



CUMBERLAND
CITY COUNCIL

EMPLOYING A QUALIFIED ARBORIST NOT A LOPPER!

Before you employ that 'cheap' tree lopper or 'door-knocker' seeking to chop down or lop your trees, have you asked yourself these 6 important questions:

1. Have I applied for written Council approval for these tree works?
2. Have I got 2 or 3 written quotations on the tree company's letterhead?
3. Have I asked the tree company for a copy of their Public Liability & Workers' Compensation Insurances required to perform this type of work?
4. Have I asked the Arborist about his/her qualifications? (eg. TAFE trained; Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Levels 2 – 5)
5. Does the Arborist follow WorkCover's Code of Practice 2007 Standards for Tree Work?
6. Does the Arborist perform pruning works to the Australia Standard 4373 – 2007 'Pruning of Amenity Trees'.

On-The-Spot Fines or Court

Important Notice: If you employ a person or company to perform illegal tree works you will be held responsible for those works and may receive a substantial fine (\$3000 for an individual & \$6000 for a company) or be taken to Court.

Contact Council First

Before starting any tree work you should first contact Council's Landscape & Tree Management Unit on (02) 8757 9000 for advice on which works require written approval and which works are exempt under Council's Tree Management Controls.

Find a Qualified Arborist at these website links:

- Arboriculture Australia 1300 664 374 www.arboriculture.org.au
- Tree Contractors Association 1300 660 379 www.tcaa.com.au



Information on Trees in Cumberland

For information on Tree Management in Cumberland City Council visit Council's website www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au or contact Customer Services Unit on (02) 8757 9000 for a copy of Council's Tree Management Controls, lists of Qualified Arborists or to discuss your tree query with Council's Tree Management Officer.

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