopy is often greater than the entire verge. 2m has been nominated to protect whilst also allowing works to occur if managed correctly.</p> <p>Clause 7 (i) will be amended to clarify 'immediately adjacent'.</p>
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	<p>be included here in case someone thinks that 'pruning' is different to 'unlawful damage'.</p> <p><u>Clause 5 – Street tree protection</u> I do not think that tree protection goes far enough. The clause says that no excavation may be carried out under the drip line, yet allows heavy machinery and materials storage to be located there, as long as it is 2 metres from the base of the tree.</p> <p><u>Clause 6 (ii) Unauthorised interference</u> I do not support the 'optional' suggestion about requiring payment to repair any damage caused by unauthorised pruning. The word 'may' should be replaced with 'will' – remember, this is just about recovering costs for repairing or replacing a street tree, not a fine for doing something wrong.</p> <p><u>Clause 7 – attachments</u> To cater for properties on corner blocks the wording should be changed from '<i>in front of</i>' to '<i>immediately adjacent to</i>' in clause 7 (i). Also, clause 3 (iii) must make it clear that permission must be obtained for 'non-standard' attachments prior to installation.</p>	
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