

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Council is committed to its “Greening Blacktown” program. Part of this endeavour is to preserve as many of the existing established tree stock as is practicable.

The Tree Preservation Order under the Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 1988 requires Council approval/ consent to remove or prune any live tree, as indicated below:-

“tree” - means a perennial plant not less than one meter high with at least one self-supporting woody stem which is a plant of a species, variety or cultivar, each of the members of which, if permitted to grow to its maturity, would generally have a height in excess of 3 metres.

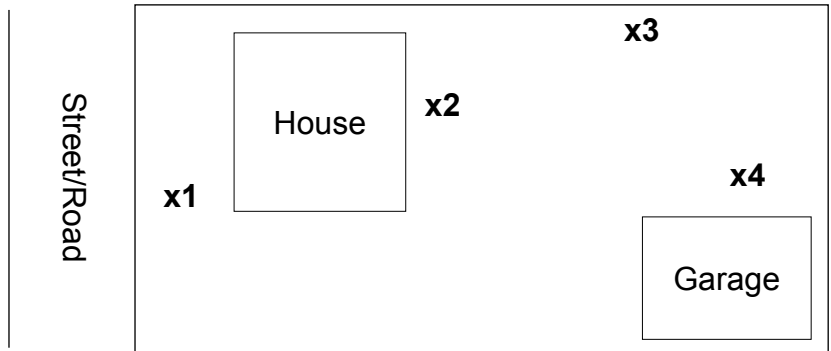
EXAMPLE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED ON BLOCK PLAN

Please indicate:-

1. Position of any building(s) on the land.
2. Position of any tree(s) to be removed or pruned.

NB: *Please attached a separate sheet if the space provided is insufficient.*

PROMINENTLY MARK THE TREE(S) TO ASSIST IDENTIFICATION BY COUNCIL'S ASSESSING OFFICER. (e.g. coloured tape around the trunk)



Tree No. (on block plan)	Remove, Prune or Crown Reduce	No. & Type of Tree(s)	Reason for Application
1	Prune	Jacaranda	Branches interfering with overhead electricity wires
2	Remove	Gum (iron bark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dead branches are falling on roof of house • Roots are damaging house footings/foundations
3	Remove	Silky Oak	Infested with borers and its growth is stunted
4	Crown Reduce	Gum (Lemon Scented)	Tree excessively shading neighbours backyard & solar panels

1. PRUNING

Pruning is the direct removal of limbs and branches of a plant to a predetermined end.

Types of Pruning

- a. **Cleaning Out** - The removal of any diseased, damaged or dead branches that could cause a problem.
- b. **Lifting** - Is the removal of the lower branches which enable better vision or access.
- c. **Crown Thinning** - The selective removal of secondary branches to their point of origin without any reduction in height.



Natural Shape

2. CROWN REDUCTION

- a. **Thinning Out** - The reduction in height and spread while keeping the plant's natural shape.
- b. **Lopping** - The main branches are cut back to stubs with little regard for its shape and future problems. This is not recommended as it can pre-dispose trees to infectious diseases, sun-scalding of bark, and borer attack resulting in decayed and potentially hazardous trees with a reduced life span.



Thinning Out

3. REMOVAL

- a. The complete removal of a tree, including the stump.

TREE REMOVAL/PRUNING APPLICATION

Blacktown City Council

BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL
 DX 8117 Blacktown
 PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148
 Phone: (02) 9839 6000

PRIVACY NOTE: The personal information provided in this application may be inspected by a person under various legislation. The legislation provides that a person who has inspected a document may also request and be provided with a copy of that document.

Application Fees:

1-10 trees \$ > 10 trees \$

See reverse side for information

OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee Paid	\$
Receipt No.	
Date:	
Tree App. No.	
File No.	

(Please Print) APPLICANT		
Name		Daytime Phone:
Address		Applicant's Signature
Suburb	Postcode	Date:

Where the Applicant is not the sole owner of the land on which the tree is located, each owner of the land is to consent to this application (attach separate written consent, if necessary). Note: If the owner is a Company or Owners Corporation, its Common Seal must be stamped over the signature/s, otherwise the Managing Director must sign and clearly indicate the A.C.N.

1. Property Owner's Name		
Signature		Date
2. Property Owner's Name		
Signature		Date

BLOCK PLAN

(Please complete this plan, or attach separate suitable plan - see reverse side for instructions)

Tree Location	
Address	

STREET	
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Tree No. (on block plan)	Remove, Prune or Crown Reduce	Type of Tree	Reason for Application

OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

APPLICATION DETERMINATION

No. & Type of Tree	Determination	Reason / Comment

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- Approval is valid for 12 months from the date below.
- Pruning is to be limited to a maximum _____% of the tree canopy.
- Any pruning should be in accordance with Australian Standard 4373, *Pruning of amenity trees*.
- Any tree removed is to be replaced by 2 suitable native trees.

NOTES

1. The applicant has a right of appeal against this decision under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. The applicant is advised to engage a competent arborist or tree removalist (as applicable) who has appropriate liability insurance to undertake the approved work.
3. See reverse side for pruning information.

Council Officer	Signature	Date