Presented to	Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 21 April 2026
Related to Item	Item CD26/62 John Connell Reserve Field Extension
Submitted by	Director Environment and Infrastructure
Attachments	Nil

The information provided below is intended to provide additional officer advice in relation to the questions asked by Cr G Panayotou:

Question 1

> The report includes an assessment of the potential for transplanting selected trees and significant vegetation, including grass trees.
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> There appears to be suitable space further east where vegetation is relatively sparse. Noting that transplanting has limitations, there is established practice for relocating grass trees and native vegetation where appropriate.
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> What is the estimated cost of such transplanting?

Response

The area to be cleared contains several native plants, there are approximately 209 “trees” within the clearing footprint. We are of the opinion that a small portion of the vegetation present is considered viable for relocation. The large native trees are not recommended for relocation due to low survival rates and high costs associated with the transplant. In addition, in this case the time required to prepare the large trees for transplanting may not meet the clearing permit timeframes.

Key Points

- Grass trees (Xanthorrhoea spp.) represent the primary and most viable salvage opportunity, with 46 plants identified.
- Zamias (Macrozamia spp.) are also suitable for relocation, with 5 plants identified.

Indicative costs for the salvage, holding, reinstallation and establishment of the Grass Trees ranges from $41,000 to $93,000, depending on holding duration and maintenance requirements. Estimated costs for the Zamia salvage is $1,000–$3,000 per plant.

The proposed planting area to the east of the clearing site is located on contaminated land and may be subject to future development, making it unsuitable for long term planting at this time. If this proposal was to be progressed it is recommended that the salvaged plants be bagged and transferred to an appropriate nursery facility and then progressively utilised across landscape projects in the City.