

Appendix 4: Plates



Plate 1: Showing Trees 1 & 2



Plate 2: Showing Trees 3-5

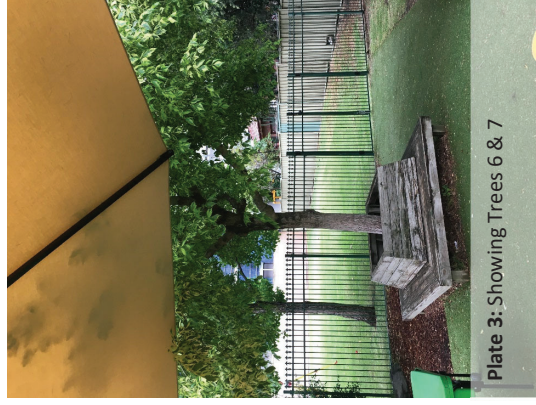


Plate 3: Showing Trees 6 & 7



Plate 4: Showing Tree 8 (background) and Tree D



Plate 5: Showing Trees 9-12



Plate 6: Showing Trees 14 & 15



Plate 7: Showing Trees A & B

Appendix 5: Tree Protection Specification

1.0 Appointment of Project Arborist

A Project Arborist shall be engaged prior the commencement of work on-site and monitor compliance with the protection measures. The Project Arborist shall inspect the tree protection measures and Compliance Certification shall be prepared by the Project Arborist for review by the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the release of the Compliance Certificate.

The Project Arborist shall have a minimum qualification equivalent (using the Australian Qualifications Framework) of NSW TAFE Certificate Level 5 or above in Arboriculture.

1.1 Compliance

Contractors and site workers shall receive a copy of these specifications a minimum of 3 working days prior to commencing work on-site. Contractors and site workers undertaking works within the Tree Protection Zone shall sign the site log confirming they have read and understand these specifications, prior to undertaking works on-site.

The Project Arborist shall undertake regular site inspections and certify that the works are being undertaken in accordance with this specification.

Compliance Documentation shall be prepared by the Project Arborist following each site inspection. The Compliance Documentation shall include documentary evidence of compliance with the tree protection measures and methods as outlined within this Specification. Upon the completion of the works, a final assessment of the trees shall be undertaken by the Project Arborist and future recommended management strategies implemented as required.

1.2 Tree & Vegetation Removal

The trees to be removed shall be removed prior to the establishment of the tree protection measures. Tree removal works shall be undertaken in accordance with the *Safe Work Australia Guide for Managing Risks of Tree Trimming and Removal Work (2016)*.

Tree and vegetation removal shall not damage the trees to be retained.

1.3 Tree Protection Zone

The trees to be retained shall be protected prior and during construction from activities that may result in an adverse effect on their health or structural condition. The area within the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) shall exclude the following activities, unless otherwise stated:

- Modification of existing soil levels, excavations, trenching or movement of rock
- Mechanical removal of vegetation
- Storage of materials, plant or equipment or erection of site sheds
- Affixing of signage or hoarding to the trees
- Preparation of building materials, refueling or disposal of waste materials and chemicals
- Lighting fires
- Movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic
- Temporary or permanent location of services, or the works required for their installation
- Any other activities that may cause damage to the tree

NOTE: If access, encroachment or incursion into the TPZ is deemed essential, prior authorisation is required by the Project Arborist.

1.4 Tree Protection Fencing

TPZ fencing shall be installed at the perimeter of the TPZ for Tree 1. Fencing set back distances may be reduced for development access and ground protection installed in unfenced areas of the TPZ. The exact location of the fencing shall be confirmed through consultation between the Head Contractor/Project Manager and the Project Arborist prior to the commencement of works. Fencing may be setback to allow for demolition/construction access and for the installation of pavements only where appropriate ground protection is installed and approved by the Project Arborist.

As a minimum, the Tree Protection Fence shall consist of 1.8m high wire mesh panels supported by concrete feet. Panels shall be fastened together and supported to prevent sideways movement. The tree shall not be damaged during the installation of the Tree Protection Fencing. Refer to Typical Tree Protection Details (3) (**Appendix 6**).

1.5 Site Management

Materials, waste storage, and temporary services shall not be located within the TPZ.

1.6 Scaffolding

Where possible, scaffolding shall not be located within the TPZ. Scaffolding shall not be in contact with the tree. As necessary, this shall be achieved by erecting scaffolding around branches. Branches shall be tied back and protected as deemed necessary by the Project Arborist. Refer to Typical Tree Protection Details (5) (**Appendix 6**).

1.7 Works within the Tree Protection Zones

In some cases works within the TPZ may be authorized by the determining authority. **These works shall be supervised by the Project Arborist.** When undertaking works within the TPZ, care should be taken to avoid damage to the tree's root system, trunks and lower branches.

If roots (>25mm \varnothing) are encountered during the demolition, excavation and construction works, these roots must be retained in an undamaged condition and advice sought from the Project Arborist. Adjustment of final levels and design shall remain flexible to enable the retention of roots (>25mm \varnothing) where deemed necessary by the Project Arborist.

1.8 Ground Protection

Where deemed necessary by the Project Arborist, machinery movements shall be restricted to areas of existing pavement or from areas of temporary ground protection such as ground mats or steel road plates. Refer to Typical Tree Protection Details (3) (**Appendix 6**).

1.9 Trunk Protection

Trunk protection shall be installed onto Trees A and B. Trunk protection shall be installed by wrapping padding (either carpet underlay or 10mm thick jute geotextile mat) around the trunk and first order branches to a minimum height of 2m. Timber battens (90 x 45mm) spaced at 150mm centres shall be strapped together and placed over the padding. Timber battens must not be fixed to the trees. Refer to Typical Tree Protection Details (3) (**Appendix 6**).

Branch protection shall be installed as deemed necessary by the Project Arborist.

1.10 Structure & Pavement Demolition

Demolition of existing structures/pavement within the TPZ shall be supervised by the Project Arborist. Machinery is to be excluded from the TPZ unless operating from the existing slabs, pavements or areas of ground protection (refer to Section 1.8). Machinery should not contact the tree's roots, trunk, branches and crown.

The existing pavement shall be carefully lifted to minimise damage to the existing sub-base and to prevent damage to tree roots. Wherever possible, the existing sub-base material shall remain in-situ. Machinery shall work backwards out of the TPZ to ensure machinery remains on un-demolished sections of pavement at all times.

Structures below grade shall be retained to minimise disturbance to the tree's roots. Where this is not possible structures shall be shattered prior to removal with a hand-operated pneumatic/electric breaker. Where the Project Arborist determines that the tree is using underground elements (i.e footings, pipes, rocks etc.) for support, these structures shall be left in-situ.

If roots (>25mm \varnothing) are encountered during the demolition works, these roots must be retained in an undamaged condition and advice sought from the Project Arborist. Exposed roots shall be protected from direct sunlight, drying out and extremes of temperature by covering with a 10mm thick jute geotextile fabric. The geotextile fabric shall be kept in a damp condition at all times.

1.11 Pavement Installation

New pavements (including sub-base materials) within TPZ areas shall be installed above or at existing grade and utilise existing sub-base layers where possible. Pavement sub-base layers shall either be thinned or finished pavement levels/kerbs modified as required to enable the retention of roots (>25mmØ) as deemed necessary by the Project Arborist.

1.12 Footings within the TPZ

Footings within TPZ areas shall be supervised by the Project Arborist. Other than for the isolated piers/posts/pegs, all other parts of the structure shall be installed above grade.

Drilling/piling machinery shall be excluded from the TPZ unless operating from an area where ground protection has been installed (refer to Section 1.7) or from the existing slabs or pavements. Drilling/piling machinery shall be of a suitable size to not damage the trees' roots, trunk, branches and crown. No clearance pruning is permitted to allow for machinery access. Machinery shall work in conjunction with an observer to ensure that adequate clearance from trees is maintained at all times.

1.13 Underground Services

Underground service installation within the TPZ shall be supervised by the Project Arborist.

The installation of underground services shall be located outside of the TPZ. Where this is not possible, they shall be installed using tree sensitive excavation methods (hand/hydrovac/airspade) with the services installed around/below roots (>25mmØ, or as determined by the Project Arborist). Excavation using compact machinery fitted with a flat bladed bucket is permissible where approved by the Project Arborist. Excavation using compact machinery should be undertaken in small increments, guided by a spotter who is to look for and prevent damage to roots (>25mmØ).

Alternatively, boring methods may be used for underground service installation where the installation depth is greater than 1500mm below existing grade. Excavations for starting and receiving pits for boring equipment shall be located outside of the TPZ or located to avoid roots (>25mmØ, or as determined by the Project Arborist).

1.14 Excavations, Root Protection & Root Pruning

All excavation works (including root investigations) within TPZ areas shall be supervised by the Project Arborist and utilise tree sensitive methods (hand/hydrovac/airspade). Excavation using compact machinery fitted with a flat bladed bucket is permissible where approved by the Project Arborist. Excavation using compact machinery should be undertaken in small increments, guided by a spotter who is to look for and prevent damage to roots (>25mmØ).

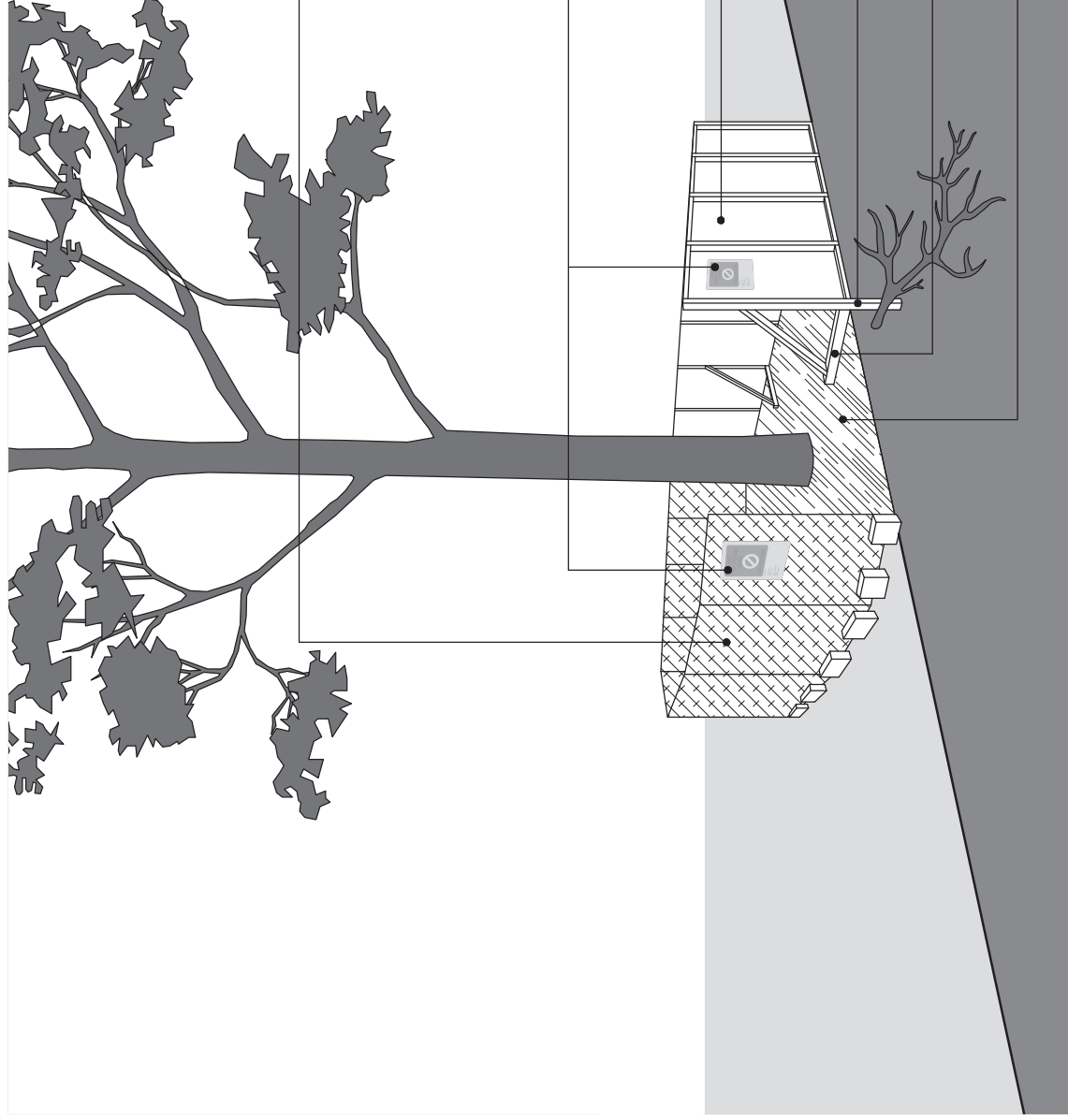
Exposed roots shall be protected from direct sunlight, drying out and extremes of temperature by covering with a 10mm thick jute mat, followed by a layer of plastic membrane. Coverings shall be weighted to secure them in place. The mat shall be kept in a damp condition at all times.

No over-excavation, battering or benching shall be undertaken beyond the footprint of any structure unless approved by the Project Arborist. Tree sensitive excavation and root pruning shall be undertaken along the excavation line prior to the commencement of mechanical excavation to prevent tearing and shattering damage to the roots from excavation equipment.

Roots (>25mmØ) shall be pruned by the Project Arborist only. Roots (<25mmØ) may be pruned by the Principal Contractor. Root pruning shall be undertaken with clean, sharp secateurs or a pruning saw to ensure a smooth wound face, free from tears. Damaged roots shall be pruned behind the damaged tissues with the final cut made to an undamaged part of the root.

1.15 Plant Installation

Plant installation within the TPZ shall be undertaken using hand tools and roots (>25mmØ) shall be protected. Mechanical augers shall not be used. No mechanical cultivation/ripping of soils shall be undertaken within the TPZ.



Note:
No excavation, construction activity, grade changes, surface treatment or storage of materials of any kind is permitted within the TPZ.

Option 1 - Fencing
1.8m high chain wire mesh panels with shade cloth attached (if required), held in place with concrete feet.

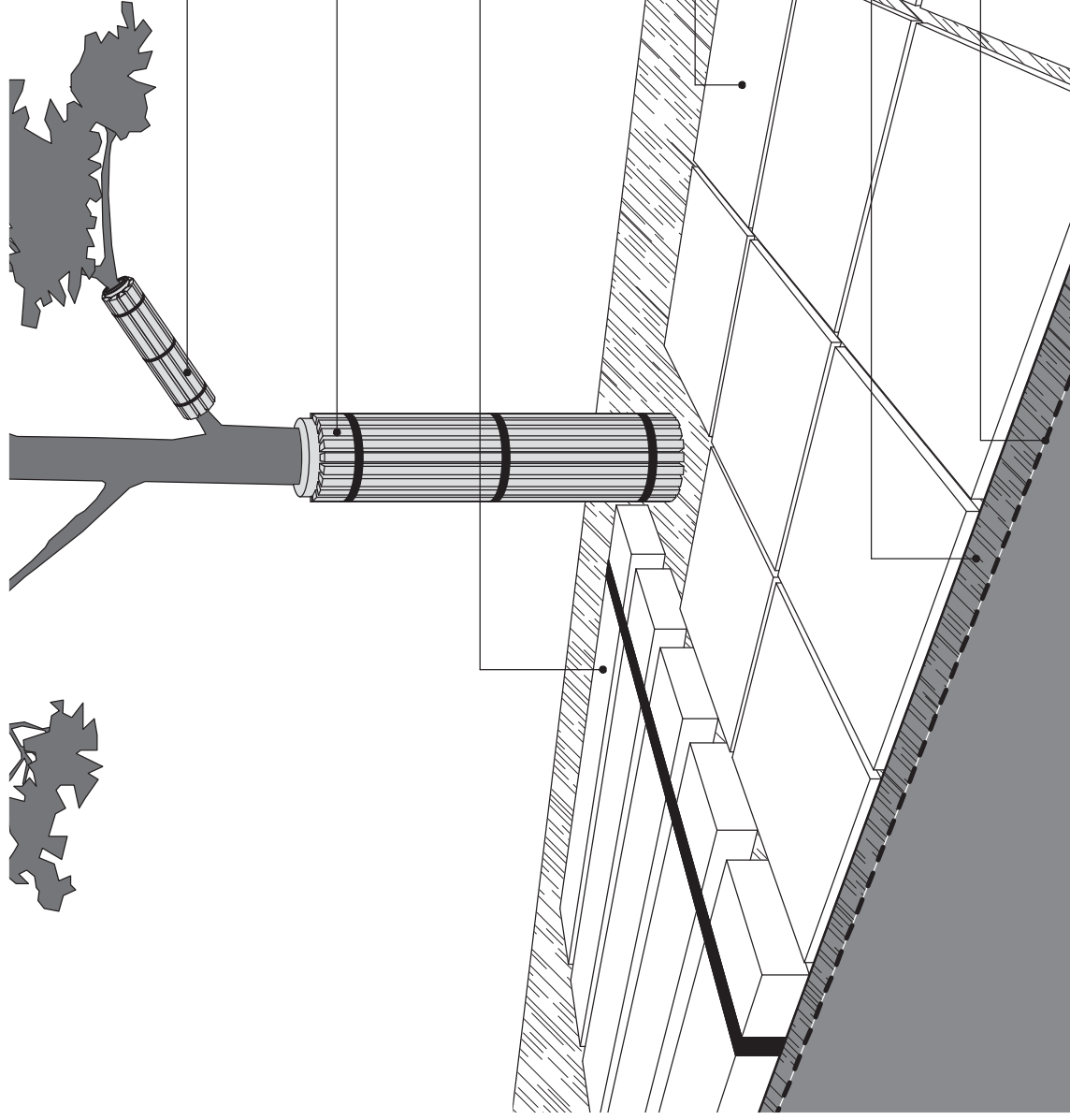
Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) sign

Option 2 - Fencing
Plywood or wooden panel paling fence. This type of fencing material also prevents building materials or soil entering the TPZ.

Installation of supports should avoid damaging roots.

Bracing is permissible within the TPZ.

Maximum 100mm and minimum 50mm depth mulch or aggregate layer installed across surface of TPZ.



Branch Protection - use boards and padding to prevent damage to bark on branch. Boards are to be strapped, not screwed or nailed to the branch.

Trunk Protection - use boards and padding to prevent damage to bark (minimum 2m). Boards are to be strapped, not screwed or nailed to the trunk.

Ground Protection - use device strapped over mulch or aggregate layer. Ground protection device should be of a suitable thickness to prevent soil compaction and root damage.

Steel plates (or approved equivalent) with or without mulch or aggregate layer below.

Maximum 100mm and minimum 50mm depth mulch or aggregate layer.

Geotextile fabric underneath mulch or aggregate layer.

