

An **Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS)** is a document that describes all the measures to be undertaken to ensure the protection and ongoing health and viability of all the trees to be retained on a development site.

1. The **Arboricultural Method Statement** addresses detailed on-site tree management – including tree works and protection measures - and must comply with the following requirements:
 - a) The **AMS** must be prepared by a qualified arborist with a sound knowledge of construction site impacts on trees and vegetation, and experienced in construction site processes and management;
 - b) The **AMS** must provide for the implementation of tree management measures for the pre-construction, construction, and post-construction phases of the development, including rehabilitation measures, and a minimum of 24 months on-site monitoring and maintenance of the subject trees;
 - c) A Tree Plan (to scale) clearly showing all the trees to be removed, trees to be retained and protected, together with the locations of the relevant Tree Protection Zones (**TPZ**, shall form part of the **AMS**).
 - d) The **AMS** shall set up an agreed framework for maintaining effective communication between the arborist and all other involved parties;
 - e) The minimum general standards for tree protection and management measures shall comply with British Standard BS 5837-2005 *Trees in relation to construction – recommendations*, Australian Standard AS 4373-2007 *Pruning of amenity trees*, WCC Landscape Specification 01/2007 – *Tree Protection Zone*, WCC Landscape Specification 02/2007 – *Tree Protection Fencing*, and WCC Landscape Specification 03/2007 – *Tree Trunk and Ground Surface Protection*;
 - f) The precise location and type of all tree and vegetation protection measures and **TPZs** must be confirmed on site, and protective fencing, barriers and other measures must be in place before site clearing and demolition activity commences;
 - g) Tree and vegetation protective fencing and barriers must remain in place in a functioning condition for the duration of the development.
 - h) The **AMS** must provide for the implementation, monitoring and supervision of any approved works within the defined **TPZs**. Work within the **TPZ** shall utilise special measures to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the trees - including such measures as ground surface protection to avoid soil compaction, hand digging for footings and foundations, trenchless installation of services, porous paving, and similar. Specifications shall be provided for all work carried out within the **TPZ**. The specifications shall include appropriate documentation and illustrations, and be incorporated into the **AMS** and all relevant drawings and documentation relating to the development;
 - i) The **AMS** must include a schedule of inspection hold points consistent with the phasing of construction activity, and provide for the arborist to inspect and certify that all relevant tree protection measures and specified construction techniques are implemented prior to work being undertaken adjacent to or within a designated **TPZ**.
 - j) The **AMS** is to include provision for supervising, monitoring and compliance certification by a qualified Arborist for the duration of the development and any subsequent maintenance period. Compliance Certificates must be incorporated into the copy of the **AMS** held on site within 24 hours of inspection, and must be available for inspection by Council Officers.
2. A copy of the **AMS** must be issued to the site manager prior to commencement of works;
3. A copy of the **AMS** must be available on site for the duration of the development as a reference guide for site management, staff, contractors and for compliance inspections;
4. All contractors and staff involved in works on the site are to be briefed on the tree protection and management procedures in place, and the reasons for such measures, as part of their site induction.

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