



Public Notice – Making of Tree Protection Local Law 2026

Frankston City Council gives notice under section 74 of the Local Government Act 2020 that, at its meeting on 20 April 2026, Council resolved to make the Tree Protection Local Law 2026.

The objectives of the Local Law are to

- a) protect trees growing in the Frankston municipality;
- b) require a minimum standard of tree pruning within the municipality for the protection of trees and public safety;
- c) provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipality; and
- d) protect and enhance the amenity, landscape values, environment and biodiversity of the municipality.

The effect of the Local Law is to

1. make it an offence to remove, damage, kill or destroy or direct, authorise or allow to be removed, damaged, killed or destroyed a tree, unless a permit has been obtained;
2. make it an offence to carry out, or direct, authorise or allow to be carried out any works near a tree where any part of the works takes place within the tree protection zone, unless a permit has been obtained;
3. make it an offence in defined circumstances to lop, prune, cut, trim or direct, authorise or allow to be lopped, pruned, cut or trimmed a tree, unless a permit has been obtained;
4. stipulate procedures for applying for permits and issue of permits;
5. allow impoundment of any item being used to undertake works in contravention of the local law and introduce release and disposal provisions for an impounded item; and
6. prescribe penalties for offences under the local law.

A copy of the Tree Protection Local Law 2026 is available for inspection at Council's office at 30 Davey Street, Frankston and on Council's website at www.frankston.vic.gov.au

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