

## Advice on Choosing An Arborist/Tree Surgeon

Ku-ring-gai council does not maintain a register or make specific recommendations regarding contractors for arboriculture work. The following list provides some worthwhile advice to consider when choosing an arborist or tree surgeon:

- Obtain a minimum of three (3) quotes.
- Sight the contractor's Public Liability and Worker's Compensation Certificates (Public Liability Insurance should be for a minimum of \$20,000,000.00).
- Check contractor's qualifications and/or industry associations (a contractor should at least possess formal qualifications in arboriculture from a recognised tertiary institution).
- Ask for references or recommendations from previous clients.
- Agree on the extent of the work to be undertaken.
- Obtain a written quote that includes all proposed work.
- Pay contractor only upon satisfactory completion of the work.
- Familiarise yourself with the Tree Preservation Order requirements and discuss with the arborist.