Considerations for Street Tree Selection



Considerations	Comments
1. Available Growing Space	 Total uninhibited growing space available Primary criteria for species selection
2. Overhead Services/wires	 Dictates maximum height suitable for location Impacts ongoing maintenance requirements Limits species to those that can viably be pruned around wires
 Sightlines (Vehicles/pedestrians) 	 Visibility required for safely existing driveways Pedestrian visibility when approaching crossings/intersections Requires species that can be pruned up to allow for adequate visibility (Rules out compact/bushy species)
4. Proximity to intersections	 Council wont plant close to intersections if visibility/safety could be an issue
 DDA Compliance (Disability Discrimination Act 1992) 	 Species location must allow for all access ability Growth habit of species determines suitability
 Underground Assets/infrastructure damage 	 Existing assets nearby planting location Root Structure of species is considered here Avoid species that will outgrow location and impact surrounding infrastructure
7. Vehicle parking	 Species with upright form preferred if parking is limited Not impacting vehicle doors/opening/loading etc.
8. Signage/Above ground assets	 Minimum distances from Power poles etc Impacts size of tree in naturestrip
9. Existing species theme in Street	- suitable species themes are continued where possible
10. Species over representation	 Avoid creation of monoculture in pockets of Darebin Consistent street themes – Diversity across municipality
11. Canopy Cover Targets	- Plant larger canopy trees were suitable
12. Species availability	- Certain species are harder to source from growers
13. Previous performance	 Avoid species that have historically performed poorly (Growth, density, structure) in Darebin's soils/certain location types)
14. Community context	 Consider primary concerns/perceptions/preferences of community