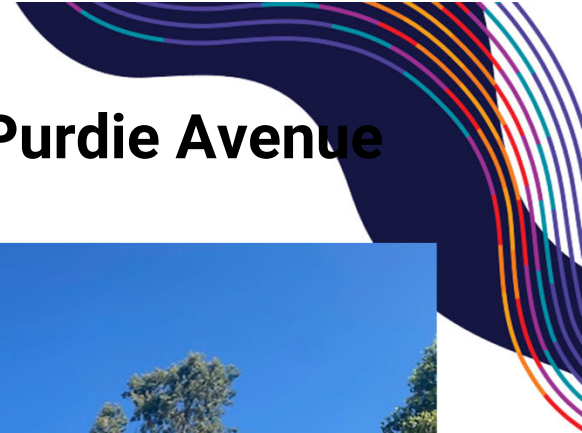


# **Officer Deputation**

Item E23/23 Request to Remove Street Tree at 25 Purdie Avenue, Ardross

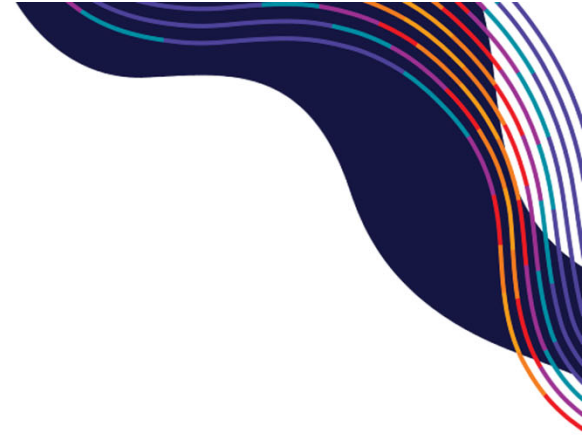
**Mr M McCarthy, Director Environment & Infrastructure**

# E23/23 - Request To Remove Street Tree at 25 Purdie Avenue Ardross



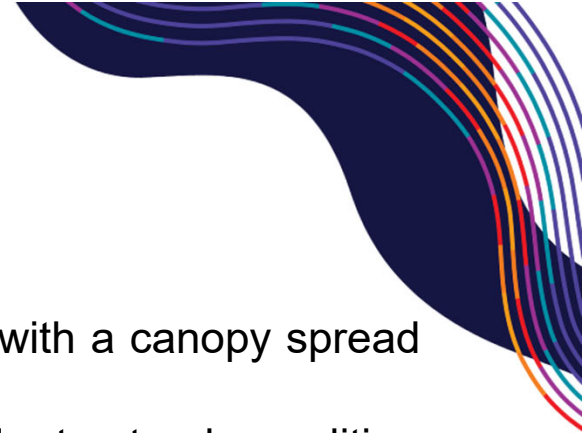
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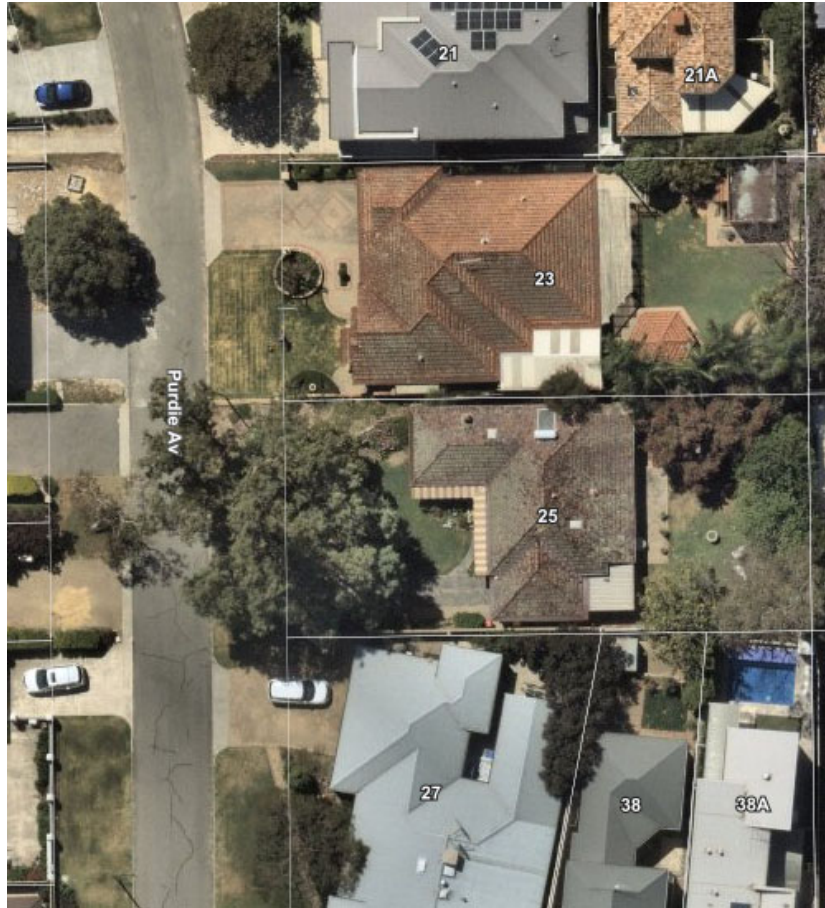
- Environmental Policy CP-030
- Tree Policy CP-029
- Urban Forest and Green Space Policy CP-102
- Urban Forest Strategic Plan



# Tree Health and Condition

- Most recent independent inspection - August 2023
- Mature *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (River Red Gum) - height 21.8m with a canopy spread of up to 15.0m
- Health status – tree in good health and predominantly sound structural condition (substantially unchanged since 2021 and 2022 inspections)
- Tree age and longevity – estimated between 30 – 40 years mature and likely to live for another 40 years or so in structurally sound condition
- Tree provides aesthetic, environmental and amenity value to the streetscape, with no arboricultural justification for tree removal or reduction pruning, at this time
- City guided by Arboriculture Report Recommendations
  - Continue to inspect this tree on an annual basis
  - Undertake aerial inspection every 2 – 3 years to monitor the condition of major forks





## Community Consultation and Feedback

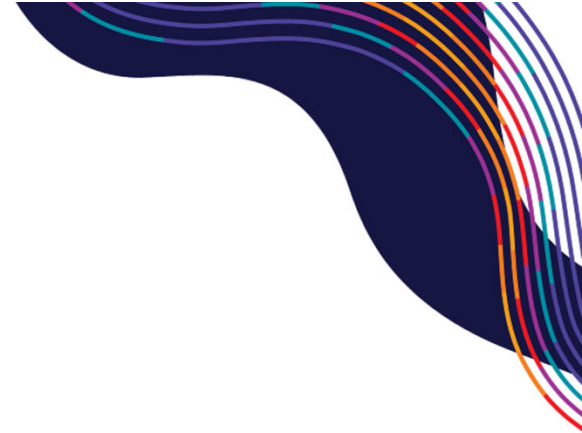
- 120 letters were sent to properties in close proximity
- 47 responses received by the City
  - 23 respondents agreed to the tree removal request
  - 24 respondents did not agree to the tree removal request



## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Not support the request for the removal and replacement of the Eucalyptus camaldulensis (River Red Gum) verge tree at 25 Purdie Avenue, Ardross; and**
- 2. Request the CEO to advise the applicant of the Council decision.**



***Thank you and Questions***

