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Planning (Exempt Development) Regulation 2023

Tree Declaration

Lessee declaration form – Tree requirements to comply with the Single Dwelling Housing Development Control under the Planning (Exempt Development) Regulation 2023

SITE DETAILS

This form is to be completed and signed by the lessee/s of the block or authorised person/s acting on behalf of the lessee/s.

Block/s: _____

District: _____

Section: _____

Street Address: _____

Suburb: _____

TREE DETAILS

Type of block	Tree requirements (see table over page)	Check applicable
Compact	One small tree	
Mid size	Two small trees	
Large (less than or equal to 800m ²)	One small tree and one medium tree (or equivalent existing tree/s – see Table B)	
Large (more than 800m ²)	One medium tree and one large tree (or equivalent existing tree/s – see Table B)	
Large (each additional 800m ² block area)	One additional large tree or two additional medium trees for each additional 800m ² block area (or equivalent existing tree/s – see Table B)	

All new trees proposed are in accordance with utilities requirements.

For existing trees on the site, Table B provides tree size equivalents.

Species name: _____

LESSEE DECLARATION

I/we the lessee/s (or authorized person acting on behalf of the lessee) declare that I/we have or will plant the above tree/s on the above block in accordance with control 17 of the *Planning (Exempt Development) Single Dwelling Housing Development Control Declaration 2023*.

First Lessee: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Second Lessee: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

TREE SIZES AND ASSOCIATED PLANTING REQUIREMENTS

Tree size	Mature height	Minimum canopy diameter***	Minimum soil surface area dimension	Minimum pot size (litres)*	Minimum soil volume
Small Tree	5-8m	4m	3m	45**	18m ³
Medium Tree	8-12m	6m	5m	75**	42m ³
Large Tree	>12m	8m	7m	75**	85m ³

Notes:

For the purposes of this table, a tree is defined as a woody perennial plant suitable for the Canberra climate. Any new trees cannot be a plant described in schedule 1 of the Pest Plants and Animals (Pest Plants) Declaration 2015 (No 1) or any subsequent declaration made under section 7 of the Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005, unless the tree is included on the ACT tree register.

*Minimum pot size refers to the container size of new trees prior to planting.

**The maximum pot size for small, medium and large *eucalyptus sp.* trees if selected is 45 litres, with maximum height at planting of 2.5m and maximum trunk caliper of 3cm.

***Provided the minimum canopy diameter of the respective tree size can be met, this can be counted as meeting the tree size requirement.

Table B: Tree sizes – equivalents for existing trees

Tree size	Tree sizes - Equivalent
Small Tree	An existing tree of a larger size category can also substitute for a planting requirement for a smaller tree
Medium Tree	2 small existing trees or 1 large existing tree
Large Tree	4 existing small trees or 2 existing medium trees or 1 existing medium tree plus 2 existing small trees