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Abbreviations

QSG	Queensland State Government	RPA	Root Protection Area
DA	Development Application	TMP	Tree Management Plan
VPO	Vegetation Protection Order	CMP	Construction Management Plan
ULE	Useful Life Expectancy	VMP	Vegetation Management Plan
BLF	Building Location Footprint	AS	Australian Standard
BLE	Building Location Envelope	AS 4373: 2007	Pruning of amenity trees
TPZ	Tree Protection Zone	AS 4970: 2009	Protection of trees on development sites
SRZ	Structural Root Zone	DBH	Diameter at Breast Height

All comments and recommendations in this report have been determined in accordance with Australian Standards AS 4373-2007- Pruning of amenity trees and AS 4970-2009 – Protection of trees on development sites. All recommended tree work should be carried out in accordance with these standards.



Roger Rankine - Consulting Arborist

Map

Figure 1: Subject Trees

Subject Site



(Nearmap 2020)

Introduction

This report is based on a visual inspection carried out from the ground on the 11th August 2020. No soil or tissue sampling has been conducted. Tree assessment and Qualitative Visual Tree Analysis has been carried out in accordance with TRAQ ISA guidelines. Data and information provided to the client by others has been incorporated into this report as appropriate. This report will address the Section 16 of the DA requirements which is as follows,

Entry Road Footpath - Design & Arborist Assessment

16. Noting that an existing path is located adjacent to the entry road trees (Bumpy Ash), provide arborist assessment of the construction type and methodology required to replace the existing path with a new footpath in approximately the same location, which will provide a footpath on the eastern side of the entry road whilst maintaining the health of the existing trees.

Should a standard footpath design and construction methodology pose risks to the Bumpy Ash trees, provide an alternative design prepared by an appropriately qualified specialist, for preliminary concept review by EDQ, to be confirmed post approval by compliance assessment of the detailed design.

The method of path construction will be required to satisfy the following principles

- Safe and equitable trafficability
- Durable and low maintenance outcome
- Be appropriate to the proximity of the path to the trees and the arrangement and sensitivity of the tree roots
- Supported by a risk matrix to assess the options available
- Load spreading capacity to prevent localised compaction and tree root damage (if required)
- Providing adequate permeability to support tree health (if required)

All Arboricultural recommendations contained in this report have been determined in accordance with Australian Standards AS 4373-2007 - Pruning of amenity trees and AS 4970 – Protection of trees on development sites.

For the purposes of this report reference to a Consulting or Project Arborist is held to mean an Arboricultural specialist who holds minimum Arboricultural qualifications of Dip Arb/AQF 5, appropriate professional insurances and has appropriate experience in the protection of trees on construction sites. Where tree work is specified, all recommended tree work is to be carried out in accordance with the above-mentioned standards by an appropriately trained and AQF qualified arborist practitioner/s with an up-to-date record of training and membership of a recognised Australian Arboricultural association, e.g. Qld Arboricultural Association (QAA), Arboriculture Australia (AA), or a recognised international Arboricultural association. No climbing spikes are to be used if pruning is to be carried out on live trees except in the instance of an emergency.

Qualifications of the report authors include Diploma of Arboriculture/AQF Level 5 and ISA Certified Arborist accreditation. Report authors hold current insurances and memberships including qualified memberships of Queensland Arboricultural Association (QAA), and Arboriculture Australia (AA) as well as current accreditation and membership of International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

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Arborist Comment

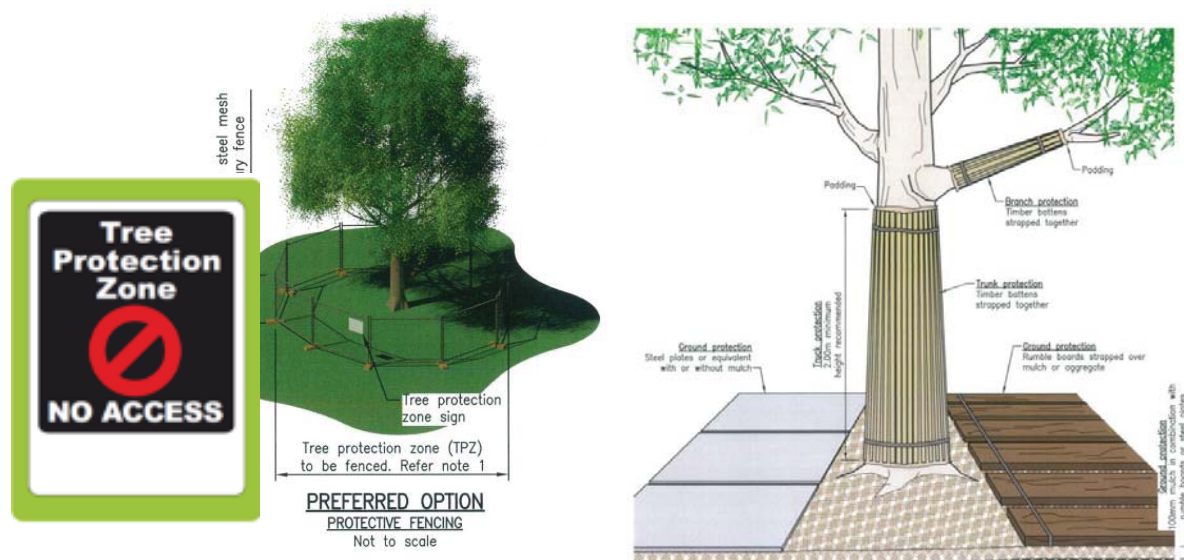
A review of the proposed roadway and pathway works adjoining entry road trees was undertaken by Mr. Roger Rankine (AQF Level 8) on the 11th August 2020.

In summary,

- Four (4) *Flindersia schottiana* (Bumpy Ash) and one (1) *Delonix regia* (Poinciana) is present along the entry way to the *Subject Site*. Further details of the *Subject Tree* can be found in the Tree Detail Table.
- It is proposed to remove the existing infrastructure (gutter, curb, and bitumen path) and reinstate with new infrastructure.
- The proposed road and pathway infrastructure is to be place further away from the trees.
- It will be important that a Project arborist (minimum AQF Level 5) is engaged and supervised the removal of the existing infrastructure:
 - A better bucket is to be used working away from the trees to remove the bitumen pathway, curb, and road within the Tree Protection Zone.
 - Hand removal of bitumen will be required where it has previously been placed up to the collar of the trees.
- Builders black plastic is to be utilised for placement of concrete within the Tree Protection Zone of retained trees.
- No laydown is to occur within the Tree Protection Zone of retained trees.
- Any changes to the design plans are to be done in consultation with the Project Arborist.
- Based on the proposed designs, it is recommended to retain and protect the five (5) nominated trees.

Protection of retained Trees during construction works

An exclusion zone is to be established along the perimeters of retained trees and cordoned off with a physical barrier of wire mesh fence, 1.8m in height, which is securely anchored. The role of these fences is to prevent any damage to the complete tree including root system (SRZ & TPZ), stem and branch structure as well as the crown or canopy. Where impractical and on approval of a minimum AQF5 Project Arborist, 1.2m in height, plastic mesh fencing secured with star pickets and caps with straining wire can be utilised. All TPZ fencing will require appropriate signage to signify the relevant protection zones. This will require audit and sign off prior to operational works onsite.



Tree Protection Fencing to be utilised. Where works will be undertaken close to and within Tree Protection Zones specific tree protection measures to be utilised as directed by the project Arborist.

Project Hold Points

Engage an AQF5 minimum Project Arborist during the project life;

- Once tree protection fencing and signage has been established and finalised. Project Arborist (minimum AQF Level 5) to audit and sign off.
- Supervision of removal of existing path and roadway within the TPZ of retained tree.
- Any works within the TPZ of retained trees is required.
- If tree roots are encountered over 50mm in diameter outside of TPZ's of retained trees.
- Changes to the plans occur.
- On completion of the project to conduct a final audit and summary.

(Site audits/summary reports will be conducted at each hold point interval by the Project Arborist)

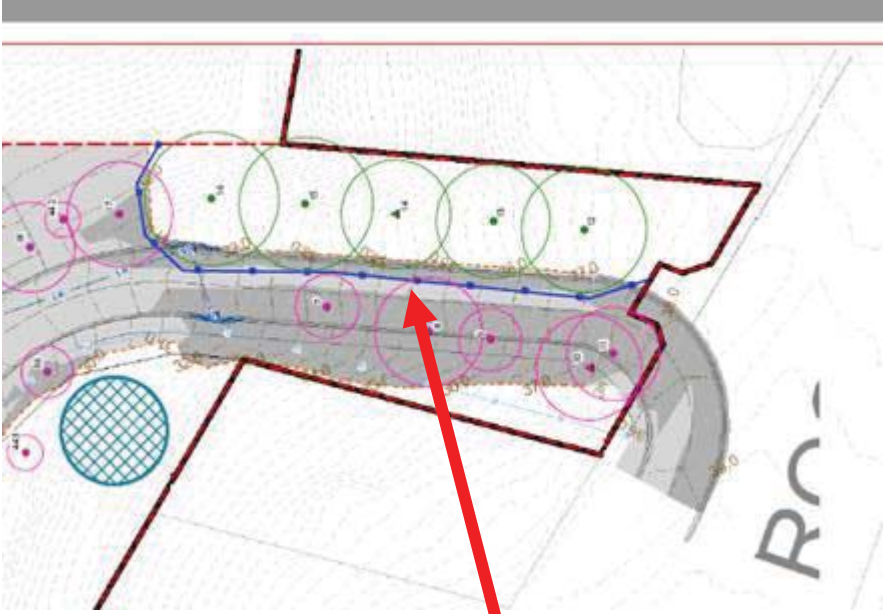
Project Arborist Requirements	
1.	Pre-Start Inspection and Audit of Tree Protection Fencing Before Works Commence
2.	Any required Tree Works to be undertaken by a minimum AQF Level 3 Arborist under the Supervision of the Project Arborist (Min AQF Level 5). Tree Services Company to be a member of Queensland Arboricultural Association or Arboriculture Australia.
3.	All works within the Tree Protection Zones of the retained vegetation to be supervised by the Project Arborist (Min AQF Level 5). Audit Reports to be completed and submitted by the Project Arborist. Any below ground incursion to be water excavated under low pressure, under the supervision of the Project Arborist.
4.	All works to be excluded from the Structural Root Zone (SRZ) and supervised if located within Tree Protection Zone.
5.	The Project Arborist to be consulted if changes to plans are made that affect any retained vegetation.
6.	At the Completion of works, Project Arborist to undertake a site assessment and an audit report compile of any further remedial actions required.

Tree Protection Plan

Removal of deadwood to be undertaken by a minimum AQF Level 3 Arborist under the supervision of the Project Arborist.

For the demolition of the existing carpark, it is to be via batter bucket working away from the tree. Where large structural roots are present or removal of bitumen close to the stem of the trees, hand digging to be undertaken.

Black plastic is to be utilised to sleeve concrete and prevent leaching of chemicals into the surrounding soil.

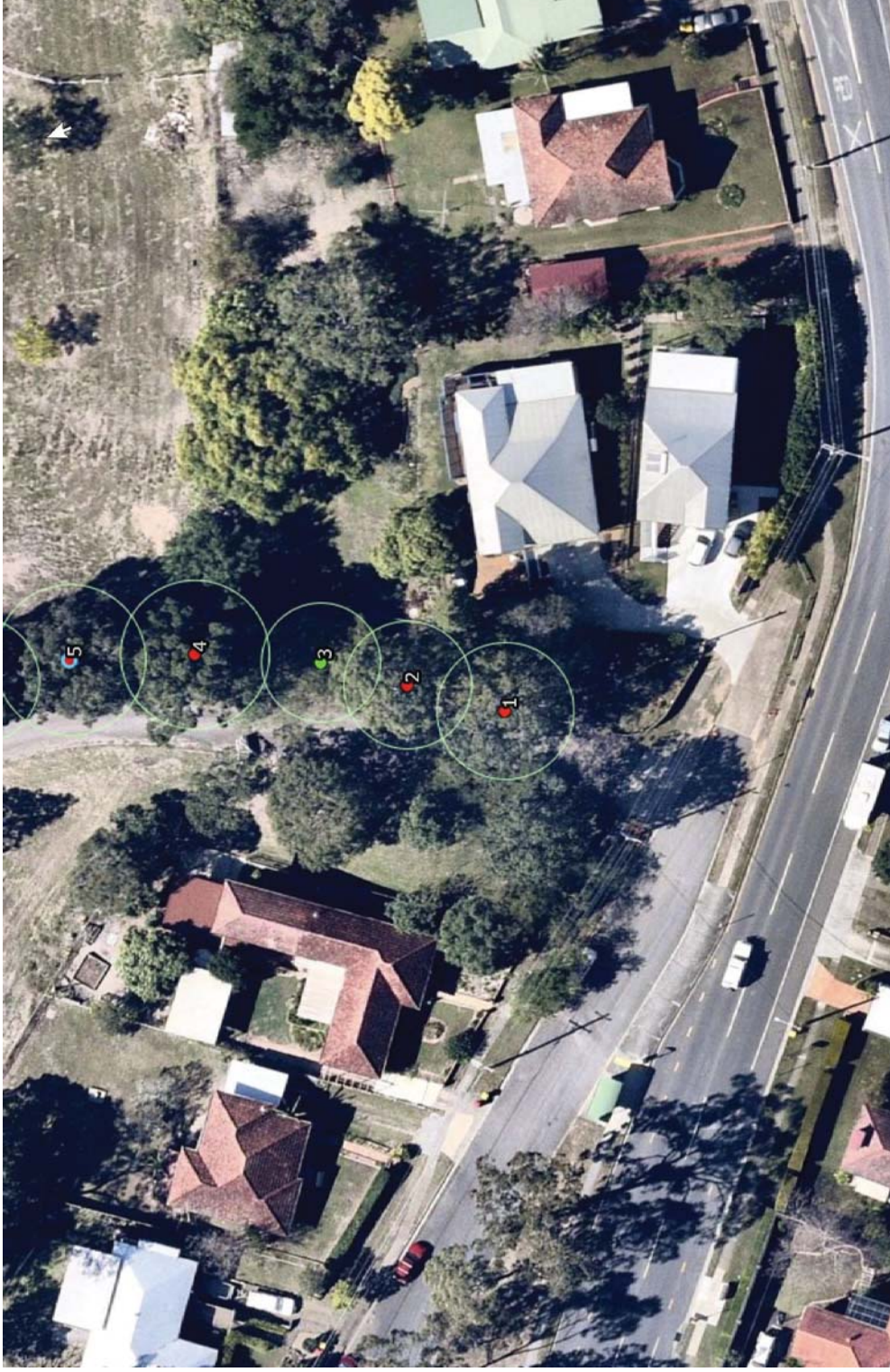


The new civil works are on the perimeter of the TPZ. If design plans are changed the Project Arborist to be consulted.

Project Arborist Requirements
Pre-Start Inspection and Audit of Tree Protection Fencing Before Works Commence
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Tree Protection Fencing is to be erected before works commence in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

Tree Locations



Please note: Tree locations are an approximate only

Tree Detail

Tree Number	Botanical Name	Common Name	DBH cm	TPZ (m)	Height m	Spread (m)	Health	Form	Recommendation
1	Bumpy ash	Flindersia schottiana	65	7.8	14	10	Fair	Typical	Retain and Protect – refer tree protection notes
2	Bumpy ash	Flindersia schottiana	64.12	7.7	14	12	Fair	Typical	Retain and Protect – refer tree protection notes
3	Bumpy ash	Flindersia schottiana	55	6.6	16	11	Fair	Typical	Retain and Protect – refer tree protection notes
4	Bumpy ash	Flindersia schottiana	59	7.1	14	11	Fair	Typical	Retain and Protect – refer tree protection notes
5	Royal Poinciana	Delonix regia	51.22	6.2	7	14	Fair	Typical	Retain and Protect – refer tree protection notes

Table Legend:			Further Detail
Health	Form	Aged Class	
G: Good	G: Good	J – Juvenile	DBH - Diameter at Breast Height measured at 1.4m above ground level
F: Fair	F: Fair	FTLM – Full to Late Maturity	DBH is the circumference divided by π
P: Poor	P: Poor	M – Mature	TPZ - Tree Protection Zone displaced as metres radius
D: Dead	T: Typical	S – Senescent	Note: TPZ - minimum area is 2.0m / maximum area is 15m

Tree Protection Measures and Guidelines

Note 1: TPZ perimeter fencing should be grouped where perimeters overlap and appropriate

Note 2: Signage is to be installed in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4970-2009 – Protection of trees on development sites as illustrated below.

Figure 1: Protective Fencing

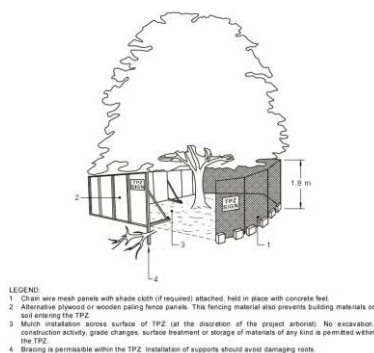


Figure 2: Examples of trunk, branch and ground protection¹

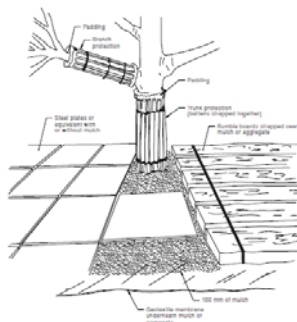


Figure 3: Tree Protection Zone Signage



Figure 4-7: Low Pressure Ground Excavation and Watercutting

Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8-9: Example of fauna friendly rigid style temporary fencing (See Appendix 1, Note 1)

Figure 8



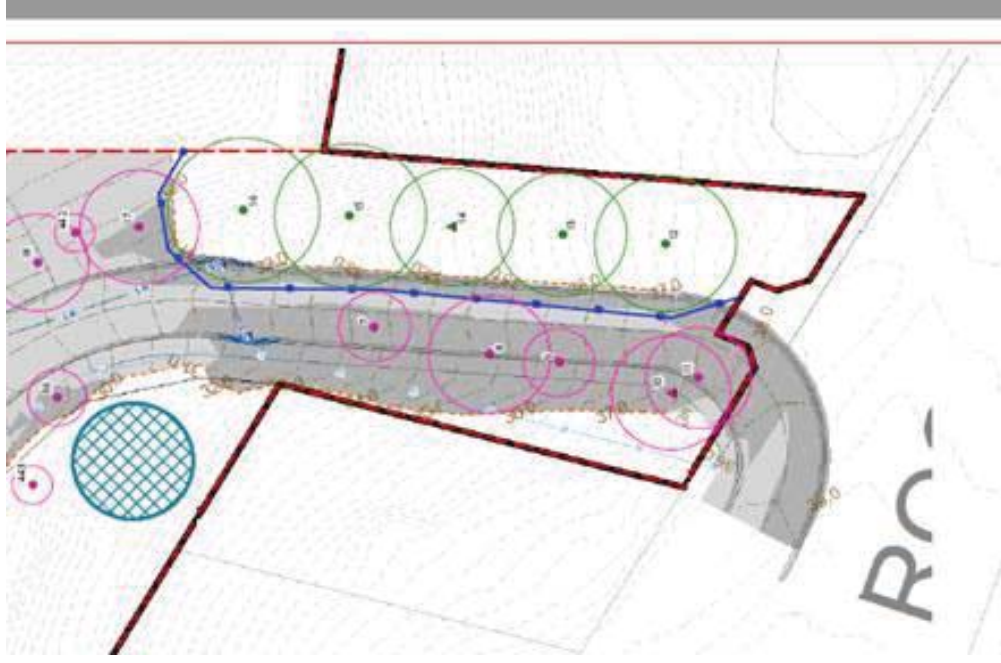
Figure 9



Tree Management Plan (TMP) - Works progress: Development Phase

Stage	Tasks	Specific Outcomes
Pre-construction Phase		
Prepare and finalise Arboricultural Impact Assessments for submission to Council	Project Arborist to be appointed Review tree details in all approved Arboricultural reports following any new issue of plans	Submit Arboricultural reports including Arboricultural Impact Assessment for final Council Approval
Project Arborist to conduct Prestart Meeting with all representatives involved in construction	Prior to meeting: TPZ temporary protection/fencing installed <u>Arboricultural Report, TMP & Council approval copies to be included in CMP</u> and made available to onsite crews	Prestart Certification and approvals in place & available onsite with CMP
Commencement - Construction Phase		
Initial Site Preparation	Project Arborist to supervise all tree work. Construction crew or others are not to remove any part of a tree. Arborist prestart site inspection.	Compliance Certification of Arboricultural works for lodgement to Council Arborist certification of TPZ measures.
Prestart Toolbox Meeting	All relevant onsite crews to be briefed by Project Arborist prior to commencement of <u>each</u> work phase. Project Arborist <u>must</u> be notified and onsite at all times when construction works are within or close to TPZ. Note: Onsite attendance of Project Arborist is a condition for issue of Arboricultural Site Audit Statement/s.	Arborist Site Audit Reporting system to be in place. Copies of Arboricultural Report to be retained onsite. <u>Arboricultural Site Audit Statement/s will not be issued retrospectively</u>
Construction Phase		
Site Establishment	Project Arborist to monitor tree health during establishment phase including bulk earthworks, changes in hydrology etc.	Instigate remedial tree care measures if required
Construction work	Site Manager to liaise with and ensure Project Arborist is advised in time to allow them to be present for all work carried out within TPZ area including any work likely to affect identified tree/s. Any deviation/s from approved plans to be approved by Project Arborist. Project Arborist to provide ongoing Site Audit Certification of all work within TPZ	Any remedial tree works to be carried out by qualified arborists under supervision of Project Arborist. Project Arborist is responsible for issue of Arborist Site Audit Reports.
Practical Completion	Project Arborist to carryout review of tree health and vigour and advise on TPZ fencing.	On Project Arborist approval, carryout removal of remaining temporary tree protection measures
Post Construction Phase		
Final Arborist inspection	Carryout tree health review and provide recommendations for required tree care.	Issue of final Arborist Site Audit Compliance Statement for inclusion in final DA documentation and sealing.

Plans





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Plan of Development Table		15 - 17.9m wide Courtyard Allotments		18.0m+ wide Traditional Allotments	
Setbacks		Ground Floor	First Floor	Ground Floor	First Floor
Front / Primary Frontage		4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Garage		6.0	6.0	6.0	4.5
Optional Carport - Front		0.0	—	0.0	—
Rear		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Side		1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0
Corner Lots - Secondary Frontage		3.0	3.5	3.7	4.2
Maximum Site Cover		60%		60%	

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Photos



Tree 1



Tree 2



Tree 3



Tree 4



Tree 5

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Appendix 1



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Company Details

Independent Arboricultural Services

Independent Arboricultural Services, incorporated in May 2007, offers a completely independent arborist consulting and reporting service. Its directors and associated consultants bring extensive arboricultural knowledge gained over many years to this company. All consulting staff hold AQF Level 5 (Diploma of Arboriculture). Specialised advice when required, such as provision of survey mapping or engineering advice and certification is sourced from reputable professional providers according to site requirements as per Australian Standard 4970-2009.

Statement of Goal

To deliver continual improvement through the use of world's best arboricultural practices, supported by ongoing education and exposure to leading industry experts and research throughout the world.

Mission Statement

To provide timely, relevant and actionable consulting advice and practice based on the latest available and best scientific arboricultural knowledge.

Environmental Statement

Independent Arboricultural Services supports long term environmental sustainability sustainable sourced paper and ensuring all inks cartridges are recycled where possible.

Independent Arboricultural Services actively seeks to maintain a positive carbon footprint status and to that end is committed to protecting and preserving the environment, continuing to carry out tree planting, transplanting and replacement planting where practical, having planted in excess of 4000 trees in the first 2 years after its inception in May 2007 alone. Arboricultural recommendations involving the removal of tree/s will include replanting at a minimum ratio of 2 trees for any tree removed where possible. All arboricultural recommendations are made in accordance with world's best arboricultural practice and within the Australian Standards AS 4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees and AS 4970 – Protection of trees on development sites so as to ensure optimal outcomes for all living trees.

Independent Arboricultural Services acknowledges the benefits of healthy trees with good vigour and vitality and actively promotes better understanding in the general community of the contribution that trees make to reducing greenhouse gasses, the contribution of trees to better water retention and the prevention of soil erosion, the ability of trees to provide protection to infrastructure by diffusing strong winds in weather events and the contribution of trees to general liveability within the urban environment.

It is an acknowledged fact that air temperature beneath a tree canopy can be in excess of 5° Celsius lower than the surrounding ambient air temperature thereby reducing reliance on greenhouse gas producing air conditioners and coal fired power sources.