

City of Belmont

Agenda Briefing Forum

18 August 2020

Item No 12.2

**Request for a Tree Preservation Order at
Lot 22 (78) Armadale Road, Rivervale**





Background

- Local Planning Scheme No. 15 provides for the City to serve a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).
- Used where appropriate to facilitate the protection of trees which have special value.

Request

- The owner of Lot 22 (78) Armadale Road, Rivervale contacted the City requesting a TPO to protect a Jacaranda tree located on the property.





Assessment Criteria

- Key assessment criteria:
 - Location, size and condition
 - Amenity value
 - Pests, diseases, species type
 - Safety risks
 - Environmental value
 - Cultural/heritage significance

Assessment

- The tree is approximately 14m in height with a 13m canopy.
 - Canopy overhangs into 76 Armadale Road
- Flowers between October and November.
- Structurally sound/good health.
- The tree does not have:
 - Pests or diseases
 - Aboriginal, European or heritage significance
 - Hollows
- Not an undesirable or invasive species.
- Not a unique or rare species.





Key Considerations

- Significance.
- Landowner vs community benefit.
- Likelihood of damage/removal.
- TPO implications
 - 76 Armadale Road
 - Management
 - Administration
 - Cost
 - Liability



Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- A. Declines to serve a Tree Preservation Order relating to the Jacaranda mimosifolia (Jacaranda tree) located in Lot 22 (78) Armadale Road, Rivervale.
- B. Write to the landowners of Lot 22 (78) Armadale Road, Rivervale advising them of Council's decision.