

Tree Preservation Order on Private Land

Community Consultation | Information Session



A tree preservation order for private property
is being explored and is open for community feedback.

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)

What is a TPO?

A Tree Preservation Order is an order made by a Local Planning Authority (“LPA”) to protect a tree or trees with amenity value to the community.

What is the urban forest?

The urban forest is made up of public and private trees.

- **A public tree** (in this instance) is one that is growing on land that is Council owned or controlled. This includes Council managed Crown Land. Other government departments also manage Crown Land and they will continue to manage trees in accordance with their policies.
- **A private tree** is one that is growing on land that is owned by an individual, family or business. The emphasis is the ownership of the land and not necessarily the occupier (eg: someone renting or leasing the property).

Are all TPOs the same?

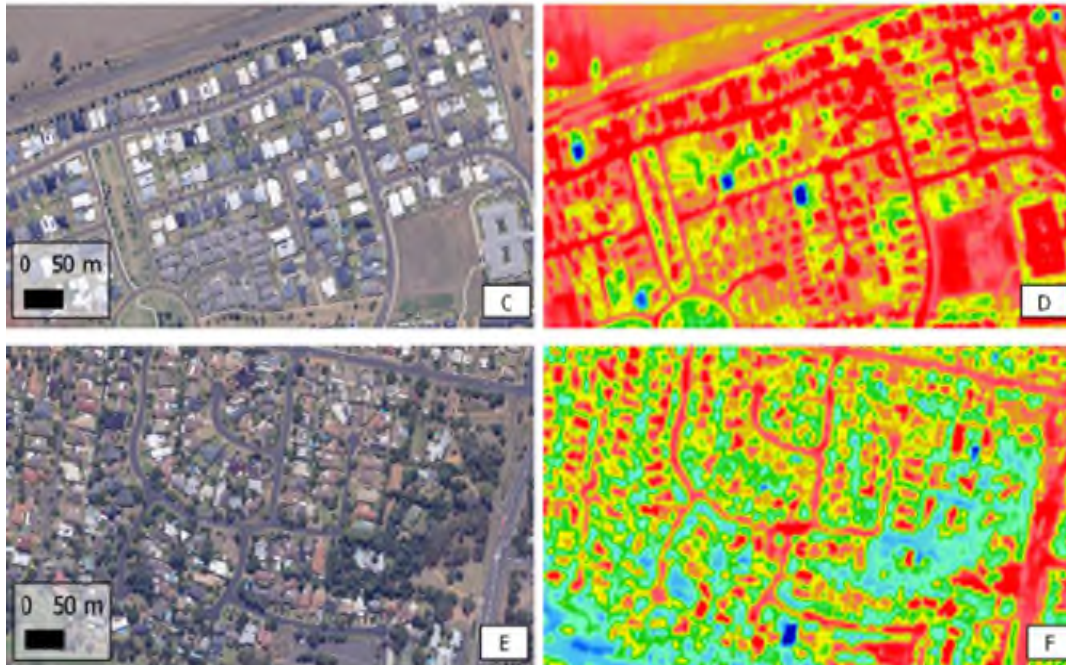
- No – We have not discovered any two Councils the same, they are developed specifically to meet the needs of the community they protect.
- They also have different characteristics, height, species, locations etc.

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)

Why do we need to protect our trees?

- Enhance and expand the canopy cover within our urban areas
- Reduce Heat Island Effect, as shown in the images below

Dubbo Heat Map

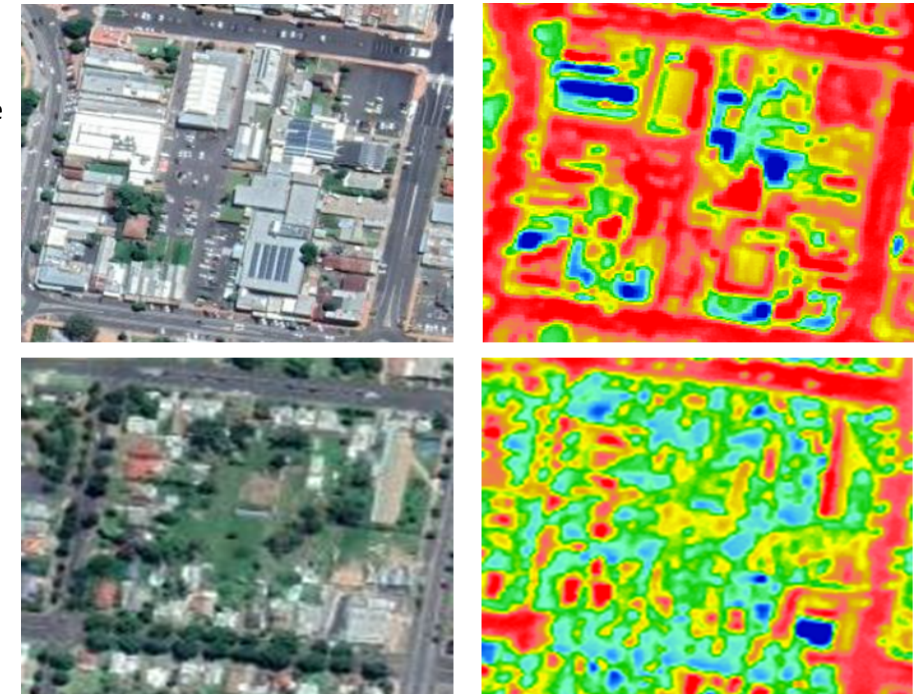
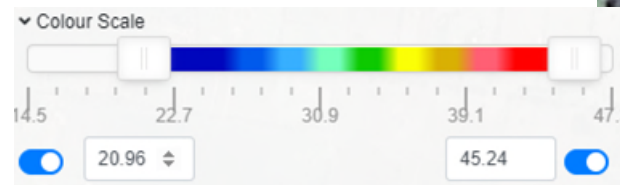


Urban zone with minimal tree planting

Vs

Urban zone with increased tree planting.

Wellington Heat Map



Current Tree Preservation Order

In force since June 1995

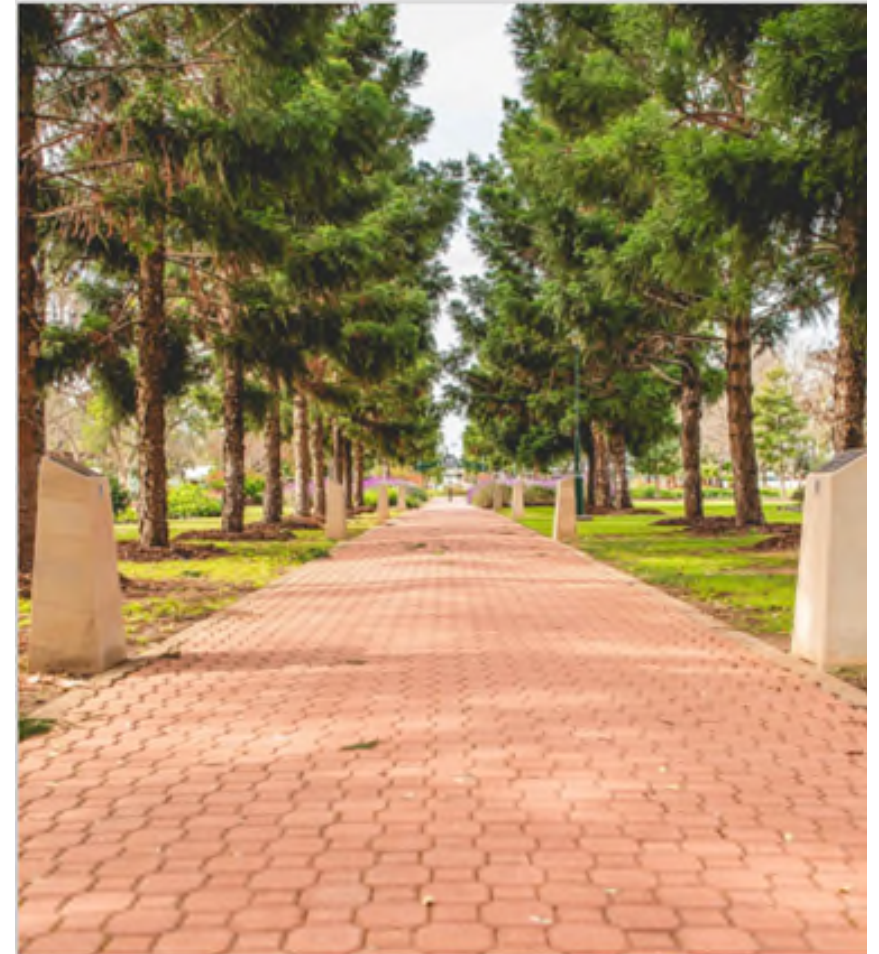
- Protects trees and vegetation on public land
- “Significant” private trees are protected through the Significant Tree Register
- Updated annually – through public nominations

What is the current state of management of private trees?

- Responsibility of property owners

Canopy cover comprises both public and private trees

- A TPO is one method to achieve a larger canopy cover for urban areas. This consultation is seeking feedback and views on the proposed Tree Preservation Order for private land.



TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
APRIL 2023

Why change?



A broader TPO would provide;

- Greater protection of the entire urban forest
- Private trees are a “borrowed” community asset (shade, amenity etc.)
- Private trees offer important biodiversity values
- Private trees could still be removed if permitted



A broader TPO would NOT;

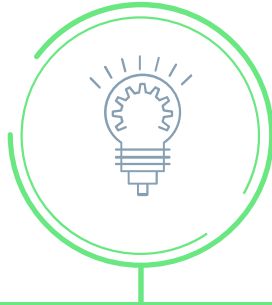
- Impact developers (already covered by the *Biodiversity Conservation Act*)
- Impact farmers (already covered under the *Local Land Services Act*)

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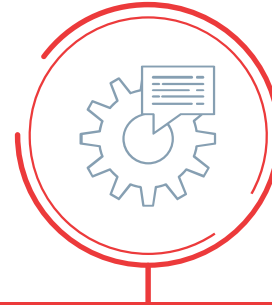
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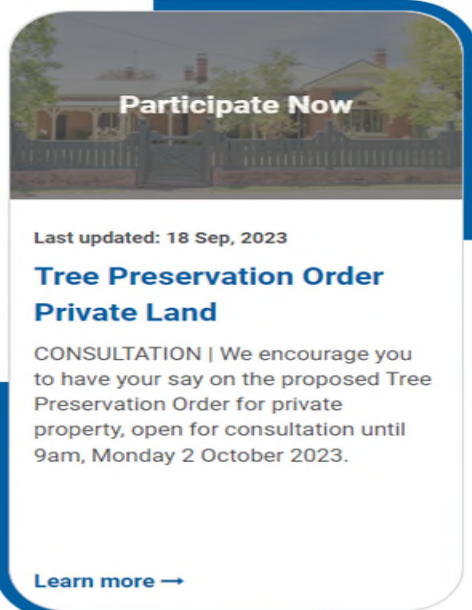
Stakeholders



Engagement



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Met with
Arborists &
Committees

Social Media,
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and Public
Notices

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Customer
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Centres in Dubbo
& Wellington

Ready to have your say?

Consultation is seeking your voice in;

Survey | overall feedback on permits, heights
& councils role in a TPO

Vote | proposed tree heights in relation to
TPO



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Where to from here?

Consultation results will be reviewed and analysed.

A report with recommendations will be presented at Councils Ordinary Council meeting in October 2023.

Council Decision;

No – no further action.

Yes – draft framework to be developed with further consultation around

What species/class of trees would a TPO apply to?

What exemptions – eg: weed trees, fruit trees, cypress?

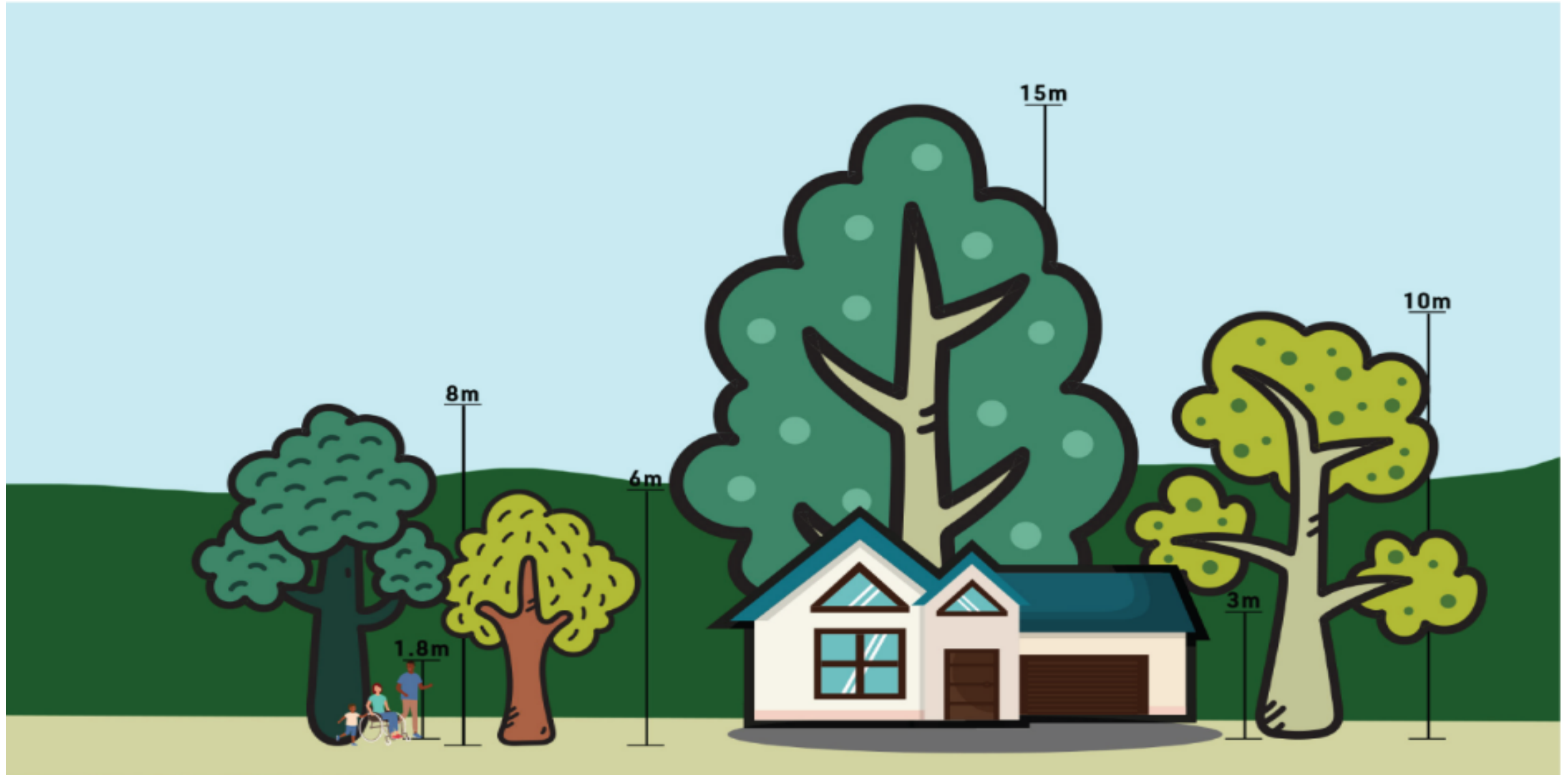
What areas of LGA?

How to manage?



2024 a final adoption of draft Tree Preservation Order by Council, after a public exhibition period of 28 days.

Questions?



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