

To Whom It May Concern

Envirofrontier Tree Management is one of NSW foremost Amenity Tree Contractors and Arboricultural Consultants. Our client list include; State and local government, commercial and private clients. Our Arboricultural Consultant Paul Shearer is an AQF5 qualified Arborist with over ten (10) years of experience acting as a Consulting Arborist. Paul specialises in the production of Vegetation Risk Management Plans (VRMP's) and has produced them for a number of high profile clients including; Loreto Kirribilli School, Kirribilli & Admiralty House, numerous Public Schools, The Australian Golf Club, Leichardt Council, Monash Country Club, Rosehill Gardens Racecourse and Canterbury Racecourse to name a few.

All trees no matter how long lived will eventually collapse. Trees die from a myriad of causes however within an urban environment a particularly common cause of tree death is changes within their immediate environment. Trees, especially mature or late-mature trees are not as resilient as their younger counterparts and are less tolerant of changes within their environment. These mature to late-mature trees are generally physically larger specimens and as such have the potential to cause serious damage to property or injury to people should they fail partially or completely.

The risk management of tree assets is a well-established concept in the management of public open spaces. Whilst risk can never be completely eliminated, a **Tree Risk Management Plan** can provide a systematic approach to implement corrective actions within a reasonable time frame.

Invested stakeholders have the responsibility to create and maintain a safe environment whether it is the grey (built) or green (urban forest.) In recent years there have been significant advancements in the field of tree hazard assessment. These techniques and procedures can be used to effectively minimise the risk of damage to property and personal injury associated with tree failures. Tree Risk Management involves the process of inspecting and assessing trees for their potential to cause damage to property or injury to people. A rating system is applied to describe a trees potential for failure such as; low to high risk. A time line for works required to reduce or eliminate the risk is then provided. A high risk situation may require immediate attention whilst a low risk situation may require works within the next 12-24 months.

The goal of a **Vegetation Management Plan** is to provide a plan for the management of vegetation at a site, a framework for vegetation management and a methodology for works. Vegetation Management Plans provide information on species selection, weed management, ongoing tree maintenance, succession planting, soil remediation, pest and disease control and other relevant matters. Vegetation Management Plans have proven to significantly reduce costs associated with the management of public open space areas.

A **Vegetation Risk Management Plan** by Envirofrontier is a truly cost effective tool whereby the issues of liability and vegetation management are addressed in one document. The cost of a Vegetation Risk Management Plan is \$900.00 + GST. We hope you see the value in assisting to address both the issues of public liability and vegetation management costs with one document and look forward to assisting you with the management of your tree assets.