

Addendum (8/12/2023) – Proposed Tree Removal

The following further information has been provided by the applicant in relation to the proposed tree removal as part of the development:

“Of a total of 40 trees on site, 12 are proposed to be retained, 3 transplanted to other locations on the site, and 25 trees are proposed to be removed. This is balanced through the proposed planting of 120 trees of varying sizes. The majority of the species that are proposed to be lost are not native to WA, and not all are large in size. Retention value has been determined through an interpretation of the Town’s Tree Audit undertaken in 2023 which categorises the size (height and canopy), age, health, and structure of the tree, along with the heritage value.

The following trees are proposed to be removed:

- 7 x Queensland box trees
- 3 x non-native pine trees (Monterey Pine and Cypress Pine)
- 2 x Frangipanis
- 2 x Golden Wattles
- 2 x spotted gums
- 1 WA Peppermint tree
- 1 Lemon Scented Gum
- 1 Caesia Marree
- 1 Sydney Red Gum
- 1 Bottlebrush
- 1 Rottnest Island Pine Tree
- 1 Rottnest Island Tea Tree
- 1 Flinders Range Wattle
- 1 Marri

Below is an updated table with the revised tree information:

Value	Existing Trees				New Trees	
	Total Existing	Retained	Transplanted	Removed		
High	27	7	3	17	Large	19
Medium	9	4	0	5	Medium	59
Low	4	1	0	3	Small	42
TOTAL	40 (36 high or medium retention value trees)	12 (11 high or medium retention value trees)	3 (3 high or medium retention value trees)	25 (22 high or medium retention value trees)	TOTAL	120

We have aimed to retain trees where possible. As demonstrated in the Tree retention and removal plan, however, key infrastructure including adequate car parking for all users, DFES tanks, and new buildings require the removal of trees. The above information does not preclude us from making further changes to the design following the Town's formal planning assessment of the proposal and there may be further opportunities to retain trees.

It should be noted that five trees were removed by the Town in October 2023, prior to the agreement for lease with Blackoak. Four of the trees were assessed as being dead (including one high value Pine tree and three low value trees), and one was in poor health (a low value tree).

Updated plans and documentation are being prepared to reflect the above and provide greater clarity on the proposal, and will be provided for public viewing as soon as available.

While the development application proposes the removal of trees, it should not be construed that the Town will support this. The Town will assess the merits of the proposed tree removal as part of its assessment of the development application, and ultimately the decision on the development application and any proposed tree removal rests with the Metropolitan Inner South Joint Development Assessment Panel.