

UNAUTHORISED CLEARING OF VEGETATION

POLICY

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Objective:

To conduct public awareness programs which encourage the retention of natural bushland and discourage damage and unauthorised clearing, including pruning considered to be significant, of vegetation on public land.

Statement:

The City of Mandurah (the 'City') will provide clear, accurate and consistent advice through correspondence to its community and contractors on matters pertaining to the removal and/or pruning of trees.

The public are not authorised to prune or remove vegetation on City managed land including but not limited to verges and road reserves, parks and reserves, coastal and foreshore vegetation.

In the case of unauthorised removal or significant pruning of vegetation occurring, the City may erect large billboard type signage on public land in addition to any action available to the City under the *Local Government Act 1995*, or the *Planning and Development Act 2005* with respect to such unauthorised clearing or pruning, which may include rehabilitation of the site.

These signs will contain a message regarding the consequences of removal or significant pruning of vegetation from public land, and may be installed for a period considered appropriate by the City, in most cases until the vegetation has regrown or has been restored to its original state.

Responsible Directorate:	Sustainable Communities
Reviewer:	Manager Planning and Land Services
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Related Documentation and/or Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> <i>Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996 – r.5</i>