

# ADVERTISED PLAN



To whom it may concern;

**Date:** December 11, 2025

**Subject:** Justification for Removal of Trees 7, 8, and 9 for Site Development

It is acknowledged that the trees designated as Tree 7, Tree 8, and Tree 9 meet the dimensional criteria to be classified as 'Canopy Trees' under Clause 52.37 of the Planning Scheme. Consequently, a planning permit is required to lawfully prune or remove these specimens.

This letter provides the necessary arboricultural justification supporting the proposed removal of these trees as an essential element of the site's long-term development and landscape plan.

While these trees are not declared Noxious Weeds, they are formally identified as Environmental Weed Species and are listed on the official City of Greater Geelong Environmental Weeds List.

The retention of these specific specimens is demonstrably detrimental to the overarching environmental objectives for the site, as detailed below:

- **Ecological conflict:** The continued presence of these environmental weeds conflicts directly with the goal of improving the site's biodiversity and ecological integrity. They pose a significant, ongoing risk of spreading invasive seed material into retained native vegetation areas and the broader landscape. They actively compete with and suppress the growth of desirable, species.
- **Low amenity value:** Due to their undesirable classification and invasive potential, Trees 7, 8, and 9 are designated as low-value specimens that contribute minimal long-term aesthetic, ecological, or structural value to the site.

Formal approval for the removal of Tree 7, Tree 8, and Tree 9 is sought as an integral and necessary component of the proposed site development works. Their removal will:

1. Facilitate the safe and efficient execution of critical construction activities.
2. Allow for the future reinstatement of the landscape with appropriate, non-invasive, and high-value endemic vegetation, ensuring a net environmental benefit for the site.

We request that the Planning Authority approve the removal of these three specimens as justified by this arboricultural assessment.

Regards,

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