

WGTP - Consolidated Table of All comments received - UF Series [\[Reference Note: New EPR - Urban Forestry - inserted by City of Melbourne.\]](#)

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<a href="#">UF1</a>	<p><b><u>Tree retention, protection and replacement</u></b>  <u>During detailed design, undertake arboricultural assessments, to the satisfaction of the relevant council, to review any potential tree impacts and achieve the maximum possible tree retention on both public and private land, including the retention of all valuable habitat linkages or corridors where practicable, as well as the long-term viability of plantings.</u>  <u>Prior to commencement of all works, develop (in consultation with the relevant local council) and implement a Tree Protection Management Plan or Plans in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites. The Tree Protection Management Plan(s) must respond to the detailed design and construction methodology of the Project and identify all trees in the Project Area, including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Trees to be removed or retained.</u></li> <li>- <u>Condition and significance of the trees to be removed.</u></li> </ul> <p><u>The Tree Protection Management Plan must ensure that trees proposed to be retained are adequately protected from the impact of construction or related activities.</u>  <u>The Tree Protection Management Plan must include a tree removal protocol established in consultation with relevant councils and other stakeholders which includes a process by which Project Co obtains approval for removal of any tree prior to works commencing, in accordance with relevant Council policies. Tree removal and replacement will only be appropriate when all options to retain a tree (including through changes to project design) have been exhausted.</u></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<a href="#">UF2</a>	<p><b><u>Reinstatement soil of appropriate quality and sufficient volumes</u></b>  <u>Reinstate quality soils to sufficient volumes to support long term viable growth of replacement trees. Ensure ongoing supply of water to tree root zones, especially during their establishment stage. Employ water sensitive urban design principles (WSUD) where possible.</u></p>	<p>N/A</p>

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	<p><a href="#">Temporary work sites must be reinstated to ensure suitable growing conditions for the long term viability of replacement trees and other vegetation. Reinstatement must include soil amelioration works.</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">UF3</a></p>	<p><b><a href="#">Tree Replacement</a></b>  <a href="#">Prior to commencement of all works, develop and implement a Tree Replacement Strategy to the satisfaction of the relevant local Councils, which must result in replacement tree planting within the project area within each municipality which:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Achieves a ratio of 3:1 replacement trees for each tree removed. The ratio must be achieved in the project area in each municipality as well as across the project area as a whole. Trees must be planted as soon as practicable but no later than one year after completion of a relevant work package of the project.</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Results in canopy cover by 2040 of at least 40% of the project area within each municipality.</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">If either of these requirements cannot be met within the project area in the City of Melbourne, then the requirements of the City of Melbourne's Tree Retention and Removal Policy (2012) must be met</a>  <a href="#">Also, where a tree is removed, it should be replaced by three trees. These trees are defined in this EPR as Replacement Trees. They must reach equivalent mature canopy cover by 2040 and be selected and planted to the satisfaction of the local council. For any Replacement Trees which are not able to be planted to the satisfaction of the local council, compensation should be calculated and provided according to City of Melbourne's Tree Retention and Removal Policy (2012).</a></p> <p><a href="#">The location of replacement trees and canopy cover outcomes should be targeted at the areas where trees have been removed (for the project) and where Urban Heat Island mapping indicates localized hotspots.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Tree replacement must be consistent with the following documents:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">The City of Melbourne's Tree Retention and Removal Policy (2012)</a></li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">The City of Melbourne's Urban Forest Strategy, 2014</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">The City of Melbourne's Urban Forest Precinct Plans</a>.</li> <li>- <a href="#">The City of Melbourne's Nature in the City Strategy, 2017</a></li> </ul>	
UF4	<p><b><u>Bank guarantee or bond</u></b>  <u>For City of Melbourne trees that are to be retained and protected, a bank guarantee or bond of the trees' value must be provided to City of Melbourne and will be held by City of Melbourne against the approved Tree Protection Management Plan for the duration of the works in accordance with the City of Melbourne Tree Retention and Removal Policy (2012).</u></p>	N/A