

**CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**13 AUGUST 1998  
AT 9.00 AM**

**29. PROPOSED REMOVAL/TRANSPLANTING OF CABBAGE TREES -  
BEXLEY AREA**

RR 8189

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Corporate Plan Output: Parks consultation and advice	

The purpose of this report is to request approval for the transplantation and removal of cabbage trees from street berms in the Bexley area. This is in response to a request which was presented to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board from residents in the area for the trees' removal. The Board has allocated \$5,000 to the Bexley Residents' Association for the tree removal.

Earlier this year Mr Keith MacKay of the Travis Wetland Trust asked the Environmental Committee to investigate transplantation, as opposed to the straight out removal, of the cabbage trees. Due to this fact the Parks Unit has become involved in the process and has investigated the removal of those trees deemed suitable.

There are about 60 cabbage trees planted as street trees in the Bexley area that the residents would like removed.

Of these trees about 40 are considered to be unsuitable for machine transplanting for reasons of being either situated too close to underground services or too large to stand a reasonable chance of surviving the move. The transplanting machine contractor has advised that, in his experience, the maximum size of cabbage trees that can be successfully transplanted with his machine are those with a trunk diameter not exceeding 150mm (6 inches).

The estimated cost of transplanting the cabbage trees to Bexley reserve is approximately \$40 per tree. With about 20 cabbage trees suitable for transplanting, the operation will cost about \$800.

Mr Hap Hill, a representative of the Bexley Residents' Association, has identified an area in Bexley Park where the cabbage trees may be planted.

Following botanical advice, it was decided not to plant the trees in Travis Wetlands as the provenance of the street trees is unknown, and to maintain the botanical integrity of the swamp, it is to be planted with plants known to be of local genetic stock.

**Community Board**

**Recommendation:** That the trees be relocated to the Bexley Wetlands, and that the Chairman of the Travis Wetland Trust be advised and thanked for his input into this matter.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.