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# T R E E S

A Tree Preservation Order exists within the City of Botany Bay to safeguard the community's tree population.

**This means it is illegal to:**

- **Ringbark: the deliberate removal of bark from around a trunk or limb of a tree;**
- **Top: remove part, or all, of the top of a tree;**
- **Lop: remove a branch or section/s of a tree;**
- **Remove or cut down a tree;**
- **Injure or wilfully destroy any tree fitting the above specifications without first obtaining the permission of council.**

It applies to all trees exceeding 3 metres in height or with a trunk girth of over 600mm, measured at 1 metre above ground, on all land in the City of Botany Bay, excepting those tree species and classes of trees listed in Schedule 1.

It also applies to all trees (regardless of height or trunk girth) within the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, which is listed as an Endangered Plant Community.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **BOTANICAL NAME**

### **COMMON NAME**

Ligustrum sp.	Privet
Salix sp.	Willows
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Laurel (under 5m in height only)
Ficus elastica	Rubber Tree
Citrus sp.	Lemons, Oranges, Mandarins
Prunus sp.	Peaches, Plums, Apricots, Cherries, (fruiting species only)
Malus sp.	Apples (fruiting species only)
Pyrus sp.	Pears (fruiting species only)
Ailanthus altissima	Tree of Heaven
Nerium oleander	Oleander
Olea africana	Wild Olive
Senna pendula	Cassia/Senna
Ochna serrulata	Birdseye Bush
Schefflera actinophylla	Umbrella Tree
Toxicodendron succedaneum	Rhus Tree

## CLASSES OF TREES

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Trees that are also plant species declared noxious from time to time in the Botany Control Area under Noxious Weeds Act, 1993.

Trees required to be lopped in accordance with Regulation 38 and 39 of the Overhead Line Construction and Maintenance Regulations 1962 are also exempt.

## TO REMOVE OR TRIM A TREE

If you wish to remove or trim a tree covered by the Tree Preservation Order you must apply in writing requesting permission to do so.

Your correspondence should be addressed to:

The Manager of Parks and Landscape,  
City of Botany Bay,  
P.O. Box 331, Mascot 1460

In your letter to Council please specify the location of the tree and brief description, reasons for the request, and a convenient time(s) for an inspection.

Your tree will be inspected by a horticulturally trained officer of Council who will be able to advise you regarding the best solution to a tree problem. Written advice regarding approval will be sent to you.

Where permission is granted for a tree to be removed, Council requires that a replacement tree be planted on the property in a suitable location and will provide advice on the most suitable tree species to plant.

Do not hesitate to contact Council's Customer Service Desk on 9366 3666 between 8.30am and 5.00pm should you have any questions or concerns about the Tree Preservation Order.