



BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

Policy

TITLE	VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (REMOVAL AND MAINTENANCE)
POLICY NUMBER	42
COUNCIL FUNCTION	PARKS AND GARDENS
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	INFRASTRUCTURE
LEGISLATION	<i>Vegetation Management Act 1999 Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011 The Commonwealth's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i>
ADOPTED	05/1993 Minute No. 10157
REVIEWED/AMENDED	07/05/2002 Policy amended - Minute No. 23539 03/11/2004 Policy retained - Minute No. 29624 Amended 28/08/13 – Minute OM002455
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SCOPE

Vegetation within parks and open space land within Banana Shire.

OBJECTIVE

To manage and control vegetation including removal and trimming or other maintenance for the protection and safety of life and property.

DEFINITIONS

Park	Land under Council Control used for recreational or aesthetic purposes.
Open space land	Verge or nature strip within a road reserve.
Danger	Immediate safety concern for life or property.

POLICY

Requests for removal or maintenance of vegetation on Council controlled land shall be approved only if the vegetation constitutes a danger to people or property, subject to a Risk Assessment and taking into consideration the following Fundamental Principles and General Guidelines.

Fundamental Principles

- Conserve existing flora species of scientific value where possible.
- Protect rare and endangered species.
- Preserve Historical features on road sides.
- Undertake good practices in erosion and salinity to prevent land degradation.
- Enhance the aesthetic value of roadsides, especially in urban areas.
- Retain where possible practical shade and shelter for road users.
- Observe good practice in maintenance procedures to minimise management costs

General Guidelines

- Minimise disturbance;
- Protect vegetation;
- Manage weeds; and
- Minimise soil erosion.

PROCEDURE

As approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer and subject to future revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

See Appendix 1

CERTIFICATION


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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL**

30.9.13
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