

Electric Line Clearance Plan 2026/27

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Definitions

CFA – Country Fire Authority

Code – Code of Practice for Electric Line Clearance as defined in the Schedule of the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Interim Regulations 2025.

Declared Area – The area of the municipality where vegetation management around powerlines is the responsibility of City of Yarra.

DEECA - Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

ESV – Energy Safe Victoria

LBRA – Low Bushfire Risk Area - An area that a fire control authority has assigned a fire hazard rating of “low” under section 80 of the Act; or an urban area.

Plan – City of Yarra Electric Line Clearance Management Plan

Regulations - Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Interim Regulations 2025.

The Act – Electricity Safety Act 1998

Regulation 9(2) Preparation of a Management Plan

The following sections are in response to Regulation 9(2) – Preparation of a Management Plan, Part 2 of the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Interim Regulations 2025.

City of Yarra is a Responsible Person required to prepare an Electric Line Clearance Management Plan for the purpose of the Regulations. This document is prepared in accordance with Section 9 of the Regulations.

City of Yarra, Manager City Works and Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance or delegated authority will review and amend this Plan annually. The amended document will be approved by the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment by the 31st of March each year.

The review will include a review of all processes and procedures and their effectiveness in meeting the plan objectives.

When the revised annual Plan is completed, Council will upload the Plan to the website and at the same time, remove the superseded Plan.

City of Yarra, Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance will submit the Plan within 14 days of a request.

Regulation 9(4) Preparation of a Management Plan

The following sections are as per Regulation 9(4) of the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Interim Regulations 2025

(a) Name, address and telephone number of the City of Yarra

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(d) The telephone number of a person who can be contacted in an emergency that requires clearance of an electric line that the City of Yarra is required to keep clear of trees

Business Hours

Name: Customer Service
Emergency Telephone No: (03) 9205 5555

After Hours

Name: After Hours Service
Emergency Telephone No: (03) 9205 5555

Signed: 

Brett Grambau, Manager City Works

Date: 16/04/2026

Signed: 

Sam Hewett, General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

Date: 17/04/2026

(e) The objectives of the management plan

- To maintain public and electrical safety.
- To comply with the Regulations and Code, whilst protecting areas of important vegetation as identified in the Plan.
- To minimise fire starts that may occur due to contact between vegetation and the electricity network.
- To assist in the provision of reliable electrical supply.
- To provide a safe working place for employees and contractors.
- To manage vegetation in a manner that maximises the amenity and environmental benefits.
- To protect areas of important vegetation which may be deemed as such on the basis of those areas listed in a planning scheme to be of ecological, historical or aesthetic significance or trees of cultural or environmental significance.
- To maintain community satisfaction with the manner in which the necessary works are carried out.
- To continuously improve the Plan and its implementation through the use of measurable KPI's as defined in Clause 9(4)m

(f) The land to which the management plan applies (as indicated on a map)

The City of Yarra municipality is located in the inner eastern and northern suburbs of Melbourne and encompasses approximately 19.5 square kilometres.

The entire City of Yarra is a Declared Area that contains spans of both low and high voltage conductors. The City of Yarra has information on electrical assets incorporated into the organisation's GIS system.

The Bushfire Risk Area Boundary information is reviewed in consultation with the CFA. This process occurs every 12 months with the preparation of the Plan.

(g) Any hazardous bushfire risk areas and low bushfire risk areas in the land referred to in paragraph (f) (as indicated on the map)

No part of the Declared Area is designated HBRA by the CFA. A map of the Declared Area is contained in *Appendix 1 – Map of City of Yarra*.

(h) Each area that the responsible person knows contains a tree that the responsible person may need to cut or remove to ensure compliance with the Code and that is:

Indigenous to Victoria

A list of species can be found at *Appendix 2.1 - Indigenous Trees*

The City of Yarra maintains a tree inventory that identifies the location and species of each tree. To ensure the trees are identified correctly the City of Yarra utilises a suitably qualified arborist for inspections who are able to identify the relevant species.

Listed in a planning scheme to be of ecological, historical or aesthetic significance

The Planning Scheme within the City of Yarra Planning Scheme lists 11 sites where tree controls apply, and a permit is required to remove, destroy or lop a tree. The list of trees/sites is contained in *Appendix 2.2 – Heritage Trees and Properties* which identifies seven (7) trees managed by Council and (4) trees managed by the network operator.

A heritage overlay permit exemption is listed for any action which is necessary to keep the whole or any part of a tree clear of an electric line provided the action is carried out in accordance with a code of practice prepared under Section 86 of the Act. Pruning is still required to be compliant with this Plan.

Trees of cultural or environmental significance

At present the City of Yarra is not aware of any threatened flora or fauna which may be affected by the implementation of this Plan. If any such situations are identified, they will be reviewed and listed in future issues of the plan.

The City of Yarra is not aware of any trees located in the City of Yarra that are listed on the Aboriginal Tree Register and affected by this Plan.

The City of Yarra maintains a Significant Tree Register for trees nominated by the community as being of cultural significance. The full list can be found at <https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/cleaning-and-maintenance/trees/significant-trees>,

The 191 Significant Trees on Council owned or managed land to which the Plan may be applicable are listed in *Appendix 2.3 – Trees of horticultural, aesthetic, historical, environmental, social or cultural significance*.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

(i) The means which the City of Yarra is required to use to identify a tree specified in paragraph (h)(i), (ii) or (iii)

The City of Yarra should consult:

Table 1 – References

Importance or location of:	Organisation / Publication	Method
Native trees	The City of Yarra	Refer to <i>Appendix 2.1 – Indigenous Trees</i>
Native flora and fauna	Threatened Species Advisory Lists	Reference to the State Threatened Species Advisory Lists https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/threatened-list
Native flora and fauna	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	Protected matters search tool https://pmst.awe.gov.au/
Heritage Trees	The City of Yarra	Refer to <i>Appendix 2.2 – Heritage Trees and Properties</i>
Planning scheme	Dept of Transport and Planning	https://planning-schemes.app.planning.vic.gov.au/Yarra/ordinance

Importance or location of:	Organisation / Publication	Method
Heritage Trees	National Trust	National Trust Significant Tree Register http://trusttrees.org.au/
Heritage Trees	The Victorian Heritage Database	http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/vhd/heritagevic
Cultural	First Peoples - State Relations	Cultural Heritage Sensitivity map https://achris.vic.gov.au/#/onlinemap
Cultural	The City of Yarra	https://trees.yarracity.vic.gov.au/#significant Refer to <i>Appendix 2.3 – Trees of horticultural, aesthetic, historical, environmental, social or cultural significance.</i>

The City of Yarra will also seek specialist advice (where necessary) to determine if any species (or habitat thereof) or communities on the threatened flora or fauna advisory lists or listed under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1998 are endangered by works to prune or remove trees.

The City of Yarra will inform employees, contractors, and other agencies involved in electrical line clearance works, of the location of trees within the municipality that are known to have ecological, historic, aesthetic, cultural or environmental significance. A copy of the Plan and this information will be provided annually.

The City of Yarra will also continue to work with relevant agencies to ensure the aesthetics and viability of significant trees are not compromised by line clearance works.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

(j) The management procedures that the City of Yarra is required to adopt to ensure compliance with the Code, which must:

I. Include details of the methods to be adopted for managing trees and maintaining a minimum clearance space as required by the Code:

The City of Yarra has an estimated 22,561 street trees, with an estimated 12,269 near power lines that may require clearance pruning. These trees are recorded in the tree database.

The City of Yarra manages the trees through a combination of a cyclic program, reactive maintenance works and tree removals.

The **cyclic program** consists of an annual inspection of all trees within the vicinity of high voltage power lines, and a biennial inspection of all remaining trees.

The City of Yarra is divided into ten (10) blocks defined by suburb boundaries, with each block being completed within eight (8) weeks.

- All trees under or adjacent to power lines are to be inspected as part of the cyclic pruning program.
- All inspections are to be completed by a suitably qualified arborist.

- Works identified during inspection are completed within ten (10) weeks.
- Where pruning is required, the extent of pruning will maintain the minimum clearance space (*Appendix 3 – Applicable distance for middle two thirds of a span of an electric line*) and provide additional clearance as necessary to prevent regrowth from entering the minimum clearance space between pruning cycles and manage the sag and sway of electrical conductors for spans greater than 45 meters in length.
- Works are initially focussed on achieving High Voltage clearances and additional contractor resources will be engaged to undertake live line pruning where required.
- Each tree within the block program is inspected and pruned at a frequency where regrowth can be easily maintained, therefore it is unnecessary to record regrowth data.
- All works and condition assessments are recorded in the Council's database - Forestree.
- A quality audit of trees is undertaken by a suitably qualified arborist or delegated officer for each completed block to ensure compliance with the Regulations and AS 4373-2007 (see *Appendix 5 – Example of Cyclic Pruning Block Audit Forms*). The completion audit includes assessing an allowance for regrowth for the length of the pruning cycle.

Reactive maintenance works occur where trees are identified as being non-compliant outside the normal maintenance regime. These trees can be reported to 03 9205 5555 and then referred to a suitably qualified arborist or delegated officer for assessment of work requirements and allocation to City of Yarra's current contractor.

- Non-urgent reactive works are to be completed within fifteen (15) business days of the works being allocated, unless another timeframe is determined by a suitably qualified arborist at the time of allocation.
- In situations of high priority, the primary aim is to respond within one (1) hour and make the site safe as soon as is practicable, depending on the situation. Additional works will be scheduled as required.
- All works are recorded in the City of Yarra's document management system.
- Trees will be pruned to the minimum clearances outlined in the Regulations. All pruning should conform to AS 4373-2007 – Pruning of Amenity trees as far as practicable. If this is not possible the tree shall be referred to a suitably qualified arborist for alternative management solutions as per Section 9(4)(k) of the Plan.

Proactive tree removals of unsuitable tree species will occur when a suitably qualified arborist has determined a tree cannot be managed to comply with the Code, is not eligible for an exception and the appropriate tree removal protocols have been applied. The process involves:

- In-house staff or contractor identifies a tree that cannot be managed by pruning,
- A suitably qualified arborist or delegated Arboricultural officer inspects the tree to confirm
 - The tree cannot be managed through pruning,
 - Is not eligible for an exception, and
 - Does not meet the criteria for engineering solutions.
- Community notification is undertaken regarding the removal of the tree.
- Works are programmed as per the reactive works process.
- Removal of tree and stump completed within four (4) weeks business days or in accordance with timelines required by network operator if a shutdown is required for safety.
- Actions recorded in the document management system.
- If the site location is suitable, tree replacement is programmed for the following year.

- Formative pruning to assist with maintaining clearances conducted during establishment period.
- Inspect and prune in accordance with Plan.

Tree Planting will be undertaken near powerlines, if the site location is appropriate, and in accordance with the Urban Forest Strategy 2017. The Strategy acknowledges the limitation imposed by the need to maintain the minimum clearance space. Tree species to be planted will be selected by a suitably qualified arborist, or delegated officer, who will consider the species characteristics and site constraints to ensure a suitable species is selected.

The Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance will consult with adjoining Councils, relevant Network Operator's and other key stakeholders as required to facilitate compliance with the Code.

Network Operators are responsible for organising regular meetings that the Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance or a delegated officer will attend. The City of Yarra expects a minimum of two meetings per year to be scheduled.

II. Specify the method for determining an additional distance that allows for cable sag and sway.

Minimum clearances for sag and sway for spans below 100m in length will be maintained in compliance with the distances in the clearance graphs in Schedule 2 of the Code. Graphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Schedule 2 of the Regulations will inform allowance for sag and sway in LBRA areas. (*Appendix 3 – Applicable distance for middle two thirds of a span of an electric line*). The Declared Area contains no HBRA.

For spans greater than 100m in length the City of Yarra will contact the Network Operator to provide the required clearance distance to allow for sag and sway for the appropriate part of the electric line span. This information will be recorded against the affected tree and be available to operators in the field, for a minimum of five years.

- The City of Yarra will request data from the Network Operator regarding any spans greater than 100m in length.
- As this information is obtained the clearance requirement will be recorded in the City of Yarra document management system and used to inform management practices.

(k) The procedures to be adopted if it is not practicable to comply with the requirements of AS 4373-2007 while cutting a tree in accordance with the Code.

The City of Yarra requires all staff and contractors pruning trees within the municipality to comply with AS4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees (AS4373-2007) as far as is reasonably practicable.

Reasonably practicable in relation to AS4373-2007 means that which is, or was at a particular time, reasonably able to be done in relation to ensuring continued tree health and future tree safety, considering and weighing up all relevant matters including:

- Will the action create a defect, hazard, loss of tree health or aesthetic value in the present or future,

- What will the impact be on the tree or future safety of the public,
- What the person concerned knows, or ought reasonably to know about:
 - The hazard or the risk – must have adequate knowledge to determine the hazards risks,
 - Ways of eliminating or minimising the risk – must have adequate knowledge in relation to alternative measures,
- Are other resources or techniques available to complete works to the standard, and
- Does the cost required to complete works to the standard grossly outweigh the value of the tree.

Where pruning to AS4373-2007 is not practicable the site or trees are to be referred to a suitably qualified arborist or a delegated officer who holds a Certificate Level V or above in Arboriculture to make an assessment on whether it is reasonably practicable to deviate from AS4373-2007.

Where pruning to achieve clearance will not allow compliance with AS4373-2007, the City of Yarra may elect to:

- Increase the pruning frequency to minimise the required pruning,
- List the tree for an exception,
- Remove scaffold/parent limbs,
- Investigate the potential for engineering solutions to facilitate compliance or an exemption, or
- Remove trees that are assessed as having low retention value, or where the extent of pruning required would render the tree unsuitable for retention, and only after all other reasonable options have been exhausted by Council. (including undergrounding).

The decision will be guided by an assessment of the available options, considering tree value, the cost of works, and the characteristics of the surrounding environment.

Where trees are to be removed, all residents within five (5) properties on either side of the tree, and five (5) properties opposite, will be notified by letter drop and/or via a sign posted on the tree. The notification will advise that removal will occur within ten (10) days. Residents will be given the opportunity to contact Council to discuss the proposed removal, and any feedback received will be addressed prior to the works proceeding.

The process for selection of appropriate plant and equipment involves the following considerations:

- Access to site,
- Voltage of overhead conductors - equipment suitably insulated and tested,
- Proximity of vegetation to conductors,
- Configuration of equipment,
- Reach/ height of equipment, and
- Cutting tools proportional to material to be cut.

Once each of these points has been considered, the best fit for the task should be selected.

Availability may also be a defining factor, where the best fit is not available other options may be considered, however must still be able to achieve acceptable pruning standards in a safe manner.

The City of Yarra conducts audits of the cyclic program to ensure compliance with AS4373-2007 and the Regulations

- Audits are conducted within thirty (30) days of zone completion and assesses at least 50% of the cyclic program and 20% of the Reactive Program,
- Quality of cuts, appropriateness of pruning, clearance requirements and post site clean-up are reviewed,

- Feedback via the audit results is provided to contractors,
- Any non-compliance identified through the post work audit process is reported to the Contractor within two (2) days of identification, and
- Remedial pruning will be required within fourteen (14) days of identification to achieve conformance unless otherwise agreed with a suitably qualified arborist.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

(l) A description of each alternative compliance mechanism in respect of which the City of Yarra has applied, or proposed to apply, for approval under clause 31 of the Code.

The City of Yarra has not applied for and currently does not plan to apply for any alternative compliance mechanism under clause 31 of the Code.

(m) The details of each approval for an alternative compliance mechanism that:

I. the responsible person holds, and.

No current approvals held.

II. Is in effect.

No current approval in effect.

(n) A description of the measures that must be used to assess the performance of the City of Yarra under the management plan.

The City of Yarra and the Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance have defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to assist in measuring the implementation of the Plan:

- Preparation of the Electric Line Clearance Management Plan prior to the 31st March of each year
- Completion of the cyclic program for pruning as per schedule,
- Completion of 50% audits of cyclic program in thirty (30) days,
- 100% compliance for block audits,
- 100% of non-compliance rectified within fourteen (14) business days of notification,
- Hazards identified in contractor OHS inspections addressed within required timeline
- All contractor and staff training kept up to date
- Respond to all pruning requests from the Network Operator within the required timeline,
- Attend biannual meetings with relevant Network Operator managers,
- All Customer Service Requests received for electric line clearance responded to within ten (10) business days, and
- No emergency clearances.

Key Performance Indicators are monitored via:

- Mapping the inspection and pruning program against the block maintenance progress,
- Mobile worksite safety audits
- Post works auditing,
- Monitoring response timeframes for customer requests relating to powerlines,

- Compliance results from the Network Operator's (when supplied), and
- Reporting through document management system.

Results are reported via:

- Internal team meetings,
- Weekly contractor updates detailing % of block pruned,
- Monthly contract meetings, and
- Monthly reporting to Management

Reporting of KPI's is used to aid in:

- Issuing of reworks where required,
- Individual performance management for internal staff,
- Development of procedures and processes,
- Development of pruning programs and Contract Specification, and
- Selection of suitable tree species for planting near powerlines.

(o) Details of the audit processes that must be used to determine the City of Yarra's compliance with the Code

The Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance is responsible for several audits to verify compliance with the Code. These include:

- For each completed pruning block a quality audit of the entire block is undertaken by a suitably qualified arborist, or a delegated officer who is a suitably qualified arborist, to ensure compliance with:
 - the Regulations, and
 - 9(4)k.
- A minimum of 1 Safety Audit per block is undertaken randomly on site by the Councils OH&S Auditor or delegated officers to ensure staff hold appropriate certification, equipment testing is up to date and safety measures are appropriate in the following areas:
 - worksite management
 - quality of works performed
 - operation and condition of vehicle
 - tools and equipment
 - personal protective equipment
 - work practices
 - environmental
- Pre-works site checks are carried out and documented for record keeping by all staff and contractors.
- The competency and qualification of personnel of Electric Line Clearance workers is required by contract and reported on via monthly contract meetings.

Any identified non-compliance is reported to a suitably qualified arborist and to be rectified within fourteen (14) working days. Confirmation of rectification is to be provided in writing to a suitably qualified arborist and included in the monthly contract report. Contractors are required to provide a report in response to non-compliance relating to OH&S incidences identifying the cause for non-compliance and actions that will mitigate the cause in future works. Non-compliance relating to quality audits, and mitigating actions, are discussed and recorded in contractor meetings.

Results of audits are reported via:

- internal team meetings, and
- monthly contract meetings.

Audit results and resulting communications are stored in The City of Yarra's document management system.

(p) The qualifications and experience that the City of Yarra must require of the persons who are to carry out the inspection, cutting or removal of trees

Council's employees or contractors must be a qualified person as prescribed by the Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019 (specifically outlined in regulation 616) when undertaking tree clearing works, and comply with the minimum body and tool clearances and other requirements of:

- The Code of Practice on electrical safety for work on or near high voltage electrical apparatus ('Blue Book'),
- Electrical Safety Rules for Vegetation Management Work Near Overhead Powerlines by Non-Electrical Workers,
- Any organisational procedures, safe work method statements and Job Safety Assessments to ensure the work can be completed safely.

The Contractor shall demonstrate to Council that all employees working on the Contract are appropriately authorised, qualified, trained by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and current, holding appropriate qualifications that legally entitle them to undertake the work, including all refresher training required to maintain currency. Where a person performs multiple roles, they shall undertake the mandatory training for each of those roles.

All employees and contractors undertaking electric line clearance and related works shall be inducted into the safety, operational and policy requirements of this Plan.

A register of employee training is maintained on personnel files by the City of Yarra to ensure all staff have appropriate and current qualifications (*Appendix 6 – Skills Report*).

To ensure staff are aware of site and employee requirements new staff and contractors are subject to both internal & external induction processes and specific task related site safety assessments.

Any staff or contractor found on site without appropriate qualifications, training or experience to be excluded from the site immediately.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

A skills matrix for personnel working on Council's line clearance program is provided below.

For the purposes of the Code, a "suitably qualified arborist" is defined as, at a minimum, a Leader/Supervisor role as detailed below.

Role	Qualification(s)	Other Licences / Training that may apply
<p>Tree worker / cutter</p> <p>Tree pruning and removal near powerlines</p>	<p>UET20319 Certificate II in ESI – Powerline Vegetation Control</p> <p>Certificate III Arboriculture or equivalent</p>	<p>All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Approach Distances – Vegetation Work • Safe Approach Distances to SWER • UETDTRRF007 Provide First Aid in an ESI environment • HLTAID009 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation • UETTDRVC007 Control vegetation using pruning techniques • FWPHAR2208 Operate a mobile chipper/mulcher • AHCMOM213 Operate and maintain chainsaws or equivalent • Chemical use and application • TLID0020 Shift materials safely using manual handling methods • Hearing conservation • Appropriate vehicle licence (car/MR/HR) • Appropriate accredited traffic management training. <p>EWP Operator & EWP Safety Observer additional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk Work Licence - EWP • TLILIC0005 Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more) • UETTDRVC004 Control vegetation in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus from an elevated work platform • UETDTRRF03B Perform EWP rescue • Perform EWP controlled descent escape <p>Tree Climber & Climber Safety Observer additional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UETTDRVC006 Control vegetation in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus from within the tree • UETTDRVC34 Undertake release and rescue from a tree near live electrical apparatus • AHCARB312 Use standard climbing techniques to access trees

Role	Qualification(s)	Other Licences / Training that may apply
Leader / Supervisor Tree pruning and removal near powerlines	UET20319 Certificate II in ESI – Powerline Vegetation Control Certificate III Arboriculture or equivalent National Certificate III in Arboriculture including the "Perform a ground-based tree defect evaluation" unit of competency, or an equivalent qualification At least 3 years of field experience in assessing trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As for Tree Worker, plus the following UETTDRC04B Assess vegetation and recommend control measures for work near live electrical apparatus Experienced and competent in the supervision of a large group of employees.

(q) Notification and consultation procedures.

Covered in schedules 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the Code.

(r) Dispute resolution procedures.

If a dispute arises during the process of consultation/negotiation between affected landowners and the Council, regarding proposed clearing/pruning/alternative construction activities the complaint shall be resolved at the lowest management level possible. If resolution is not possible the complaint shall be escalated to the next level of management. The preferred process of escalation is:

- Arborist,
- Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance,
- Manager City Works,
- General Manager Infrastructure and Environment,
- Chief Executive Officer,
- Energy Safe Victoria, then
- Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria

The person responsible for resolving official disputes between Council and members of the public relating to the issues discussed in the Plan is:

Name: Adam Kemp
Title: Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance
Telephone No: (03) 9205 5555
Email: info@yarracity.vic.gov.au

If the dispute cannot be resolved directly with the City of Yarra the person making the complaint will be referred to the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria 1300 372 888.

The procedure is specific to the Plan and will be available as part of the Plan and will be available for inspection as part of the Plan at the Council Offices and on Councils website.

Regulation 10 – Obligations relating to Management Plan

(6) The Responsible Person must ensure that a copy of the current management plan is published on the responsible person’s Internet site

A copy of the current City of Yarra Electric Line Clearance Management Plan will be published on the City of Yarra website in the section Powerlines and Trees at <https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/cleaning-and-maintenance/trees>

Regulation 11 – Exemptions

(2) A Responsible Person who receives an exemption must comply with the conditions (if any) of the exemption.

The City of Yarra does not have an active exemption at this time.

SCHEDULE 1 – CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ELECTRIC LINE CLEARANCE, PART 2 – CLEARANCE RESPONSIBILITIES, DIVISION 1 – ROLES OF CITY OF YARRAS

4 Exception to minimum clearance space for structural branches around insulated low voltage electric lines

The City of Yarra is in the process of identifying trees that meet the requirements for an exception as outlined in Part 2, Division 1, Clause 4(2) of Schedule 1 of the Code.

The process for exception to minimum clearance space for structural branches around insulated low voltage electric lines is

- A tree is identified that has structural branches within the minimum clearance space
- A suitably qualified arborist determines that:
 - the branch is greater than 130mm in diameter when it enters the minimum clearance space,
 - the branch is more than 150 millimetres from the line if the span distance is 40 metres or less,
 - the branch is more than 300 millimetres from the line if the span distance is greater than 40 metres,
 - the line is an insulated, low voltage cable, and
 - the branch does not have a visible structural defect that may cause the branch to fail and contact the electric line.
- A risk assessment of the tree and branch is undertaken in accordance with The City of Yarra risk assessment methodology.
- Any risks identified are mitigated.
- A suitably qualified arborist:
 - registers the tree in the tree database, and

- ensures the tree is noted in the annual proactive risk inspection program.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance, and all records are retained by the City of Yarra for a minimum of five years.

5 Exception to minimum clearance space for small branches around insulated low voltage electric lines

The City of Yarra is in the process of identifying trees that meet the requirements for an exception as outlined in Part 2, Division 1, Clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Code.

The process for exception to minimum clearance space for small branches around insulated low voltage electric lines is

- A tree is identified that has small branches within the minimum clearance space
- A suitably qualified arborist determines that:
 - a branch is less than 10mm in diameter when it enters the minimum clearance space,
 - the line is an insulated, low voltage cable, and
 - Council's tree database confirms that the branch has been removed from the minimum clearance space within the last twelve (12) months.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance, and all records are retained by the City of Yarra for a minimum of five years.

6 Exception to minimum clearance space for small branches around uninsulated low voltage electric lines in low bushfire risk areas

The City of Yarra is in the process of identifying trees that meet the requirements for an exception as outlined in Part 2, Division 1, Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Code.

The process for exception to minimum clearance space for small branches around uninsulated low voltage electric lines in LBRA is

- A tree is identified that has small branches within the minimum clearance space
- A suitably qualified arborist determines that:
 - the branch is <10mm in diameter where it enters the minimum clearance space,
 - the branch is no more than 500mm within the minimum clearance space,
 - the point at which the branch originates is below the height of the electric line.,
 - the line is an uninsulated, low voltage cable, and
 - the branch is in the first or last sixth of the span, or
 - the span is 45m or less in length and is fitted with one spreader, or
 - the span is greater than 45m in length and is fitted with two spreaders.
- A risk assessment of the tree and branch is undertaken in accordance with The City of Yarra risk methodology.
- Any risks identified are mitigated.
- A suitably qualified arborist:
 - Registers the tree in the tree database, and
 - ensures the tree is noted in the annual proactive risk inspection program.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance, and all records are retained by the City of Yarra for a minimum of five years.

7 Exception to minimum clearance space for structural branches around uninsulated low voltage electric lines in low bushfire risk areas

The City of Yarra is in the process of identifying trees that meet the requirements for an exception as outlined in Part 2, Division 1, Clause 7 of Schedule 1 of the Code.

The process for exception to minimum clearance space for structural branches around uninsulated low voltage electric lines in LBRA is

- A tree is identified that has structural branches within the minimum clearance space
- A suitably qualified arborist determines that:
 - the branch is greater than 130mm in diameter where it enters the minimum clearance space,
 - the branch is no more than 500mm within the minimum clearance space,
 - the branch does not have a visible structural defect that cause the branch to fail and contact the electric line.,
 - the line is an uninsulated, low voltage cable, and
 - the branch is in the first or last sixth of the span, or
 - the span is 45m or less in length and is fitted with one spreader, or
 - the span is greater than 45m in length and is fitted with two spreaders.
- A risk assessment of the tree and branch is undertaken in accordance with The City of Yarra risk methodology.
- Any risks identified are mitigated.
- A suitably qualified arborist:
 - registers the tree in the tree database, and
 - ensures the tree is noted in the annual proactive risk inspection program.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance, and all records are retained by the City of Yarra for a minimum of five years.

9 Responsible Person may cut or remove hazard tree.

If an employee or contractor identifies a tree as likely to fall onto or otherwise come into contact with an electric line or has regrowth that will enter the minimum clearance space before the next scheduled visit the tree may be pruned or removed provided that:

- The tree has been assessed by a suitably qualified arborist who must consider:
 - the likelihood of contact with electric line,
 - tree health, defects, size of failure, target potential,
 - whether the tree qualifies for an Exception to the minimum clearance space,
 - local environmental and safety factors, as per current Job Safety Analysis requirements,
 - history and significance of the tree, and
 - the presence of habitat or fauna,
- the assessment is recorded on the tree database,
- works are undertaken with regard to Regulation 9(4)(j) and Regulation 9(4)(k) of the Plan, and
- affected persons are notified as per the City of Yarra's adopted practice.

As the asset owner of the trees covered under this plan, the City of Yarra reserves the right to prune further than 1 metre from the minimum clearance space or remove hazard trees where they cannot be made safe or be retained as useful assets.

10 Cutting a tree must, as far as practicable cut the tree in accordance with AS4373-2007 as published or amended from time to time.

Covered in regulation 9(4)(k)

11 Cutting or removal of indigenous or significant trees must be minimised.

(3)(a) Trees that are indigenous to Victoria

The City of Yarra has a mix of exotic and native ornamental and indigenous tree species. Indigenous trees are spread throughout the municipality.

There are indigenous tree species that may need to be cut or removed to maintain the minimum clearance space or because they are a hazard tree. A list of these is provided at *Appendix 2.1 – Indigenous Trees*.

Works to maintain compliance with the provisions of the Electrical Safety Act 1998 or future revisions in the Declared Area are exempt from permit requirements of overlays of the City of Yarra Planning Scheme.

All tree works conducted on Council owned and managed trees are required to be carried out by suitably qualified and experience arboricultural staff and to meet the minimum standard required to comply with the Plan, as detailed in Clause's 9(4)(i) and 9(4)(j) of the Code.

If the removal of any tree identified under Regulation 9(4)(h)i is required, an inspection and advice will be provided by a suitably qualified arborist prior to removal.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

(3)(b) Trees listed in a planning scheme to be of ecological, historical or aesthetic significance

The City of Yarra provides contractors and staff with a list of trees of significance designated as having native, cultural or ecological significance or that are listed within a planning scheme within the municipality. This list is provided in *Appendix 2.2 – Heritage Trees and Properties*.

Any works undertaken in relation to Council trees contained within any of the overlays of the City of Yarra Planning Scheme to maintain compliance to the extent practicable with the provisions of the Electrical Safety Act 1998 or future revisions are exempt from permit requirements.

There are trees of significance that may need to be cut or removed to maintain the minimum clearance space or because they are a hazard tree. A list of these is provided at *Appendix 2.2 – Heritage Trees and Properties*.

All tree works conducted on Council owned and managed trees are required to be carried out by suitably qualified and experience arboricultural staff and to meet the minimum standard required to comply with the Plan, as detailed in Clause's 9(4)(i) and 9(4)(j) of the Code.

If the removal of any tree identified under Regulation 9(4)(h)ii is required, an inspection and advice from will be provided by a suitably qualified arborist prior to removal.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

(3)(c) Trees of cultural or environmental significance

The City of Yarra has several sites with trees designated as having cultural significance via the City of Yarra's Significant Tree Register. This list is provided at *Appendix 2.3 – Trees of horticultural, aesthetic, historical, environmental, social or cultural significance*. No trees within the City of Yarra have been identified as having environmental significance.

There are Significant Trees that may need to be cut or removed to maintain the minimum clearance space or because they are a hazard tree. A list of these is provided at *Appendix 2.3 – Trees of horticultural, aesthetic, historical, environmental, social or cultural significance*.

All tree works conducted on Council owned and managed trees are required to be carried out by suitably qualified and experience arboricultural staff and to meet the minimum standard required to comply with the Plan, as detailed in Clause's 9(4)(i) and 9(4)(j) of the Code.

If the removal of any tree identified under Regulation 9(4)(h)iii is required, an inspection and advice from will be provided by a suitably qualified arborist prior to removal.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

12 Cutting or removing habitat for threatened fauna.

No tree that is known habitat for threatened fauna will be cut or removed in breeding season, or if currently inhabited, unless it is necessary to make an unsafe situation safe, such as a hazard tree or unsafe regrowth.

As noted at 9(4)(h) the City of Yarra is not aware of any threatened fauna that may be affected by the implementation of this Plan.

Should threatened fauna be identified, the following process shall be followed:

- Location of threatened fauna and associated habitat mapped, and tree maintenance and inspection teams notified,
- Tree assessment conducted by a suitably qualified arborist and results recorded in the tree database. The assessment considers the tree's health, structure and potential risk, takes into account its history, location and foreseeable local conditions, and aims to determine whether any fauna using the tree belong to a threatened species. The breeding season of the identified fauna will be determined by consulting an appropriate reference, or specialist.

- Specialist ecological advice may be sought to identify fauna, determine breeding season if required or to translocate fauna,
- Assessment results and information regarding management of the fauna will be referred to the Coordinator Open Space Management and Maintenance for approval prior to commencing works,
- Where practicable, works will be undertaken outside the breeding season,

Alternatively, the tree may be pruned to habitat until the breeding season has concluded; or Fauna relocation may be considered to make an unsafe situation safe, or where it is not practicable to undertake works outside the breeding season.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the City of Yarra will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

13 Restriction on timing of cutting or removal if notification is required.

Covered in Clause 16 and 17 of the Code.

14 Restriction on urgent cutting of trees

Covered in Clause 9 of the Code

15 Restriction on urgent removal of trees

Covered in Clause 9 of the Code

16 Responsible Person must provide notification before cutting or removing certain trees.

City of Yarra provides notification of the removal of Council trees by notifying five (5) properties either side of a tree and five (5) properties on the opposite side of the street (15 in total).

17 Responsible Person must provide notification before cutting or removing certain trees.

The City of Yarra will provide notification to persons affected by electrical line clearance works at least 14 days, and no more than 60 days, before the intended pruning or removal is to occur. If pruning does not commence within these timeframes, then affected residents will be re-notified.

A suitably qualified arborist will coordinate notification methods that will include:

- A written notice in the Public Notices section (*Appendix 7 – Public Works Notification*) of the City of Yarra website

18 Responsible Person must consult with occupier or owner of private property before cutting or removing certain trees

Clause 18 is not applicable as the City of Yarra does not undertake works on trees within private property.

19 Notification and record keeping requirements for urgent cutting or removal

Clause 19 is not applicable as the City of Yarra does not undertake works on trees within private property or land belonging to adjacent Councils.

20 Duty relating to the safety of cutting or removal of trees close to an electric line.

The City of Yarra requires all staff and contractors to hold the qualification of Cert II ESI – Powerline Vegetation Control and comply with the guidelines and limits set within either ESV - Electrical Safety Rules for Vegetation Work near Overhead Powerlines by Non-electrical workers (Electrical Safety Rules) or rules set by the asset owner, whichever is greater.

If staff or contractors have concerns about the safety of cutting or removal of a tree for which the Council has clearance responsibilities, the Council will consult:

Business	Contact	Phone	Email
Yarra Trams	Tobias Meyer	0410 473 749	tobias.meyer@yarratrams.com.au
	Facilities Service Desk		SM-Building- FacilitiesServiceDesk@yarratrams.com.au
VicTrack	Network Management Centre	(03) 96191915	customer.service@victrack.com.au
Powercor	Ayce Cordy	0432 233 194	acordy@powercor.com.au
Metro Trains	Katrina Lewis	0405 506 488	katrina.lewis@metrotrains.com.au
Jemena	Will Few	(03) 97136508	William.few@zinfra.com.au

21 Duty relating to assisting to determine the allowance for cable sag and sway.

Covered in regulation 9(4)(j)(ii)

22 Duties relating to management procedures to minimise danger.

Not applicable to councils

31 Application for approval of alternative compliance mechanism.

The City of Yarra does not currently have in place or have planned any alternative compliance mechanisms for which it seeks application and approval.

32 Formal safety assessment of alternative compliance mechanism.

The City of Yarra does not currently have in place or have planned any alternative compliance mechanisms for which it requires a formal safety assessment to be completed.

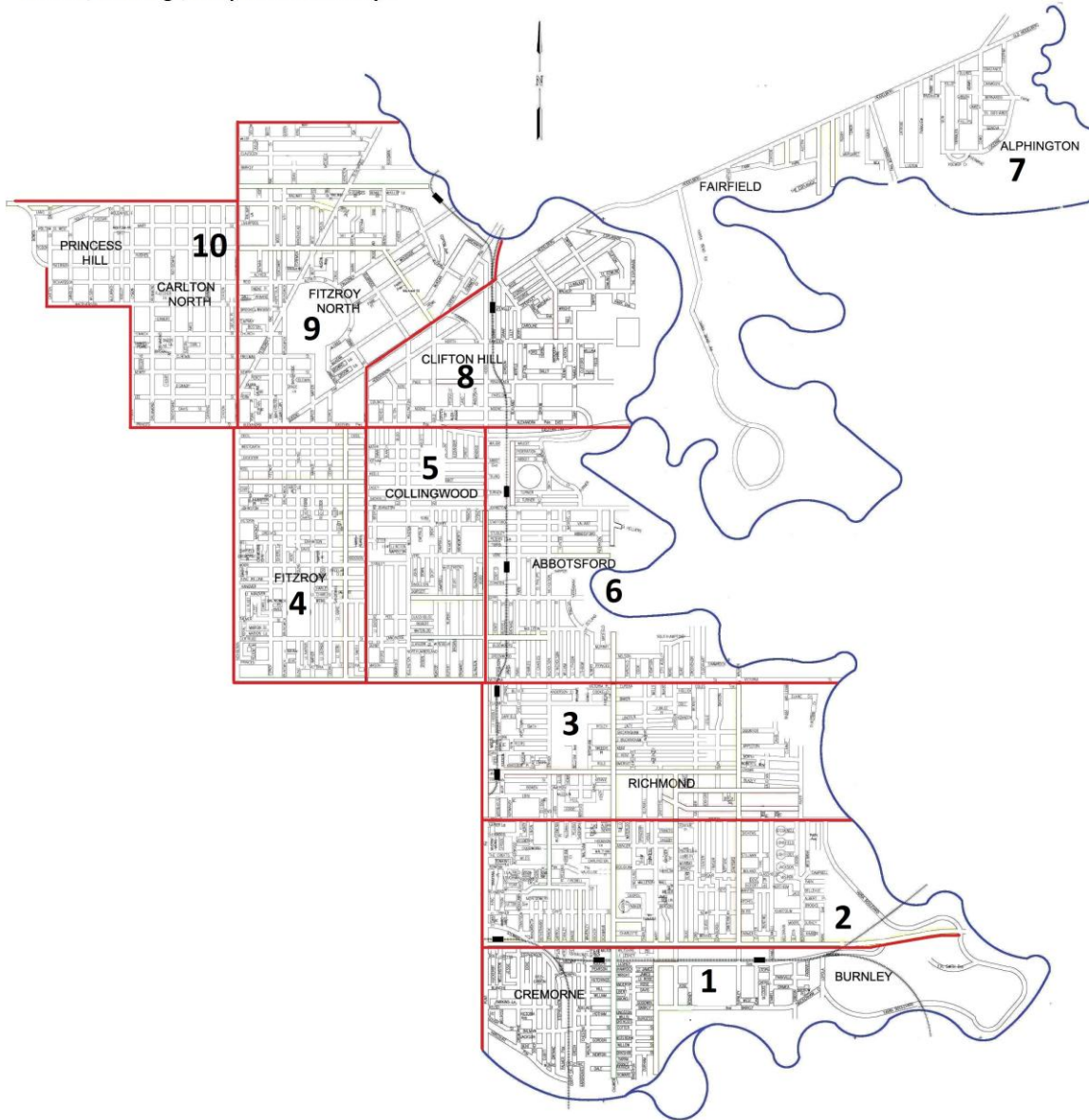
Appendices

Appendix 1 – Map of City of Yarra

The entire City of Yarra is a Declared Area and is rated as Low Bushfire Risk (LBRA).

No HBRA is present.

Council prunes all street trees on a 2 year cycle. During this maintenance, contractors will prune the tree to ensure clearances are met around overhead powerlines, residential power service lines, streetlights, houses / buildings, footpaths & roadways.



Appendix 2 – Trees of Indigenous, Heritage or Cultural Significance

Appendix 2.1 – Indigenous Trees Species

Trees Indigenous to the City of Yarra	
Botanic Name	Common Name
<i>Acacia implexa</i>	Lightwood
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle
<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	Drooping She-oak
<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>	Yellow Box
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum

Appendix 2.2 – Heritage Trees and Properties

SCHEDULE TO THE HERITAGE OVERLAY		
Heritage Trees applicable to this Plan		
PS map ref	Heritage place	Council Managed
HO93	QUEENS PARADE, BETWEEN ALEXANDRA PARADE & DELBRIDGE STREET CLIFTON HILL/ NORTH FITZROY Street Trees Incorporated plan: Incorporated Plan under the provisions of clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, Planning permit exemptions, July 2014	Y
HO94	BETWEEN NORTH TERRACE AND SOUTH TERRACE CLIFTON HILL Darling Gardens Incorporated plan: Incorporated Plan under the provisions of clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, Planning permit exemptions, July 2014	Y
HO147	FAIRFIELD PARK DRIVE FAIRFIELD Park Incorporated plan: Incorporated Plan under the provisions of clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, Planning permit exemptions, July 2014	Y
HO188	VICTORIA PARADE FITZROY Street Trees Incorporated plan: Incorporated Plan under the provisions of clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, Planning permit exemptions, July 2014	Y
HO213	BRUNSWICK STREET AND ALFRED CRESCENT NORTH FITZROY Edinburgh Gardens Incorporated plan: Incorporated Plan under the provisions of clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, Planning permit exemptions, July 2014	Y
HO298	BURNLEY PARKLANDS RICHMOND Corroboree Tree Incorporated plan: Incorporated Plan under the provisions of clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, Planning permit exemptions, July 2014	Y
HO299	THE BOULEVARD RICHMOND The Boulevard Parklands, The Boulevard, Richmond Incorporated plan: Incorporated Plan under the provisions of clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, Planning permit exemptions, July 2014	Y

Appendix 2.3 – Trees of horticultural, aesthetic, historical, environmental, social or cultural significance.

Council trees listed on Significant Tree Register to which this Plan may apply.

Tree ID	Genus	Species	Common Name	Suburb
5456925	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Richmond
5401900	<i>Jacaranda</i>	<i>mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda	Carlton North
5167811	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>glabra</i>	Golden Elm	Abbotsford
4710047	<i>Pinus</i>	<i>halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	Richmond
4709841	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Richmond
4709264	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>x acerifolia</i>	London Plane	Alphington
4709263	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Alphington
4709262	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Richmond
4709259	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>cladocalyx</i>	Sugar Gum	Fairfield
4709258	<i>Ficus</i>	<i>Palmata</i>	Wild Himalayan Fig	Fairfield
4709257	<i>Cedrus</i>	<i>deodara</i>	Deodar Cedar	Fairfield
4709256	<i>Cedrus</i>	<i>deodara</i>	Deodar Cedar	Fairfield
4650569	<i>Brachychiton</i>	<i>acerifolius</i>	Flame Tree	Clifton Hill
4650568	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Clifton Hill
4650567	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Clifton Hill
4650566	<i>Washingtonia</i>	<i>robusta</i>	Washington Palm	Fitzroy North
4650565	<i>Cupressus</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	Fitzroy North
4650531	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Fitzroy North
4650530	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Fitzroy North
4650529	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Fitzroy North
4650526	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Fitzroy North
4650525	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	Fitzroy North
4650523	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	Fitzroy North
4650522	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	Fitzroy North
4650521	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Fitzroy North
4650519	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Alphington
4650484	<i>Cupressus</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	Fitzroy North
4650483	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Fitzroy North
4650481	<i>Magnolia</i>	<i>grandiflora</i>	-	Fitzroy North
4650467	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Fitzroy North
4650465	<i>Washingtonia</i>	<i>robusta</i>	Washington Palm	Fitzroy North
4650389	<i>Erythrina</i>	<i>indica</i>	Coral Tree	Fitzroy North
4650372	<i>Erythrina</i>	<i>indica</i>	Coral Tree	Fitzroy North
4650358	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Fitzroy North
4650282	<i>Washingtonia</i>	<i>robusta</i>	Washington Palm	Carlton North
4650104	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Carlton North
4649798	<i>Lophostemon</i>	<i>confertus</i>	Queensland Brush Box	Princes Hill
4649772	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	Princes Hill
4649743	<i>Lophostemon</i>	<i>confertus</i>	Queensland Brush Box	Princes Hill

4649721	<i>Cupressus</i>	<i>torulosa</i>	Himalayan Cypress	Princes Hill
4649645	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Cremorne
4617635	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Clifton Hill
4617634	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Clifton Hill
4617633	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>x acerifolia</i>	London Plane	Clifton Hill
4617620	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Cremorne
4617619	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Cremorne
4617616	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
4617615	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
4617614	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
4617612	<i>Ficus</i>	<i>obliqua</i>	Small Leaved Fig	Burnley
4617609	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
4617608	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>suber</i>	Cork Oak	Burnley
4617607	<i>Araucaria</i>	<i>cunninghamii</i>	Hoop Pine	Burnley
4617606	<i>Ficus</i>	<i>macrophylla</i>	Moreton Bay Fig	Burnley
4617605	<i>Cupressus</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	Burnley
4617604	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Burnley
4617603	<i>Butia</i>	<i>Capitata</i>	Jelly palm	Burnley
4617601	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Burnley
4617600	<i>Acacia</i>	<i>maidenii</i>	Maiden's Wattle	Burnley
4617599	<i>Podocarpus</i>	<i>Elatus</i>	Plum pine	Burnley
4617598	<i>Araucaria</i>	<i>cunninghamii</i>	Hoop Pine	Burnley
4617596	<i>Sequoiadendron</i>	<i>giganteum</i>	Giant Redwood	Burnley
4617595	<i>Sequoia</i>	<i>Simpervirens</i>	Coastal redwood	Burnley
4617594	<i>Agathis</i>	<i>robusta</i>	Kauri Pine	Burnley
4617593	<i>Araucaria</i>	<i>bidwillii</i>	Bunya Bunya Pine	Burnley
4617591	<i>Agathis</i>	<i>robusta</i>	Kauri Pine	Burnley
4617590	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
4617589	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Burnley
4617463	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Abbotsford
4617457	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>suber</i>	Cork Oak	Abbotsford
4617455	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>suber</i>	Cork Oak	Abbotsford
4617440	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Abbotsford
4617436	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Abbotsford
4617423	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Abbotsford
4617413	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Abbotsford
4617407	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Abbotsford
4617308	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Fitzroy
4617255	<i>Cupressus</i>	<i>Macrocarpa</i>	Monterrey cypress	Fitzroy
4617204	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Fitzroy
4617176	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>nicholii</i>	Narrow-leaved Black Peppermint	Fitzroy
4617048	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>melliodora</i>	Yellow Box	Collingwood
4617018	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Collingwood
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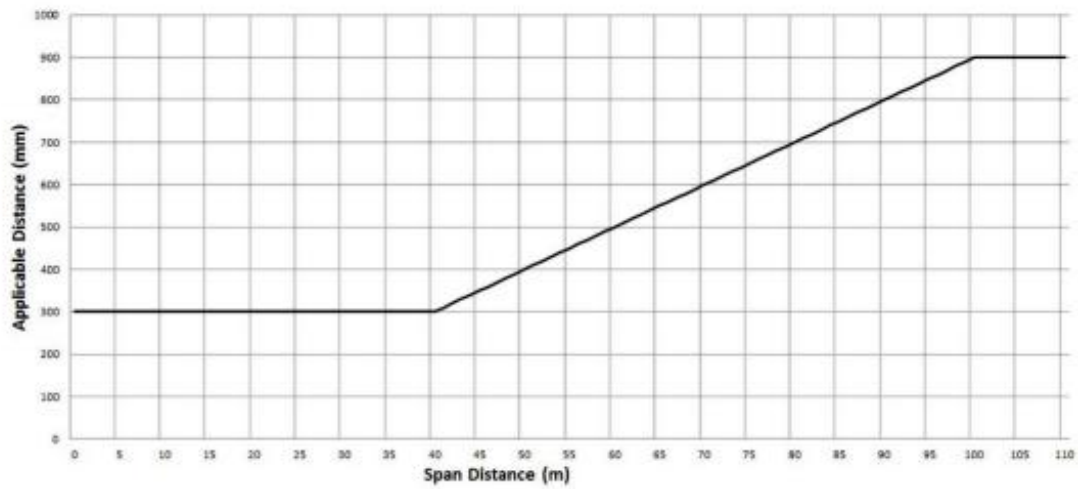
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4616796	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hollandica</i>	Dutch Elm	Richmond
4616792	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hollandica</i>	Dutch Elm	Richmond
4616786	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hollandica</i>	Dutch Elm	Richmond
4616605	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>mannifera</i>	Brittle Gum	Richmond
4616449	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	Richmond
4616420	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>parvifolia</i>	Chinese Elm	Richmond
4616408	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Richmond
4616404	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Richmond
4616401	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>communis</i>	Common Pear	Richmond
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2996530	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>viminalis</i>	Manna Gum	Princes Hill
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2530451	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Fitzroy North
2530449	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Fitzroy North
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2301496	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Fitzroy North
2300918	<i>Maclura</i>	<i>pomifera</i>	Osage orange	Burnley
2300885	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>suber</i>	Cork Oak	Burnley
2300086	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Fitzroy North
2299531	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hollandica</i>	Dutch Elm	Fitzroy North
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2293084	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Richmond
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2292458	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Clifton Hill
2288006	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Carlton North
2287950	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Carlton North
2285755	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	Carlton North
2285747	<i>Lophostemon</i>	<i>confertus</i>	Queensland Brush Box	Princes Hill
2285430	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Fitzroy North

2284694	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Carlton North
2284600	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Fitzroy North
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2284592	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Fitzroy North
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2281124	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>x acerifolia</i>	London Plane	Abbotsford
2281108	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>x acerifolia</i>	London Plane	Abbotsford
2280520	<i>Angophora</i>	<i>costata</i>	Smooth-barked Apple Myrtle	Abbotsford
2279881	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Richmond
2277498	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle var. areira</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Collingwood
2277013	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Clifton Hill
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2276931	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Clifton Hill
2276348	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Alphington
2276328	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>suber</i>	Cork Oak	Alphington
2276310	<i>Araucaria</i>	<i>bidwillii</i>	Bunya Bunya Pine	Alphington
2275443	<i>Araucaria</i>	<i>bidwillii</i>	Bunya Bunya Pine	Fairfield
2275442	<i>Araucaria</i>	<i>bidwillii</i>	Bunya Bunya Pine	Fairfield
2275439	<i>Cupressus</i>	<i>funnebris</i>	Funeral Cypress	Fairfield
2275438	<i>Cupressus</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	Fairfield
2275436	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Fairfield
2275037	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Carlton North
2275031	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Carlton North
2275011	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Carlton North
2275002	<i>Ficus</i>	<i>macrophylla</i>	Moreton Bay Fig	Carlton North
2274984	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Carlton North
2274766	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>procera</i>	English Elm	Clifton Hill
2274040	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Clifton Hill
2274031	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Clifton Hill
2274020	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Clifton Hill
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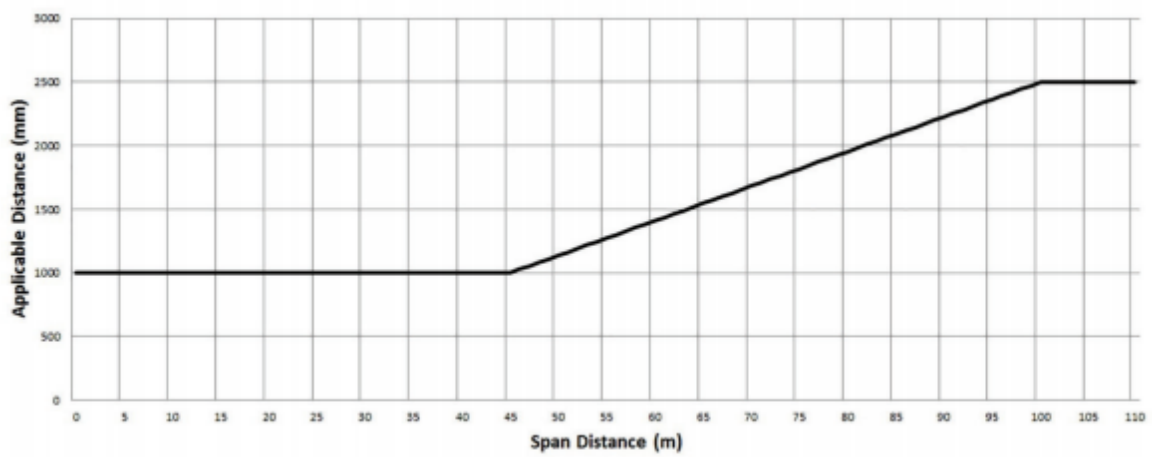
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2272758	<i>Corymbia</i>	<i>citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	Richmond
2272045	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
2271318	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
2271305	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
2271184	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
2271161	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>camaldulensis</i>	River Red Gum	Burnley
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2269241	<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>canariensis</i>	Canary Island Date Palm	Fitzroy North
2268791	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>molle</i>	Peppercorn Tree	Fitzroy North
2268770	<i>Acacia</i>	<i>maidenii</i>	Maiden's Wattle	Fitzroy North
2268432	<i>Populus</i>	<i>alba</i>	White Poplar	Brunswick
943951	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>minor</i>	Field Elm	Clifton Hill
943945	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>minor</i>	Field Elm	Clifton Hill
943711	<i>Butia</i>	<i>capitata</i>	Blue Palm	Clifton Hill
943665	<i>Washingtonia</i>	<i>filifera</i>	Petticoat Palm	Clifton Hill
943637	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	English Oak	Clifton Hill
943621	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Clifton Hill

Appendix 3 – Applicable distance for middle two thirds of a span of an electric line

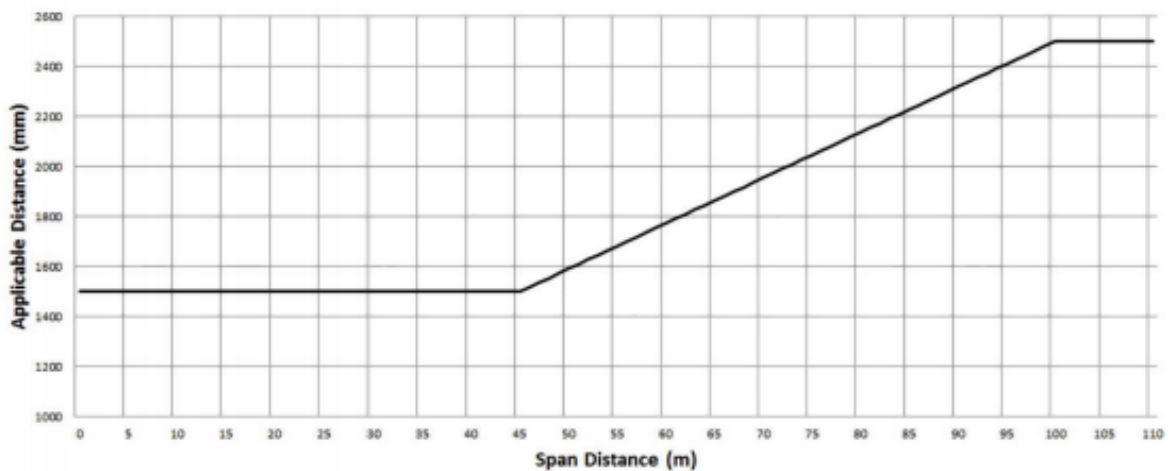
GRAPH 1—INSULATED ELECTRIC LINES IN ALL AREAS



GRAPH 2—UNINSULATED LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRIC LINE IN LOW BUSHFIRE RISK AREA



GRAPH 3—UNINSULATED HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC LINE (OTHER THAN A 66 000 VOLT ELECTRIC LINE) IN LOW BUSHFIRE RISK AREA



GRAPH 4—UNINSULATED 66 000 VOLT ELECTRIC LINE IN LOW BUSHFIRE RISK AREA

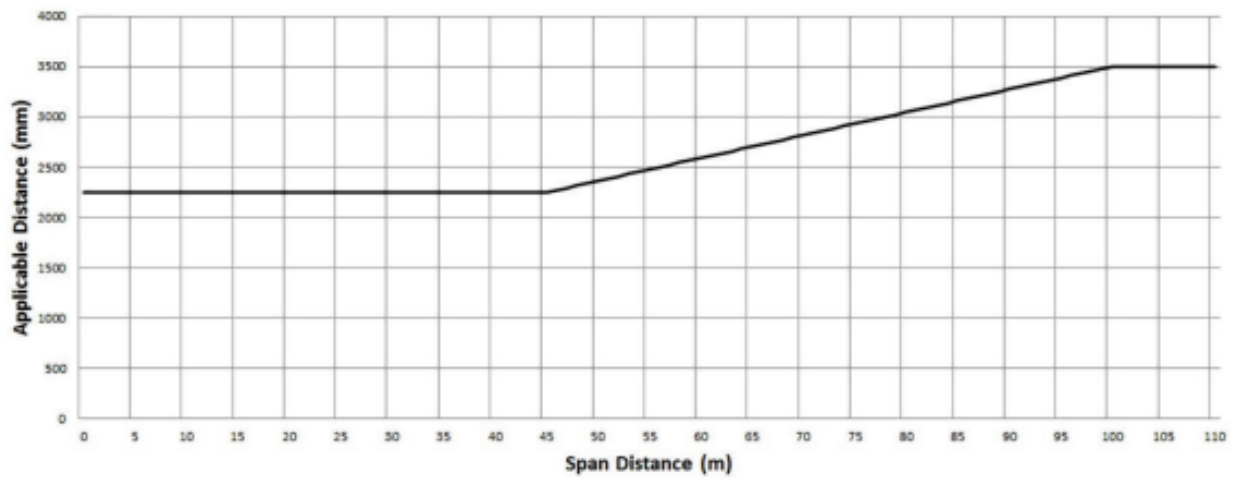


FIGURE 1 – PLAN VIEW OF ELECTRICAL LINES IN ALL AREAS

Clauses 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29,
Graphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

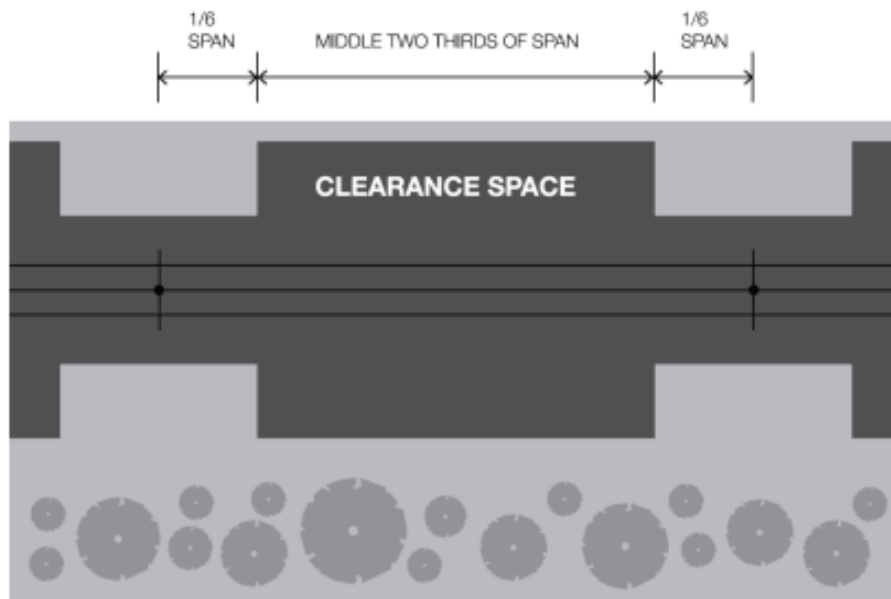
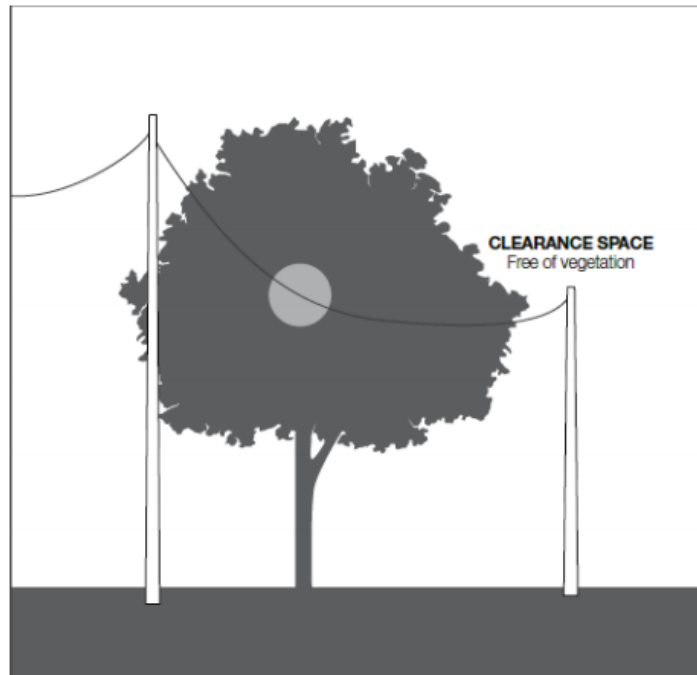


FIGURE 2 – INSULATED ELECTRICAL LINES IN ALL AREAS

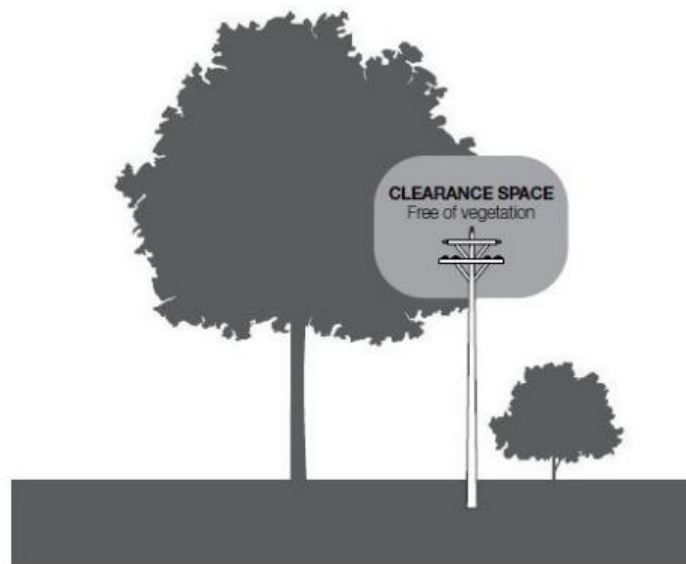
Clause 24, Graph 1



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FIGURE 3 – INSULATED ELECTRICAL LINES IN ALL AREAS AND UNINSULATED HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL LINES (OTHER THAN 66 000 VOLTAGE ELECTRIC LINES) IN LOW BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS

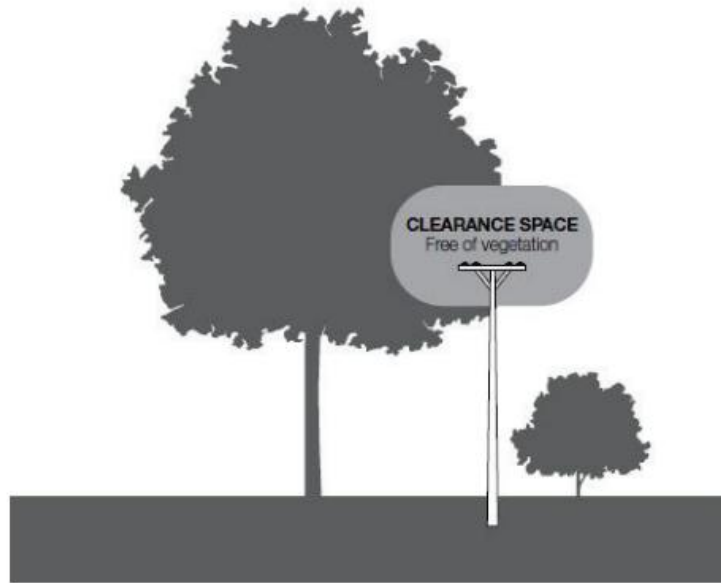
Clauses 24 and 26, Graphs 1 and 3



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FIGURE 4 – UNINSULATED LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL LINES IN LOW BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS

Clause 25, Graph 2



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FIGURE 5 – UNINSULATED 66 000 VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL LINE IN A LOW BUSHFIRE RISK AREA

Clauses 27, 28 and 29, Graphs 4, 5 and 6



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Appendix 4 – Cyclic Pruning Program Timeframe

Using the below link, please search for the heading 'When does Yarra prune street trees' to locate your suburb and timeline of cyclic pruning on the interactive map.

<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/cleaning-and-maintenance/trees>

Appendix 5 - Example of City of Yarra Audit Page (Forestree)

Appendix 5.1 – Project Audit Page

Block 6 - Pruning - Jan/Feb (2026) - Audit

Open Audit Project

Inspections Project #Project ID 13505

Linked to Project: 12250

1319 trees

Assign Project

AW WJ +

Edit Project CSV Export View Map

Hide Details ^

Project Overview

Notes

Contains open Works raised from Project: Block 6 - Pruning - Jan/Feb (2026)

External Link

<https://forestree.app/projects/summary/block-6-pruning-janfeb-2026-audit-y2wgcdf>

Project Statistics

Progress

0%

Total Trees	1319	Completed	6	Remaining	1313				
Audit Results		Passed	0	Failed	6	Reworks	6		
Work Analytics		Work Done to Complete: N/A				Revenue per Work Day: N/A		Estimated Completion: N/A	

You can see additional work analytics data after setting Start date and End Date and commence at least 1 work.

Appendix 5.2 – OH&S Audit Form (Fulcrum)

Citywide - OH&S Audit
✎
✓

Citywide

Created Location -37.790853, 144.985139 (37m accuracy, 0.0m from the record)

Updated Location -37.790711, 144.985332 (5m accuracy, 23.2m from the record)

Company • Citywide

Date • February 9, 2023

Location of work • 152-174 Queens Pde
Fitzroy North VIC 3068
AU

Operations • Tree Maintenance ▶ Pruning

Work Site Management View ▶

Operations Quality View ▶

Vehicle Audit View ▶

Equipment Condition View ▶

PPE View ▶

Auditor • Justin Bates

Citywide - OH&S Audit
✎
✓

Citywide / Work Site Management


Permits Qualifications & Tickets sighted? • Yes

Ticket photos


Citywide - OH&S Audit

Citywide / Work Site Management

HAC/JSA completed? * Yes

HAC/JSA Confirmation 

Council ELCMP available? * Yes

Council ELCMP photo 

SWMS Active * Chainsaw, Manual Handling, Overhead PowerLines HV/LV, Pruning Saws, Tower / EWP

SWMS Implementation * Yes

Site Housekeeping * Good


Emissions Controlled? * Yes

Traffic Management Plan in use? * Yes

Traffic flow around worksite safe & smooth? * Yes

Pedestrians Controlled? * Yes

signs & traffic cones out and in good condition? * Yes



Citywide - OH&S Audit

Citywide / Work Site Management

Site Housekeeping * Good

Emissions Controlled? * Yes




Traffic Management Plan in use? * Yes

Traffic flow around worksite safe & smooth? * Yes

Pedestrians Controlled? * Yes

signs & traffic cones out and in good condition? * Yes

Site Setup Photos


Site Comments * All good

Citywide - OH&S Audit


Citywide / Operations Quality

Powerline Clearance to 2020 regulations? * Good


Pruning cuts to Australian standard? * Good

Pruning quality photos 

Branch piles stacked safely? * Good

Branch stacking photos 

Site left in a clean condition? * Yes


Post work photos 

Quality Comments * All good

Citywide - OH&S Audit

Citywide / Vehicle Audit

Pre-start checklist complete? * Yes

Pre-start checklist photos 


Council branding & signage in place? * Yes

Vehicle clean and presentable? * Yes

Vehicle within service date? *

First Aid Kit Stocked? * Yes

Fire Extinguisher charged and in date? * Yes

Fire extinguisher tag & charge photo 

Lights, Indicators & Safety Beacons in use? * Yes

Emergency Instructions available? * Yes

Reversing Alarm Operational? * Yes

Electrical Testing In Date? * Yes

Earth Chain in Use? * Yes

Spill Kit stocked? * Yes


Citywide - OH&S Audit

Citywide / Equipment Condition

Manual Tools in serviceable condition? * Yes ⓘ

Fuel stored safely? * Yes ⓘ

Equipment Pics



Equipment Comments * All good

Citywide - OH&S Audit

Citywide / PPE

Gloves required/worn? * N/A ⓘ

Footwear in good condition? * Yes ⓘ

Sun Protection available in vehicle? * Yes

Helmet in service date? * Valid ⓘ


Eye Protection required/worn? * Yes ⓘ

High Viz Gear being worn? * Yes

Harness/Lanyard in service date? * Yes ⓘ

Chainsaw Chaps serviceable/worn? * Yes ⓘ

PPE Pics



PPE Comments * All good

Appendix 6 – Skills Report

Name	Role	MR Licence	HR Licence	High Risk Licence	ESV Refresher	First Aid	Certificate II ESI	CPR 12 month Refresher	Traffic Management	Fire Warden / Chief Fire Warden	EWP Escape & Rescue
ANDRIULI Rocco	Tree Worker/Cutter		13/03/2034	15/04/2019	1/06/2025	12/05/2025	22/11/2018	1/06/2025	30/01/2025		17/06/2025
COLLARD Jackson	Tree Worker/Cutter		08/07/2026	10/12/2025	22/06/2025	28/09/2025	25/08/2022	22/06/2025			17/06/2025
FRASER Rodney	Tree Worker/Cutter Supervisor	16/08/2029		11/04/2019	11/06/2025	13/05/2024	7/03/2019	11/06/2025		22/07/2025	3/07/2025
GRUNDY Adam	Tree Worker/Cutter	29/09/2026		31/10/2023	2/06/2025		10/10/2018	2/06/2025	1/02/2024		17/06/2025
HEFERNAN Craig	Chipper Operator		12/11/2027	5/02/2026				18/02/2026			5/02/2026
HERON Mark	Tree Worker/Cutter		15/10/2030	13/02/2024	2/06/2025	16/02/2024	2/05/2024	1/06/2025	5/02/2024		17/06/2025
JOHNSON Bevan	Tree Worker/Cutter Supervisor		29/12/2028	22/06/2021	1/06/2025	12/05/2025	21/05/2015	1/06/2025	5/03/2025	21/07/2024	17/06/2025
MOLLER High	Tree Worker/Cutter	22/09/2027		9/11/2021	2/06/2025	29/09/2025	26/06/2024	1/06/2025			17/06/2025
PAMMENT-BARRY Joshua	Tree Worker/Cutter		03/04/2027	29/10/2021	1/06/2025	12/05/2025	25/11/2021	1/06/2025	30/01/2025		30/06/2025
TOYAMA Goji	Tree Worker/Cutter	18/01/2028		5/03/2019	1/06/2025	28/09/2025	18/05/2019	1/06/2025	5/03/2025		17/06/2025

Appendix 7 – Public Works Notification Example

Street Tree Pruning Public Notification

Yarra City Council Street tree maintenance program will be operating in Richmond (Swan Street to Bridge Road) from 1 March 2026 – 30 April 2026.

These works are programmed every two years to maintain safe clearances from power lines, roads, signage, vehicles and pedestrians and meet Council’s obligations under the Electrical Line Clearance Interim Regulations 2025.

Council requests and appreciates your understanding in completing these necessary works. Should you have any questions regarding these works please contact Council’s Open Space Services Team on 9205 5555 or info@yarracity.vic.gov.au