

Attachment 1

Draft Classified Tree Selection Criteria

The following draft tree selection criteria has been prepared in consultation with Council's Landscape Assessment Officer. It has been adapted from a process used by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) to determine "Classified" status. Each criterion will affect the overall 'score' of a tree and will lead to a 'threshold Classified tree score'. It follows that the Classified Tree Register will be a dynamic one, with the listed trees changing over time.

Positive Attributes

1. **Horticultural Value** - A tree that is of outstanding horticultural or genetic value.
2. **Location or context** - A tree that occurs in a unique location or context and so provides a major contribution to the landscape.
3. **Rare or localized** - A tree of a species or variety that is rare or of very localised distribution.
4. **Particularly old or venerable**
5. **Outstanding size** - A tree outstanding for its large height, trunk circumference or canopy.
6. **Aesthetic value** - A tree of outstanding aesthetic significance.
7. **Aboriginal content** - A tree that has a recognised association with historic aboriginal activities, including scar trees.
8. **Outstanding example of species**
9. **Outstanding habitat value** - A tree that has outstanding value as habitat for indigenous wildlife, including providing breeding, foraging or roosting habitat, or forming a key part of a wildlife corridor.
10. **Potential significant vegetation to the City of Glen Eira** - ie. Remnant Eucalyptus camaldulensis (River Red Gums) or other indigenous vegetation community.

Negative Attributes

1. **Impact on Resident** - A tree which significantly impacts the resident's quality of life.
2. **Safety/Damage Risk** - A tree which presents an unreasonable risk to persons or property including Glen Eira assets and infrastructure.
3. **Inappropriate Location** - A tree which is located within an easement, in close proximity to power lines, a tree which will require significant and ongoing pruning that may impact form and aesthetics.
4. **Health** - A tree whose health is poor, or one close to the end of its lifespan.