

Policy P213 Phytophthora Management

Responsible Business Unit/s	Parks and Environment
Responsible Officer	Manager Parks and Environment
Affected Business Unit/s	Parks and Environment

Policy Objectives

The objective of this policy is to ensure protection of parks and natural areas by managing the risk of spreading Phytophthora (dieback) within the City through its day-to-day operational activities.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to the City's staff and contractors planning to undertake or undertaking works with the potential to move soil in or adjacent to areas of bushland.

Policy Statement

The City recognises the potential impacts of Phytophthora on natural areas, parklands, biodiversity, and habitat with its responsibility under the EPBC Act 1999 to ensure it is managed:

- The City will ensure that all natural areas susceptible to Phytophthora are surveyed and any management recommendations implemented – including signage, fencing or phosphite treatment.
- All staff are to work within the City's Dieback Management Procedures (2017)
- Officers responsible for engaging and managing contractors must provide contractors with the City's Dieback Management Procedures (2017)
- All relevant staff and contractors will be required to undertake Green Card training to ensure they have the necessary skills and knowledge of Phytophthora hygiene to manage existing Phytophthora affected sites and prevent further spread.

Building community awareness of Phytophthora through provision of relevant information on the City website and conducting educational activities.

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

City of South Perth Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011

Other Relevant Policies / Key Documents

City of South Perth Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031