

In accordance with the provisions of Section 119 Local Government Act 1989 Council on the 22 September 2009 resolved to make the following amendment to its existing Environmental Local Law No 3 of 2002;

A "Significant Tree" means a tree which meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) The tree is single trunked with a trunk diameter 400mm or greater measured at 1500mm (1.5m) above the ground;
- (b) The tree is multi - trunked with a combined trunk diameter 400mm or greater measured at 1500m (1.5m) above the ground;
- (c) The tree is individually listed on a City of Yarra Significant Tree Register; or
- (d) The tree is one of a group of trees listed on a City of Yarra Significant Tree Register.

The amended local law states that a person must not, without a permit remove, damage, destroy or lop a significant tree.

The amended local law also states that a permit is not required to cut, trim or prune a significant tree in order to ensure compliance with any other provision of this or any other Local Law; or where an adjacent landowner removes branches which are overhanging that adjacent land.

The amendment has been made to enable Council to protect significant trees growing in the municipal district; and provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal district.

A copy of the local laws may be inspected at the Richmond Town Hall (333 Bridge Road Richmond).

The amendment to the local law comes into effect on the day after publication in the Government Gazette on Thursday 15 October, 2009.

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