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MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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Definitions

Code – Code of Practice for Electric Line Clearance as defined in the Schedule of the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020.

Conductor – Overhead powerline.

Cut – includes cutting a part of the tree; and does not include removing the tree.

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

DEECA - Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

ESV – Energy Safe Victoria.

HV – High voltage means a nominal voltage exceeding 1000 volts AC. or exceeding 1500 volts DC.

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.

LV – Low Voltage means nominal voltage exceeding 50V AC or 120V DC but not exceeding 1000V AC or 1500V DC.

Plan –Maribyrnong City Council Electric Line Clearance Management Plan.

Regulations - Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020.

Suitably Qualified Arborist – an arborist who holds a minimum of Certificate III Arboriculture, Perform a ground-based tree defect evaluation module and 3 years’ experience assessing trees.

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) Regulations 2020.

Maribyrnong City Council’s, Manager Operations and Maintenance and Coordinator Urban Forest will review and amend the Plan annually. The amended document will be submitted to the Director of Infrastructure Services for review and authorisation.

Preparation of this document is scheduled in the Annual Service Plan for the Urban Forest business unit commencing February each year. The preparation of this document will include a review of all processes and procedures and their effectiveness in meeting the plan objectives.

Maribyrnong City Council, Coordinator Urban Forest will submit the Plan within 14 days of a request.

Regulation 9(4) Preparation and submission of a Management Plan

The following sections are as per Regulation 9(4) of the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020

(a) Name, address and telephone number of the responsible party

Name:	Maribyrnong City Council
Address:	Corner of Hyde and Napier Street, Footscray
Telephone No:	9688 0200
Facsimile No:	NA
Name of Chief Executive Officer:	Celia Haddock

(b) Name, position, address and telephone number of the individual who was responsible for the preparation of the management plan

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Position:	Coordinator Urban Forest
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(c) Name, position, address and telephone number of the persons who are responsible for carrying out the management plan

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Position: Manager Operations & Maintenance
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Telephone No: 9688 0200
Email Address: craig.medcalf@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

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

Business Hours

Name: Maribyrnong City Council Customer Service
Emergency Telephone No: 9688 0200

After Hours

Name: Maribyrnong City Council After-Hours Contact Service
Emergency Telephone No: 9688 0200

(e) The objectives of the management plan

- To ensure 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 support work place safety.
 - To protect the health of trees that require cutting in accordance with the Code;
 - To manage vegetation in a manner that maximises the amenity and environmental benefits.
 - To protect areas of significant vegetation and high amenity value.
 - To maintain community satisfaction around the management of vegetation around electrical conductors.
 - To continuously improve the Plan and its implementation through the use of measurable KPI's as defined in Clause 9(4)(n)
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(f) The land to which the management plan applies by the inclusion of a map.

The Plan applies to the entire Maribyrnong City Council municipality, approximately 31.2 square kilometres. The entire municipality is a declared area and is designated LBRA by the CFA.

A map of the municipality is contained in *Appendix 1 – Map of Declared Area*.

Maribyrnong City Council municipality contains spans of both low and high-voltage conductors.

A map of the low and high voltage network within the municipality is included in *Appendix 2 – High and Low voltage above ground network within the declared area*.

The boundaries are reviewed in consultation with the local distribution business (Jemena and Powercor) and 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).

Not applicable. The entire municipality has been designated LBRA by the CFA.

(h) The location of areas containing trees which may need to be cut or removed to ensure compliance with the Code and that are:

(i) Indigenous to Victoria

For the purposes of this Plan Indigenous trees are defined as those that are Indigenous to Victoria. There are native trees in many streets and parks within the Maribyrnong City Council, however no trees Indigenous to Victoria will be managed under this Plan. Council maintain a tree database that contains information relevant to tree species and their location. To ensure the trees are identified correctly Maribyrnong City Council utilises suitably qualified arborists for inspections who are able to identify the relevant species.

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

The Heritage Overlay (43.01) within the Maribyrnong City Council Planning Scheme lists 33 sites where tree controls apply and a permit is required to remove, destroy or lop a tree. A further two sites are listed with the Victorian Heritage Database.

22 locations protected by the Heritage overlay are managed under this plan. A list of the 22 locations is contained in *Appendix 3 – Trees listed with Victorian Planning Scheme or Victorian Heritage Database*.

A Heritage Overlay permit exception 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.

(iii) Trees of cultural or environmental significance

At present Maribyrnong City Council is not aware of any trees in the municipality being listed on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register, or 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.

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

(i) The means which the responsible person is required to use to identify a tree specified in paragraph 9(4)(i)(ii) or (iii).

The responsible person should consult:

Table 1 - Contacts for consultation

Location of:	Organisation	Method
Native trees	Maribyrnong City Council	Refer to tree GIS data base. Ringtail.
Heritage Trees	Maribyrnong City Council	Refer to <i>Appendix 3 – Trees listed with Victorian Planning Scheme or Victorian Heritage Database</i>
Planning Scheme	DEECA	http://planning-schemes.deeca.vic.gov.au/schemes/maribyrnong
Planning scheme / Cultural	The Victorian Heritage Database	http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/vhd/heritagevic
Cultural	Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register	https://www.aboriginalheritagecouncil.vic.gov.au
Environmental	DEECA	https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/victorias-framework-for-conserving-threatened-species

Maribyrnong City Council 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 Maribyrnong City Council 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 Maribyrnong City Council 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, Maribyrnong City Council will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

(j) The management procedures that the responsible person 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:

Of the approximate 49,803 trees Council manage in parks and streets, over 33,000 trees have power lines above or nearby, which may require clearance pruning. These trees are recorded in the GIS tree database.

Maribyrnong City Council manages the trees through a combination of a proactive program, reactive maintenance works.

The Proactive Program divides the municipality into 24 maintenance zones as shown in *Appendix 4 – Tree maintenance zones*. The program is undertaken by Councils current contractor Aspect Tree Management Pty Ltd. The programmed zone work for each month is detailed in;

- **Table 2 Timetable for Programmed Zone Work** below:

Table 2 Timetable for Programmed Zone Work

Cyclic Tree Pruning program - 2025/2026				
Months	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone
April – May 2025	13	11	na	na
June – July 2025	15	18	19	na
August – September 2025	8	14	CBD	na
October – November 2025	10	12	21	na
December – January 2026	2	7	16	22
February – March 2026	1	4	9	na
April – May 2026	5	6	na	na
June – July 2026	3	17	20	na

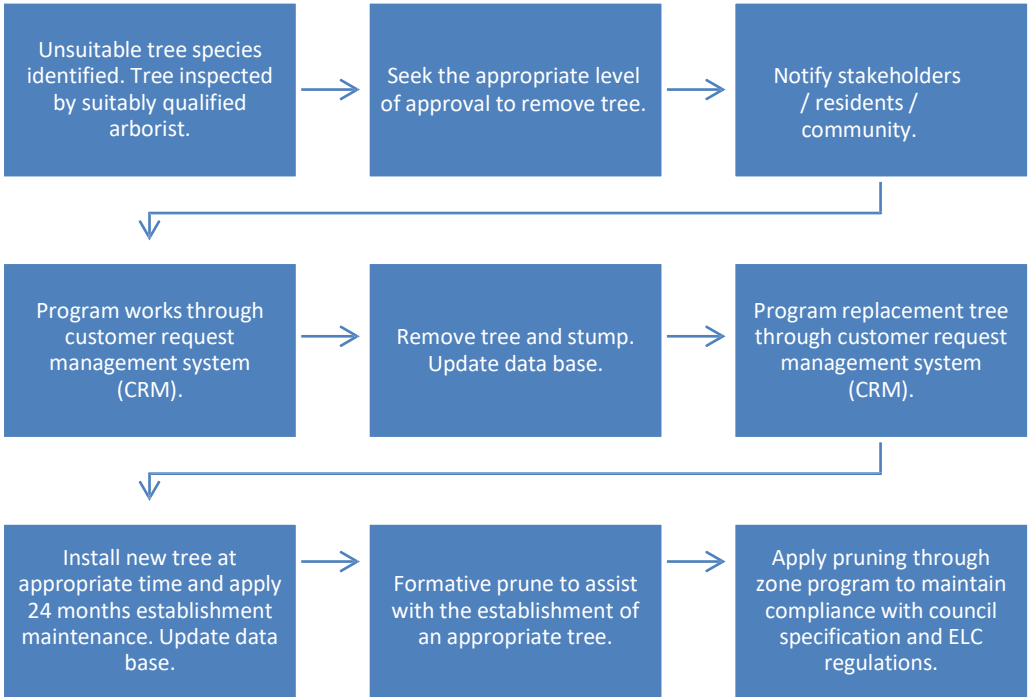
- All trees under or adjacent to power lines are to be inspected as part of the proactive pruning cycle.
- All inspections are to be completed by a suitably qualified arborist.
- Works identified during inspection are completed within 28 business days.
- Where pruning is required, the extent of pruning will maintain minimum clearances and provide additional clearance as necessary to prevent regrowth from entering the clearance space between pruning cycles and manage the sag and sway of electrical conductors for spans greater than 45 meters in length.
- Personnel engaged in Electrical Line Clearance activities will source applicable clearance distances from the relevant graphs and figures outlined in the Code (*Appendix 5 – Applicable distance for middle two thirds of a span of an electric line*).
- Works are initially focussed on achieving High Voltage clearances and additional contractor resources have been engaged to undertake live line pruning where required.
- Each tree within the zone program is inspected and pruned at a frequency where regrowth can be easily maintained, therefore it is unnecessary to record regrowth data.
 - In response to species propensity for significant regrowth and to ensure adequate clearances are maintained, all Gleditsia's in the vicinity of powerlines are pruned twice during the 16 month pruning cycle.
- All works are recorded in a tree database accessible by Maribyrnong City Council
- A zone completion quality audit is undertaken by a Council officer for each completed zone to ensure compliance with the Electric Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020 and AS 4373-2007. 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 Council customer service (9688 0200), and then referred to the Coordinator Urban Forest for assessment of work requirements and allocation to Councils Tree Maintenance Contractors.

- Non-urgent reactive works are to be completed within ten (10) business days of the works being allocated, unless another timeframe is determined by the Coordinator Urban Forest at the time of allocation.
- In situations of high priority, the primary aim is to make the site safe within twelve (12) hours of notification. Additional works will be scheduled as required.
- All works are recorded in the Contractors tree data base of which Maribyrnong City Council has contracted ownership of.
- Trees will be pruned to the minimum clearances outlined in the Electric Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020. All pruning should conform to AS 4373-2007 – Pruning of Amenity Trees. If this is not possible the tree shall be referred to the Coordinator Urban Forest for alternative management solutions as per Section 9(3)(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. See *Table 3 - Unsuitable Species Removal Process*.

Table 3 - Unsuitable Species Removal Process



The tree selection process managed by Council's Urban Forest team will be applied to determine appropriate species for new plantings to minimise future conflicts. Tree replacement may be considered where required pruning (to achieve clearances) would significantly compromise the viability or appearance of vegetation.

- Maribyrnong City Council will use The Urban Forest Strategy to select appropriate trees to be established under electrical conductors. The strategy can be found at: <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Building-planning/Current-and-future-planning/Strategies-Plans-and-Policies/Urban-Forest-Strategy>
- Maribyrnong City Council will consult with adjoining Councils, relevant Distribution Businesses, (Zinfra and Powercor), and other key stakeholders as required to facilitate compliance with the Code.

(ii) for the purposes of determining a minimum clearance space in accordance with Division 1 of Part 3 of the Code -

(A) Specify the method for determining an additional distance that allows for cable sag and sway.

(B) May provide for different additional distances to be determined for different parts of an electric line span.

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 5 – Applicable distance for middle two thirds of a span of an electric line*).

For spans greater than 100m in length in LBRA the Maribyrnong City Council will contact the Network Operator, to provide the required clearance distance to allow for sag and sway. This information will be recorded against the affected tree and be available to operators in the field via tablets, for a minimum of five years.

- The Maribyrnong City Council does not currently have information relating to the distance between poles, the location of any spans greater than 100m in length and the sag and sway clearances required for any spans greater than 100m in length. The relevant Distribution Businesses have been contacted to request this data.
- As this information is obtained the clearance requirement will be recorded in the Maribyrnong City Council tree database, against the trees near the identified span and used to inform management practices.

Regular and planned meetings between Operations and Maintenance (or Council's Coordinator Urban Forest), and the Network Operators, (DB's) will be scheduled for the months of April and September each year.

(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.

Maribyrnong City Council 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 practicably 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, taking into account 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 training and 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 the Coordinator Urban Forest or a nominated Council Officer who holds a Certificate Level V or above in Arboriculture to make an assessment on whether or not it is reasonably practicable to deviate from AS4373-2007.

Maribyrnong City Council ensures staff and contractors are appropriately trained and aware of the principles of AS4373-2007 by:

- Referencing the standard in its internal procedures,
- Referencing the standard in tender documents for contractors,
- Including the Maribyrnong City Council's definition of 'reasonably practicable' in contractor induction.
- Ensuring internal staff and contractors undertaking electric line clearance work have at a minimum (See *Appendix 6 – Training Requirements*):
 - Certificate Level II in ESI – Power line Vegetation Control, and
 - 3 years industry experience that demonstrates understanding of AS4373

Where pruning to achieve clearance will not allow compliance with AS4373, Maribyrnong City Council may elect to:

- Increase the pruning frequency to minimise the required pruning,
- List the tree for an exception
- Remove scaffold/ parent limbs initially to minimise future required pruning,
- Investigate the potential for engineering solutions to facilitate compliance or an exception, or
- Remove trees where the resulting pruning would leave trees unsuitable for retention.

The decision will be guided by costing of the options in terms of tree value, works cost and the surrounding environment of the tree.

Where trees are to be removed residents in the affected area are to be contacted in person or by a written notification card as per Maribyrnong City Councils adopted practice.

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.

Maribyrnong City Council conducts 24 zone audits throughout the 16 month cyclic program to ensure compliance with AS4373 - 2007 and electric line clearance regulations.

- Audits are conducted within 30 days of zone completion and assesses all street trees within each zone,
- Quality of cuts, appropriateness of pruning, clearance requirements and post site clean-up are reviewed,
- Feedback via the audit results is provided to teams,
- Any non-compliance identified through the post work audit process is reported to the Coordinator Urban Forest within 3 days of identification,
- Remedial pruning will be required within 14 days of identification to achieve conformance, and

- Where trees are irreversibly damaged by a service provider through negligent pruning, Maribyrnong City Council will pursue costs to recover removal and replacements including the loss of amenity as determined by Councils tree management policy.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, the Maribyrnong City Council 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 responsible person has applied, or proposed to apply, for approval under clause 31 of the Code.

Maribyrnong City Council 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.

Not applicable

II. Is in effect.

Not applicable

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

Maribyrnong City Council and the Coordinator Urban Forest 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 Proactive Program for pruning as per schedule,
- Completion of 24 zone audits as per Schedule,
- A minimum 98% compliance in zone audits,
- 100% of non-compliance rectified within 14 business days of identification,
- All hazards identified in workplace OHS inspections addressed within required timeframes,
- Respond to all pruning requests from the Network Operator within the required timelines where practicable.
- Reduction in the number of Customer Service Requests received for electric line clearance, and
- No emergency clearances.

Key Performance Indicators are monitored via:

- Mapping the inspection and pruning program against the zone maintenance progress,
- mobile work site safety audits
- Post works auditing,
- Customer feedback and levels of customer requests relating to powerlines, and
- Compliance and outage results from the Distribution Businesses (when supplied).

Results are reported via:

- Internal team meetings,
- 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 responsible person's compliance with the Code

Maribyrnong City Council undertakes a number of audits to verify compliance with the Code. These include:

- A zone completion quality audit is undertaken by a suitably qualified arborist (who also holds UET20312 – Certificate II in ESI Powerlines Vegetation Control), of each completed zone to ensure compliance with:
 - The Electric Safety, (Electric Line Clearance), Regulations 2020, and
 - Quality of Arboricultural works and compliance with AS 4373-2007
- Safety Audits are undertaken randomly on site to ensure correct OH&S and traffic/pedestrian control are undertaken as well as appropriate controls are in place for powerline tree trimming.
- Pre-works site checks are carried out and documented for record keeping by all Council staff and contractors.
- The competency and qualification of personnel of Electric Line Clearance workers is required by contract and reported on via monthly and annual contract reports.

Once identified non-compliance is reported to the Coordinator Urban Forest and rectified within 14 working days. Confirmation of rectification is to be provided in writing to the Coordinator Urban Forest and included in the monthly contract report. Contractors are required to provide a report in response to the non-compliance identifying the cause for non-compliance and cations that will mitigate the cause in future works.

Results of audits are reported via:

- Internal team meetings, and
- Monthly contract meetings.

Audit results and resulting communications are stored in Maribyrnong City Councils document management system.

(p) The qualifications and experience that the responsible person must require of the persons who are to carry out the inspection, cutting or removal of trees in accordance with the Code and the Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2020.

When staff and contractors are undertaking electric line clearance works for the Maribyrnong City Council they are working as authorised persons as outlined in the Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019. r. 318 and r. 319.

Maribyrnong City Council will ensure that all staff and contractors performing tree pruning and removal works around electric lines conform to:

- Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2020,
- Australian Standard 4373-2007, Pruning of Amenity Trees,
- The 'Blue Book', and
- Any organisational procedures, safe work method statements and Job Safety Assessments to ensure the work can be completed safely.

Maribyrnong City Council will ensure that all staff and contractors performing tree pruning and removal works around electric lines are:

- trained both initially and when refresher courses are required by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO)
- suitably qualified and trained personnel who hold an approved course for the following qualifications:
 - Arborist Assistant / Grounds Person
 - UET20312 - Certificate II in ESI in Powerline Vegetation Control, and
 - Arboricultural Inspector i.e. a suitably qualified arborist
 - UET20312 - Certificate II in ESI in Powerline Vegetation Control, and
 - Minimum Certificate III Arboriculture, and
 - 3 years industry experience.
 - Holders of UET20312 - Certificate II in ESI in Powerline Vegetation Control are required to also hold the relative modules for the various work roles such as UETTDRVC25A - Use elevated platform to cut vegetation above ground level near live electrical apparatus, UETTCDC33A - Apply pruning techniques to vegetation control near live electrical apparatus, UETTDREL14A - Working safely near live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker, etc.

The Certificate III Arboriculture and Certificate II ESI cover many aspects of required training such as Chainsaw use, OH&S principles, First Aid, pruning techniques and EWP licences.

Additional staff may be required to hold training in;

- Traffic management,
- Chipper operation/induction,
- Chemical application (A.C.U.P or similar), or
- Tree Climbing

A register of employee training is maintained by Council to ensure all staff have appropriate and current qualifications (*Appendix 6 – Training Requirements*). All contractors are required to provide evidence of appropriate qualifications and training prior to the commencement of work and report on updates to training via monthly and annual reports. All records are stored in Maribyrnong City Councils document management system CM9.

To ensure staff are aware of site and employee requirements, new staff & contractors are subject to both internal & external induction processes. These outline basic site & behaviour rules as well as specific task related rules contained within Safe Work Procedures.

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 Maribyrnong City Council will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

(q) Notification and consultation procedures.

Council will notify the Community of its intention to manage trees under this Plan through providing information and updates via its website and social media networks. Information regarding planned works will be published via these networks at least two weeks prior to the commencement of any tree cutting or removal required to meet the objectives of this Plan.

(r) Dispute resolution procedures

If a dispute arises during the process of consultation/negotiation between affected land owners 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:

- Coordinator Urban Forest,
- Manager Operations and Maintenance,
- Director Infrastructure Services,
- Chief Executive Officer, 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:	Craig Medcalf
Title:	Manager Operations & Maintenance
Telephone No:	9688 0200
Email:	craig.medcalf@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

If the dispute cannot be resolved directly with Council the person making the complaint will be referred to the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (03) 9603 8370.

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 as per Clause 10(7).

(s) If Energy Safe Victoria has granted an exemption under regulation 11 relating to a requirement of the Code, details of the exemption or a copy of the exemption.

Not applicable.

Regulation 10 – Obligations relating to the Management Plan

(6) The responsible person must ensure that a copy of the management plan is published on the responsible person's Internet site.

A copy of the Maribyrnong City Council Electric Line Clearance Management Plan will be published on Councils website at <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Building-and-Planning/Planning-Services/Current-and-future-planning/Strategies-Plans-and-Policies/Electric-Line-Clearance-Management-Plan>

The Coordinator Urban Forest will ensure the Plan will be updated on the website each year as per the following process:

- Draft of the new plan completed by 31 March,
- Draft sent to Infrastructure Services Director and Manager for review,
- Amendments made as required,
- Send amended plan to Infrastructure Services Director for approval, and
- After plan is approved liaise with Communications Department to remove superseded Plan and publish new Plan to website and Council Offices by 30 June.

Regulation 11 – Exceptions

(2) A responsible person who receives an exception must ensure that a copy of the exception is

(a) Published on the responsible person's Internet site

Maribyrnong City Council does not have an active exception at this time.

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

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

Maribyrnong City Council 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 clearance zone
- A suitably qualified Arborist determines that:
 - the branch is greater than 130mm in diameter when it enters the minimum clearance space,
 - in the case of a span distance of 40 metres or less, the branch is more than 150 millimetres from the line; or
 - in the case of a span distance greater than 40 metres, the branch is more than 300mm from the line,
 - 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 make contact with the electric line.
- A risk assessment of the tree and branch is undertaken in accordance with The Maribyrnong City Council's SWMS.
- Any risks identified are mitigated.
- The Arborist:
 - registers in the tree database, and
 - ensures the tree is noted in the annual proactive risk inspection program.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Urban Forest and all records are retained by Maribyrnong City Council for a minimum of five years.

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

Maribyrnong City Council is in the process of identifying trees that meet the requirements for an exception as outlined in Part 2, Division 1, Clause 5(2) 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 clearance zone
- 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 database confirms that the branch has been removed from the minimum clearance space within the last twelve months.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Urban Forest and all records are retained by Maribyrnong City Council for a minimum of five years.

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

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

The process for exception to minimum clearance space for small branches under uninsulated low voltage electric lines in low bushfire risk areas is:

- A tree is identified that has small branches within the clearance zone
- A suitably qualified arborist determines that:
 - a branch is less than 100mm in diameter when it enters the minimum clearance space, and is no more than 500 millimetres inside the minimum clearance space; and
 - the point at which the branch originates is below the height of the electric line; and
 - in the case of a branch that comes within the minimum clearance space around the middle 2 thirds of the span, the span is fitted with—
 - (i) one conductor spreader if the length of the span does not exceed 45 metres; or
 - (ii) 2 conductor spreaders if the length of the span exceeds 45 metres; and
 - the line is an uninsulated, low voltage cable, located in a low bushfire risk area; and
 - Council's database confirms that the branch has been removed from the minimum clearance space within the last fourteen months.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Urban Forest and all records are retained by Maribyrnong City Council 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

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

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

- A tree is identified that has structural branches within the clearance zone
- A suitably qualified arborist determines that:
 - the branch is greater than 130mm in diameter when it enters the minimum clearance space,
 - the branch enters the clearance space by no more than 500mm,
 - the branch does not have a visible structural defect that cause the branch to fail and make contact with the electric line.,
 - the line is an uninsulated, low voltage cable, and
 - the branch is located 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 Maribyrnong City Council's SWMS.
- Any risks identified are mitigated.
- The Arborist:

- registers in the tree data base, and
- ensures the tree is noted in the annual proactive risk inspection program.

The process is managed by the Coordinator Urban Forest and all records are retained by Maribyrnong City Council for a minimum of five years.

9 Responsible person may cut or remove hazard tree

If a Council 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 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 as per Clause 4, 5 and 6 of the Code.
 - 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 data base,
- works are undertaken with regard to Regulation 9(3)(i) and Regulation 9(3)(j) of the Plan, and
- affected persons are notified as per Maribyrnong City Councils adopted practice.

As the asset owner of the trees covered under this plan, Maribyrnong City Council 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 of tree to comply with Standard

A responsible person 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)(j) and (k).

11 Cutting or removal of Indigenous or significant trees must be minimised

The Maribyrnong City Council provides contractors and staff with a list of trees designated as being Indigenous or having cultural or environmental significance, or that are listed within a planning scheme within the municipality and managed under this plan.

(3)(a) Indigenous to Victoria

Maribyrnong City Council has a mix of exotic, Indigenous and native tree species across the municipality.

There are no Indigenous remnant or forest vegetation that may need to be cut or removed to ensure compliance to the extent practicable with the 2020 Regulations.

All tree works conducted on Council owned and managed trees is required to be carried out by suitably qualified arborists and to meet the minimum standard required to comply with the Plan, as detailed in Clause's 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of the Code.

If the removal of any tree identified under Regulation 9(4)(h) 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, Maribyrnong City Council 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

Any works undertaken in relation to Council trees contained within any of the overlays of the Maribyrnong 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.

All tree works conducted on Council owned and managed trees is required to be carried out by suitably qualified arborists and to meet the minimum standard required to comply with the Plan, as detailed in Clause's 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of the Code.

If the removal of any tree identified under Regulation 9(4)(h) 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, Maribyrnong City Council will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

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

Maribyrnong City Council provides contractors and staff with a list of trees designated as having cultural or environmental significance within the municipality (*Appendix 3 – Trees listed with Victorian Planning Scheme or Victorian Heritage Database*). No trees within the city have been identified as having environmental significance.

All tree works conducted on Council owned and managed trees is required to be carried out by suitably qualified arborists and to meet the minimum standard required to comply with the Plan, as detailed in Clause's 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of the Code.

If the removal of any tree identified under Regulation 9(3)(h) 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, Maribyrnong City Council will consult with all relevant bodies and standards to ensure all organisational procedures are current.

12 Cutting or removal of habitat for threatened fauna

As per regulation 9(3)(iii) of the Plan Maribyrnong City Council is not currently aware of any threatened fauna which 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 tree data base. The assessment:
 - considers tree health, structure and potential risk,
 - considers the history, location and foreseeable local conditions, and
 - aim to identify if the fauna using the tree is a threatened species.
- Once identified the breeding season for the fauna using the tree will be determined. Resources such as http://www.swifft.net.au/cb_pages/bio-calendar.php may be used in the first instance,
- Specialist 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 Urban Forest for approval prior to commencing works,
- Where practicable works will be undertaken outside the breeding season, or
- Relocation of the fauna can be considered to make safe an unsafe situation as identified in Clause 8, or if it is not practical to undertake works outside of the breeding season.

As part of the preparation for the Plan, Maribyrnong City Council 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

As a responsible person who is exempt under Clause 16(2) and 17(2) of the Code no restriction applies.

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

Clause 16 is not applicable as the Maribyrnong City Council does not undertake works on trees:

- within private property
 - on land that is managed by a Council that is not the responsible person, or that affect an owner or occupiers use of private property
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17 Responsible person must publish notice before cutting or removing certain trees

The Maribyrnong City Council 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.

Notification methods will include:

- A written letter/notification card delivered to every resident affected. The letter is to be delivered by the contractor thirty (30) days prior to works commencing.
- Information regarding planned works will be published via Maribyrnong City Council website and social media networks at least two weeks prior to any cutting or removing works commencing.

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 Maribyrnong City Council 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 Maribyrnong City Council does not undertake works on trees:

- within private property
- on land that is managed by a Council that is not the responsible person.

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

Maribyrnong City Council 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
VicTrack	Pamela James	(03) 9619-8892	Pamela.James@victrack.com.au
Yarra Trams	Dean Edmond	(03) 9610-3308	Dean.Edmond@yarratrams.com.au
Zinfra	Will Few	0438-322-079	William.few@zinfra.com.au
Powercor	Jason Craig	0402-386-940	JCraig@powercor.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

23 Application for approval of alternative compliance mechanism.

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

23 Formal safety assessment of alternative compliance mechanism.

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

Signed:

Date:

Craig Medcalf - Manager Operations & Maintenance

Signed by:

Craig Medcalf

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Appendices

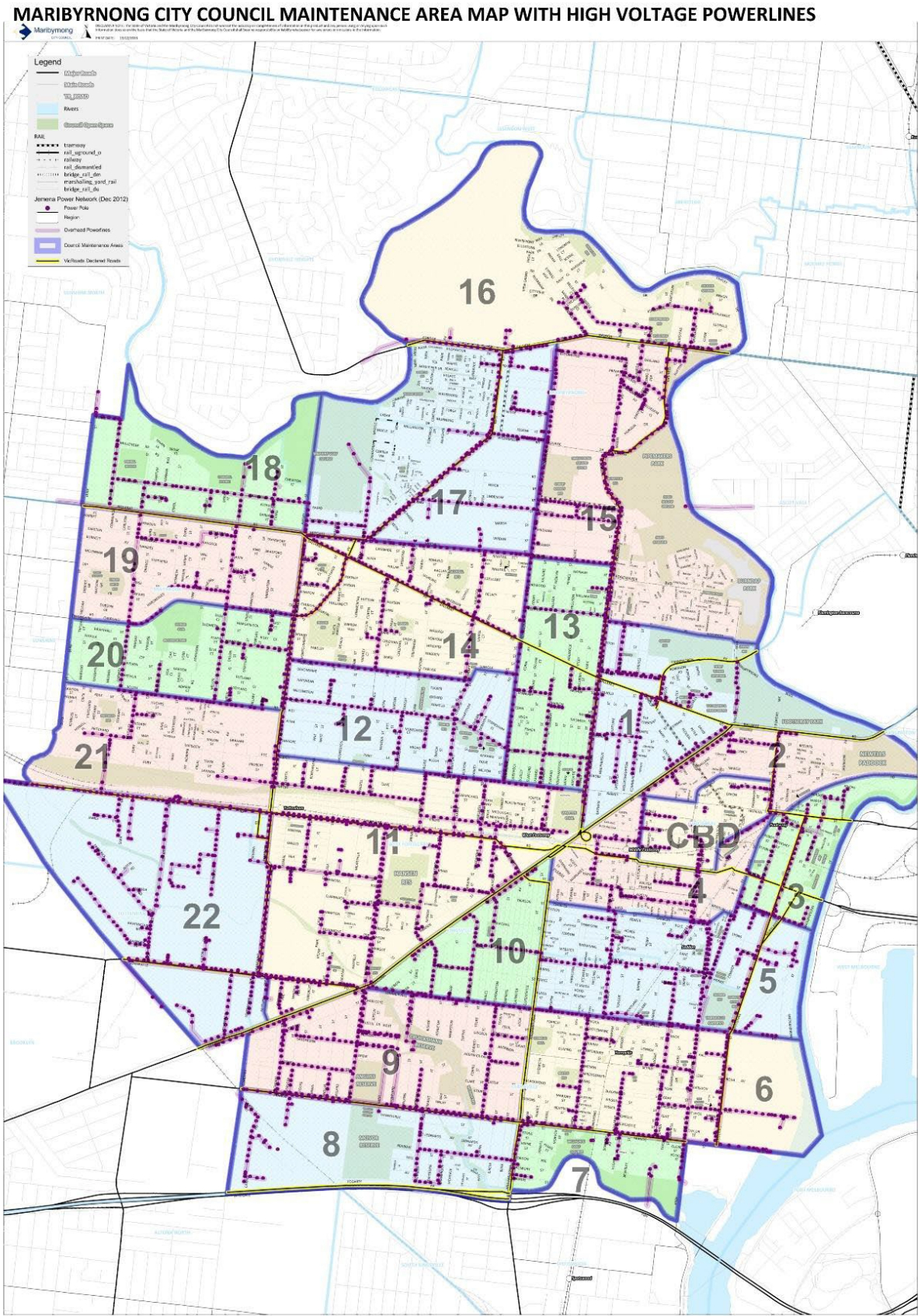
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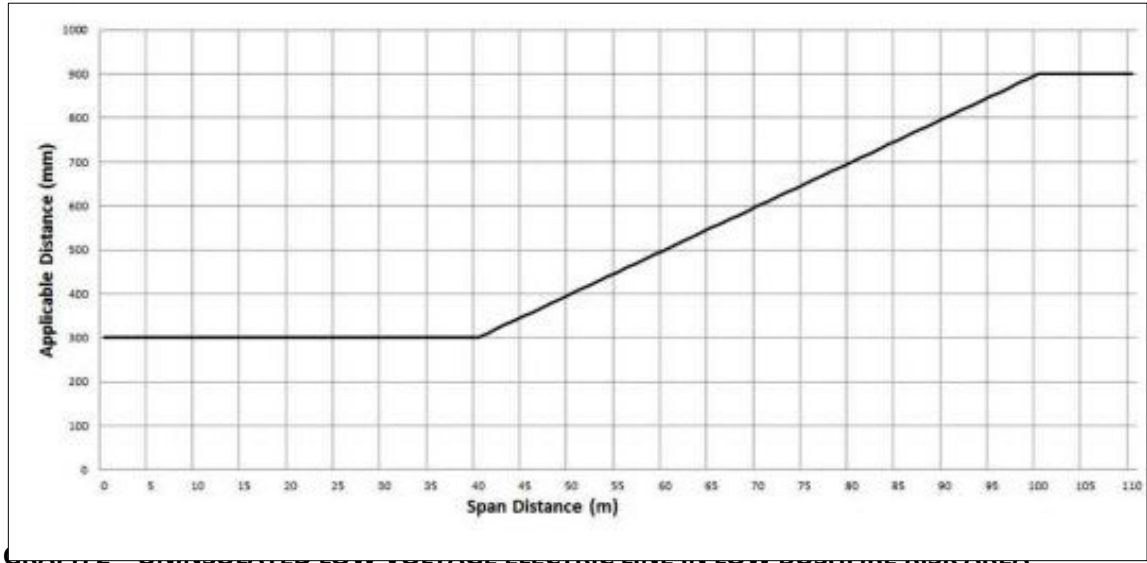
Appendix 3 – Trees listed with Victorian Planning Scheme or Victorian Heritage Database

Planning Scheme	Address	Suburb	Comments
HO88 Elm Street Tree Avenue	cnr 31-99 and 46-126 Ballarat Rd	Maidstone	28 Elm trees
HO94 Canary Island date palm row and Canary Island Pines	399-413 Barkly Street	Footscray	15 Canary Island date palms and three Canary Island Pine trees
HO98 Peppercorn trees	Railway Reserve Near Bellairs Avenue, Albert Street and at 7 Charles Street	Seddon	Peppercorn trees
HO105 Kurrajong Street Trees	Bloomfield Ave	Maribyrnong	25 Kurrajong trees
HO108 Elm and ash street tree avenue	Bunbury Street	Footscray	Elm and ash street tree avenue
HO110 Peppercorn trees, River Red Gums, Yellow Box (Eucalyptus melliodora) and Canary Island date palms in the Maribyrnong River Plantation	Chifley Drive	Maribyrnong	Peppercorn trees, River Red Gums, Yellow Box (Eucalyptus melliodora) and Canary Island date palms
HO153 Dale Stables and Peppercorn trees	35 Chifley Drive	Maribyrnong	Peppercorn tree
HO112 Washingtonia Palm	78 Cowper Street	Footscray	The Washingtonia Palm Tree
HO117 Johnson Reserve Canary Island date palm rows and oak	Essex Street	Maidstone	34 Canary Island date palm trees and one Oak Tree
HO121 Elm street trees	1 Fairlie Street	Seddon	two Elm street trees
HO122 Elm street tree	34A Fairlie Street	Yarraville	Elm street tree
HO123 Oak Street Tree avenue	Fehon Street	Yarraville	35 Oak trees
HO138 Yarraville Gardens (Specimen Trees)	139-147 Hyde Street	Yarraville	Yarraville Gardens (Specimen Trees)
HO139 Canary Island date palm rows, Elm and Moreton Bay fig	off Hyde St	Yarraville	18 Canary Island date palms, a Moreton Bay Fig and an Elm tree
HO140 Moreton Bay fig & Canary Island date palms in south Cuming Reserve	off Hyde Street	Yarraville	two Canary Island date palms and a Moreton Bay Fig
HO146 Angliss Stock Bridge, stock route and Cypress trees	Newells Paddock	Footscray	Cypress row
HO148 Plane Street tree and Elm Street tree	Near 286 and 288 Nicholson Street	Seddon	A Plane tree and an Elm tree
HO149 Plane Street Tree	Near 294 Nicholson Street	Seddon	the Plane tree
HO154 Sugar Gum and pepper trees Sandford Grove Reserve	Sandford Grove	Yarraville	three Pepper trees and one Sugar Gum in the reserve and three Pepper trees as street trees adjacent to the reserve
HO155 Plane Street Tree	Near 34 Somerville Road	Yarraville	the Plane tree
HO156 Plane Street Trees	Near 61, and 42- 64 Stephen St	Yarraville	six Plane trees
HO157 Elm & Plane Street Trees	Near 80, 82 and 83-93 Stephen St	Yarraville	A Plane and five Elm trees

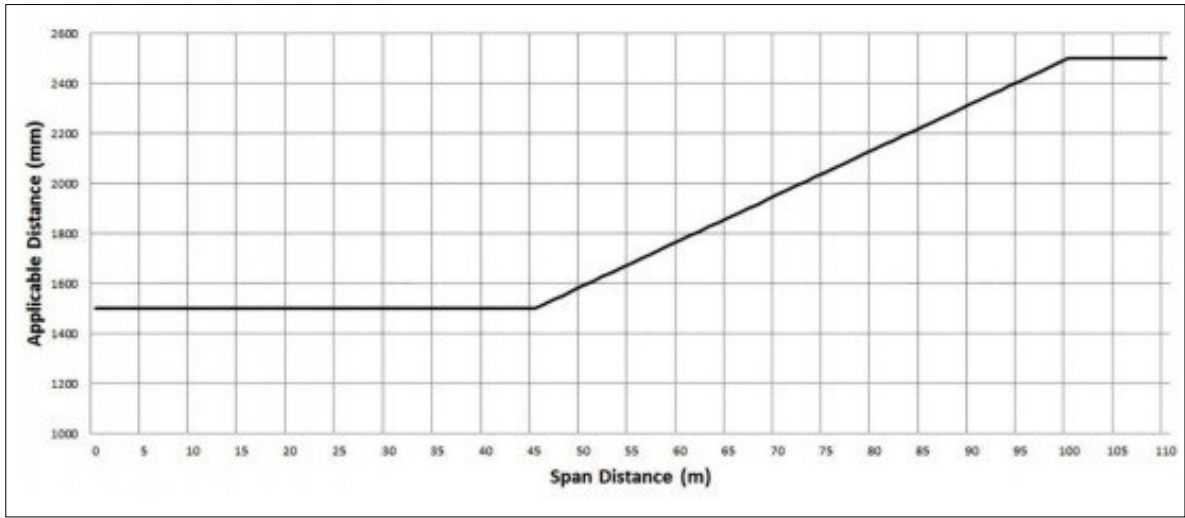
Appendix 4 – Tree maintenance zones



Appendix 5 – Applicable distance for middle two thirds of a span of an electric line
GRAPH 1—INSULATED ELECTRIC LINES IN ALL AREAS



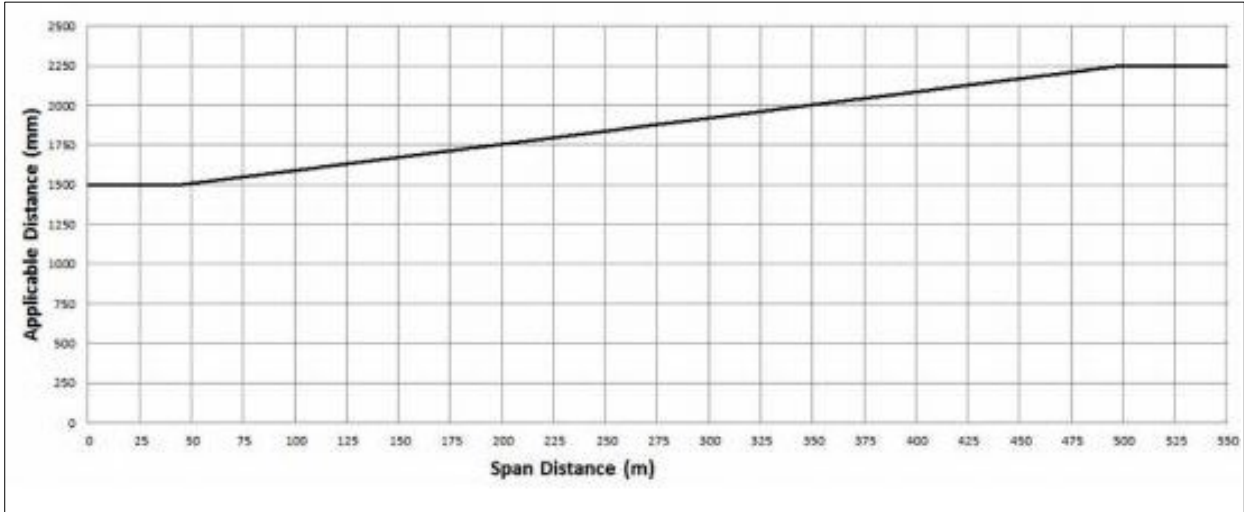
LOW BUSHFIRE RISK AREA



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



GRAPH 5—UNINSULATED LOW VOLTAGE AND HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC LINE (OTHER THAN A 66 000 VOLT ELECTRIC LINE) IN HAZARDOUS BUSHFIRE RISK AREA



Appendix 6 – Training Requirements

Role Title/Type	Responsibilities	Training Requirements
Chipper Operator	Responsible for the safe and efficient removal of arising's from tree maintenance activities associated with ELC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UET20312 – Certificate II ESI Powerline Vegetation Control • Current refresher training
Assistant Arborist / Grounds Person	Responsible for supporting ELC activities in relation to vegetation control around live electrical apparatus Includes EWP use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UET20312 – Certificate II ESI Powerline Vegetation Control • Current refresher training • UETTDRCV25A – Use elevated platform to cut vegetation above ground level near live electrical apparatus • UETTDRCV33A - Apply pruning techniques to vegetation control near live electrical apparatus
Arborist	Responsible for ELC activities in relation to vegetation control around live electrical apparatus. Includes EWP use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UET20312 – Certificate II ESI Powerline Vegetation Control • Current refresher training • UETTDRCV25A – Use elevated platform to cut vegetation above ground level near live electrical apparatus • UETTDRCV33A - Apply pruning techniques to vegetation control near live electrical apparatus
Supervisor	Responsible for the Supervision of ELC activities in relation to vegetation control around live electrical apparatus. Includes EWP use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate III in Arboriculture • UET20312 – Certificate II ESI Powerline Vegetation Control • Current refresher training • UETTDRCV25A – Use elevated platform to cut vegetation above ground level near live electrical apparatus • UETTDRCV33A - Apply pruning techniques to vegetation control near live electrical apparatus
Assessor/Tree Inspector	Responsible for ELC activities in relation to vegetation control around live electrical apparatus. Includes EWP use. Role includes the inspection & assessment of trees in relation to health, condition and the management of risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate V in Arboriculture • UET20312 – Certificate II ESI Powerline Vegetation Control • Current refresher training • UETTDRCV25A – Use elevated platform to cut vegetation above ground level near live electrical apparatus • UETTDRCV33A - Apply pruning techniques to vegetation control near live electrical apparatus

Amendment Table.

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Revision Type	Purpose	Page No.	Revision Details	Date
Deletion	Clarification	1	Removal of reference to <i>'preparation of plan before March 2021'</i> .	Dec 19
Addition	Clarification	7	Objectives updated to included <i>'ensure electrical safety'</i>	Dec 19
Addition	Improvement	10	Inclusion of notes; <i>'personnel engaged in Electrical Line Clearance activities will source applicable clearance distances from the relevant graphs and figures outlined in the Code, (Appendix 5)'</i> .	Dec 19
Addition	Improvement	12	Inclusion of notes; <i>'regular and planned meetings between Councils Senior Arborist, (or a delegated Council Officer), and the Network Operators, (DB's) will be scheduled for the months of April and September each year'</i> .	Dec 19
Addition	Clarification	15	Inclusion of notes; <i>'a zone completion quality audit is undertaken by a suitably experienced & qualified Arborist, (minimum Cert III Arboriculture who also holds UET20312 – Certificate II in ESI Powerlines Vegetation Control), of each completed zone to ensure compliance'</i>	Dec 19
Addition	Correction	15	Correction to; <i>The Electric Safety, (Electric Line Clearance), Regulations 2009,</i>	Dec 19
Addition	Correction	16	Update of requirements for qualification; <i>All operators must hold UET20312 - Certificate II in ESI in Powerline Vegetation Control</i>	Dec 19
Addition	Clarification	16	Update of requirements for qualification; <i>Holders of UET20312 - Certificate II in ESI in Powerline Vegetation Control are required to also hold the relative modules for the various work roles such as UETDRVC25A - Use elevated platform to cut vegetation above ground level near live electrical apparatus, UETCDRC33A - Apply pruning techniques to vegetation control near live electrical apparatus, UETDREL14A - Working safely near live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker, etc, etc.</i>	Dec 19
Addition	Improvement	17	Addition of text and example of advert; <i>Council will notify the Community of its intention to cut trees through an advert to be published in the locality of the land in which the tree is to be cut or removed. The advert will be placed one month before cutting is programmed to start.</i>	Dec 19
Replacement	Correction	V	Modify various instances of the term <i>exemption</i> , replacing with the term <i>exception</i> .	Dec 19
Addition	Correction	21	Correction relating to regulation numbering; <i>works are undertaken with regard to Regulation 9(3)(i) and Regulation 9(3)(j) of the Plan</i>	Dec 19
Addition	Correction	24	Correction of text; <i>Responsible person <u>must publish notice</u> before cutting or removing certain trees</i>	Dec 19

Addition	Improvement	32	Addition of Training Requirements Table	Dec 19
Addition	Improvement	33	Addition of an amendment table	Dec 19
Addition	Update	10	Update to the 'Cyclic Tree Pruning Program'	Sept 20
Addition	Improvement	10	Addition of commentary around increased pruning frequency for Gleditsia's.	Sept 20
Addition	Improvement	5	New 2020 definition – added in definition of 'cut' to distinguish from tree removal.	March 2020
Replacement	Correction	V	Updated occurrences of 'Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2015' to refer to <i>Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020</i> .	March 2020
Replacement	Correction	6-17	Correction relating to numbering for preparation of the management plan – changed from 'Regulation 9(3)' to <i>Regulation 9(4)</i> . Subsequent numbering updated accordingly.	March 2020
Addition	Improvement	7	New 2020 objective - <i>to protect the health of trees that require cutting</i> .	March 2020
Addition	Improvement	8	New 2020 requirement - Regulation 9(g) - <i>Any hazardous bushfire risk areas and low bushfire risk areas in the land referred to in paragraph (f)</i> .	March 2020
Replacement	Improvement	8	Modified 2020 requirement - Updated Regulation 9(h)(i) title and paragraph from 'Native' to refer to trees ' <i>Indigenous to Victoria</i> '.	March 2020
Replacement	Correction	9-11	Updated Table numbering.	March 2020
Replacement	Simplification	V	Updated various references to suitability qualified and experienced arborist – to <i>suitably qualified arborist</i> as per definitions.	March 2020
Replacement	Simplification	12 & 18	Modified 2020 requirements – Regulation 9(j)(ii) and 9(4) re cable swag/sway combined.	March 2020
Deletion	Improvement	V	Modified 2020 requirement - Removed reference to 'Horticulture' from qualifications.	March 2020
Deletion	Simplification	15	Removed reference to minimum Cert III Arboriculture – this is dealt with under definition of <i>suitably qualified arborist</i>	March 2020
Replacement	Correction	15	Updated title and reference in 9(4)(p) from 'Electricity Safety (Installation) Regulations 2009' to <i>Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019</i> .	March 2020
Replacement	Clarification	16	Updated from 'Arborist / Grounds Person' to <i>Arborist Assistant / Grounds Person</i> to align with Training Register. Added in reference adjacent to Arboricultural Inspector - <i>i.e. a suitably qualified arborist</i> .	March 2020
Replacement	Improvement	17	Modified 2020 requirement – removed requirement/references of notification via newspaper and replaced with notification via website and social media networks.	March 2020
Addition	Improvement	17	New 2020 requirement - Added in reference to Regulation 9(4)(s) – regarding exemptions under Regulation 11.	March 2020
Deletion	Simplification	18	Modified 2020 requirement - deleted requirement for physical copy of management plan.	March 2020
Replacement	Correction	V	Updated numbering and numbering references throughout document.	March 2020
Addition	Improvement	19	Modified / new 2020 requirement - Schedule 1, Clause 4 – in specified situations >40m and <40m.	March 2020
Replacement	Correction	19	Schedule 1, Clause 5 – Replaced references to 'structural' with <i>small</i> branches.	March 2020
Addition	Correction	19	Schedule 1, Clause 6 - Added section/process for <i>minimum clearance space for small branches growing under uninsulated low voltage electric lines in low bushfire risk areas</i> .	March 2020

Addition	Correction	21	Schedule 1, Clause 10 - Added in heading <i>Cutting of tree to comply with Standard.</i>	March 2020
Replacement	Improvement	21	Modified 2020 requirement - Schedule 1, Clause 11 – changed reference from ‘specified’ to <i>Indigenous or significant</i> and updated paragraph.	March 2020
Addition	Correction	22	Schedule 1, Clause 11, 3(c) - Added in missing word <i>environmental</i> from within text.	March 2020
Replacement	Correction	23	Schedule 1, Clause 15 – Updated heading from ‘cutting’ to <i>removal</i> .	March 2020
Addition/ Deletion	Improvement	23	Modified 2020 requirement - Schedule 1, Clause 17 - deleted requirement for notification via newspapers.	March 2020
Deletion	Simplification	24	Modified 2020 requirement - deleted <i>Dispute resolution</i> .	March 2020
Addition	Improvement	24	Schedule 1, Clause 19 – updated text for clarity – notifications for urgent works not required if <i>within private property, or land that is managed by a Council that is not the responsible person</i> .	March 2020
Addition/ Deletions	Review of document	Various	Various changes/insertions/deletions/simplifications & clarifications made during a comprehensive review of the plan to reflect changes in the Electrical Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020.	March 2021
Addition/ Deletions	Review of document	2,3 and 4	Format and layout changes to the Table of Content during a comprehensive review of the Plan in preparation for approval.	March 2024
Update	Update	10	Update of the zone maintenance program to reflect the year ahead and Contract Schedule.	March 2024
Update	Contact details	24	Update details of liaison officer for Powercor. From Leo Hourigan to Jason Craig.	March 2024
Update	Update	All	Date change on title page and footers.	February 2025
Replacement	Correction	18	Insertion of the correct URL link to published ELCMP	February 2025
Update	Update	10	Update of the zone maintenance program to reflect the year ahead and Contract Schedule.	February 2025