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1 Purpose of this Information Bulletin

To alert industry representatives on changes to developer contributed street trees for residential estates and Minor Works Applications.

2 Details

In the past, Council has accepted payment in lieu of street tree planting as part of the development of many residential estates. Once the relevant stage had reached 80% build out, Council would undertake the planting. Upon review, it has been recommended that Council no longer accept payment in lieu of street tree planting, and this be undertaken by the developer as per any other asset needing to be delivered.

Where payment has already been made and planting is yet to occur, Council will continue to carry this out as per the agreement with notification provided to the developer and effected residents.

With respect to Minor Works Applications, Council has permitted the replacement of ad-hoc street trees by private contractors. The outcome of this has not seen the replacement street tree being delivered of a quality expected by the community. In response, where an Applicant is seeking the removal and replacement of a street tree, the replacement of this will be undertaken by Council at the Applicants cost per the Fees and Charges Schedule relevant at the time of application.

Further information can be found on Council's website [here](#).

3 Date of Effect

1 September 2023.

4 Enquiries

Please direct enquiries concerning this Information Bulletin to Council's Development Planning and Engineering Program by telephoning 1300 MACKAY (1300 622 529) or emailing development.services@mackay.qld.gov.au.