

## Considerations for Street Tree Selection



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Considerations	Comments
1. Available Growing Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total uninhibited growing space available</li> <li>- Primary criteria for species selection</li> </ul>
2. Overhead Services/wires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dictates maximum height suitable for location</li> <li>- Impacts ongoing maintenance requirements</li> <li>- Limits species to those that can viably be pruned around wires</li> </ul>
3. Sightlines (Cars/pedestrians)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visibility required for safely existing driveways</li> <li>- Pedestrian visibility when approaching crossings/intersections</li> <li>- Requires species that can be pruned up to allow for adequate visibility (Rules out compact/bushy species)</li> </ul>
4. Proximity to intersections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council wont plant close to intersections if visibility/safety could be an issue</li> </ul>
5. DDA Compliance (Disability Discrimination Act 1992)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Species location must allow for all access ability</li> <li>- Growth habit of species determines suitability</li> </ul>
6. Underground Assets/infrastructure damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Existing assets nearby planting location</li> <li>- Root Structure of species is considered here</li> <li>- Avoid species that will outgrow location and impact surrounding infrastructure</li> </ul>
7. Vehicle parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Species with upright form preferred if parking is limited</li> <li>- Not impacting vehicle doors/opening/loading etc.</li> </ul>
8. Signage/Above ground assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum distances from Power poles etc</li> <li>- Impacts size of tree in naturestrip</li> </ul>
9. Existing species theme in Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- suitable species themes are continued where possible</li> </ul>
10. Species over representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoid creation of monoculture in pockets of Darebin</li> <li>- Consistent street themes – Diversity across municipality</li> </ul>
11. Canopy Cover Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plant larger canopy trees were suitable</li> </ul>
12. Species availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certain species are harder to source from growers</li> </ul>
13. Previous performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoid species that have historically performed poorly (Growth, density, structure) in Darebin's soils/certain location types)</li> </ul>
14. Community context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider primary concerns/perceptions/preferences of community</li> </ul>