



POLICY

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To preserve the bushland character of the City and strengthen the system enacting reservation and conservation of remnant vegetation.

- **To insist that the retention of existing trees must be given a high priority by developers of residential estates.**
- **To limit the removal of trees through City Planning Scheme provisions and public education.**
- **To retain significant visual landscape and vegetation features, preserving both internal and external views.**
 - **To retain viable representative samples of all different vegetation complexes and communities within the City of Kwinana.**
- **To maintain reserves of sufficient size and containing sufficient ecological linkages to be self-sustaining and support native flora and fauna.**
- **To protect bushland, natural areas and ecological linkages from threats such as environmental weeds and disease.**

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Legal Authority	Local Government Act Section 2.7 – The Role of Council

Policy:

1. Trees, other than in areas for specific approved developments (buildings, services, roads, fences etc) shall be retained, saving the removal of dead or diseased trees on private land. Trees will be surveyed, and will be shown on structure plans and roads and lot alignments designed to maximise tree preservation.
2. All trees (dead and alive) on public reserves shall be retained unless otherwise approved by the Director Operations and Technical Services.
3. All fallen timber on public reserves shall be retained unless otherwise approved by Director Operations and Technical Services.
4. Where vegetation must be removed to allow development, trees of mill able size and quality shall be cut into logs and the remaining plant material shall be mulched and stockpiled for appropriate use.
5. Developers who occasion extensive clearing shall be required to undertake or sponsor planting of species endemic to the area, in local public reserves.
6. Council will favour the planting of local species occurring naturally in remnant bushland within the City of Kwinana.
7. Council will retain/increase “ecological linkages”, areas of local native vegetation linking local biodiversity areas, such as remnant bushland and other natural areas. Ecological linkages provide habitat for, and assist in the movement of, wildlife (flora and fauna) and reduce the effects of isolation.
8. The community will be informed about the risk of growing environmental weeds in their gardens, how to control them and stop them spreading into bushland and natural areas.

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9. Areas of *pytophthora cinnamomi* (dieback) within the City of Kwinana shall be mapped and natural areas will be protected from infection, through education, and phosphite treatment, where necessary.

All developmental activities in the City of Kwinana with the potential to spread pytophthora to include conditions requiring the implementation of pytophthora dieback management procedures.
10. Promote retention of larger areas of remnant bushland, especially that containing poorly reserved communities, in order to increase sustainability and habitat value.
11. Landholders will be encouraged to preserve bushland and wetland on private property through planning conditions and a landholder incentive package.