

# Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough  
on Tuesday 11 June 2024 commencing at 7:00pm.

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## Nillumbik Shire Council

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## Minutes

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**Nillumbik Shire Council**

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held  
Tuesday 14 May 2024. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.**

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**Councillors present:**

Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward ( <b>Mayor</b> )
Cr Richard Stockman	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Natalie Duffy	Edendale Ward ( <b>Chairperson Consultation Matters</b> )
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward ( <b>Chairperson Planning Matters</b> )
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward

**Officers in attendance:**

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Melika Sukunda	Acting Chief Operating Officer
Bлага Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Corrienne Nichols	Director Communities
Renae Ahern	Acting Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Leigh Northwood	Manager Strategic Planning and Environment
Kirsten Reedy	Coordinator Environment & Sustainability
Warren Tomlinson	Senior Environment Project Officer
Tracey Varley	Manager Communications and Engagement
Daniel Tarquinio	Manager Information Technology
Katia Croce	Manager Governance and Property

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**1. Welcome by the Chair**

**2. Acknowledgement of Country**

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters  
Cr Natalie Duffy.

**3. Apologies/Leave of Absence**

An apology was received from Cr Karen Egan for this meeting.

<b>Committee Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre**

**SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins**

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) notes the apology from  
Cr Karen Egan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

<b>Committee Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:            Cr Ben Ramcharan**

**SECONDED:    Cr Geoff Paine**

**That** Council confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 (**Attachment 1**).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.    Declarations of conflict of interest**

Nil

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6. Officers' reports

PCC.007/24 Draft Biodiversity Strategy - Stage 2 consultation findings and verbal submissions

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Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Renae Ahern, Acting Director Planning, Environment and Strategy

Author: Leigh Northwood, Manager Strategic Planning and Environment

Summary

The draft Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034 (**Attachment 1**) was on public exhibition from 1 February to 3 March 2024.

Community members are invited to provide verbal submissions on the draft Strategy at this Planning and Consultation (PCC) meeting.

This report provides an overview of the Stage 2 community feedback that has already been received from 112 participants. It is generally very positive, with suggestions also provided on aspects that people would like strengthened.

A consultation findings summary report is provided in **Attachment 2** and copies of verbatim feedback are provided in **Attachments 3 and 4 (redacted)** and **Attachments 5 and 6 (un-redacted-confidential)**.

The written and verbal community feedback will inform the refinement of the draft Biodiversity Strategy. The revised draft is scheduled to be presented at the July Council meeting for consideration for endorsement.

*The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:*

1. Don Vincent
2. Don Vincent (Committee Member and Treasurer) and behalf of - Friends of Nillumbik
3. Doug Evans
4. Joy Hick
5. Evan Gellert
6. Barrie Taylor
7. Marie Hearn
8. Wayne Kinrade – on behalf of Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly
9. Deb Colville
10. Sue Rosenhain
11. Elizabeth Doig
12. Vicky Shukuroglou on behalf of Steve Mullins
13. Vicky Shukuroglou on behalf of Nillumbio
14. Hank Tyler
15. Michael Smith
16. Ehsan Gharaie

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17. Mitzi Tuke

18. Ben Wrigley

**Suspension of Standing Orders – 8:25pm**

**MOVED:** Cr Ben Ramcharan

**SECONDED:** Cr Frances Eyre

**That** standing orders be suspended to allow two submitters make a submission.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

19. Ryan Reynolds

20. Tim Isaacson

**Resumption of Standing Orders – 8:33pm**

**MOVED:** Cr Ben Ramcharan

**SECONDED:** Cr Geoff Paine

**That** standing orders be resumed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Committee Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr Ben Ramcharan

**SECONDED:** Cr Geoff Paine

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and consider the matters contained in the oral and written submissions during finalisation of the Draft Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034 (**Attachment 1**).
2. Makes the 2024 Nillumbik Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034 - Consultation Findings Report (**Attachment 2**) available to the public on Council's website.
3. Requests a further report to be presented at the July 2024 Council Meeting to consider adoption of the final version of the Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034.
4. Resolves that the confidential un-redacted copies of written submissions and survey responses to the exhibition of the public engagement for the Draft Biodiversity Strategy Phase 2 consultation (at **Attachments 5 and 6**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(g)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
5. Thanks all submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.    Supplementary and urgent business**

Nil.

**8.    Confidential reports**

Nil.

**9.    Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Confirmed:

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Cr Peter Perkins Chairperson Planning Matters

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# DRAFT URBAN TREE CANOPY STRATEGY 2024 – 2040

## Acknowledgement of Country

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Country on which Nillumbik is located. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nations People. We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the contribution their Care for Country makes to the lands, waterways, plants, wildlife and people of the Shire of Nillumbik; acknowledge their beliefs, customs and values; and are committed to collaborating around how we think, work and act in relation to climate change and caring for our environment.

## Nillumbik Youth Council's vision for Nillumbik's urban tree canopy

"Nillumbik's young people envision a healthy and resilient urban tree canopy in our suburbs and townships. Our urban canopy with its many indigenous species, is a link to the land's traditional owners and our cultural heritage.

In this vision, our trees become integral to the fabric of our neighbourhoods, providing shade, enhancing community wellbeing, enriching biodiversity, and improving air quality.

We aspire to protect and maintain vibrant and interconnected green spaces that foster a sense of community pride and engagement, where residents actively participate in the nurturing and preservation of our urban tree canopy.

Our vision embraces the notion that a resilient urban tree canopy is essential for adapting to the challenges of a changing climate. Ensuring that Nillumbik's urban forests will continue to provide safe habitats for wildlife, provide benefits to community health and connectedness, and contribute to counteracting the effects of a changing climate."

## 1. Introduction

### Why Council has an Urban Tree Canopy Strategy

Located on Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung land and renowned as “the Green Wedge Shire”, Nillumbik is home to a collection of suburbs and townships along the north-eastern edge of Melbourne’s Urban Growth Boundary.

These are our urban areas. They comprise only nine percent of our Shire (3,888 hectares), yet they are home to 75 percent of our population (47,365 people)<sup>1</sup> and approximately seven percent of our shire-wide canopy<sup>2</sup>. Facing challenges and opportunities that are unique to peri-urban and urban localities, specific action is required to care for the canopy of these areas.

We are very fortunate that the extent of canopy in our suburbs and townships is generally high. With an average of 39 percent urban canopy coverage<sup>3</sup>, Nillumbik’s urban canopy cover is the second highest in all of Melbourne - and we want to maintain this. This canopy contributes greatly to the green, leafy neighbourhood character that our residents, visitors and wildlife enjoy and provides a wide range of environmental, health, cultural and economic benefits.

It is important that we all do what we can to protect - and enhance - the extent, health and resilience of canopy across Nillumbik’s urban areas. Local government has important and varied roles to play in helping to achieve this – on our own land and on land owned by our residents and businesses.

### What this Urban Tree Canopy Strategy will focus on achieving

This strategy provides context on the importance of urban canopy, the wide-range of challenges and considerations that need to be taken into account, and provides a fifteen-year framework for strategic action that will help us achieve our vision.

It has three overarching goals:

- **Goal 1 - That Nillumbik’s urban canopy is protected and enhanced**  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik’s urban canopy  
(Overall target: 39 percent canopy cover in 2040)
- **Goal 2 - That the Nillumbik community value and care for our urban canopy**  
Target: An increase in planting of trees across all land tenures
- **Goal 3 - That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of the Nillumbik community**  
Target: An increase in canopy in areas experiencing higher urban heat island effects  
(Minimum urban canopy cover target of 25 percent by 2040 in every suburb and township).

The strategy’s scope:

- Defines urban canopy as being any woody vegetation that is over two metres in height. This includes trees and other tall plants/shrubs, including those that are indigenous to Nillumbik, native to Australia and exotic species. (Two meters+ is the height that data is most readily available for).

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<sup>1</sup> Nillumbik 2022-2023 Annual Report

<sup>2</sup> Nearmap, 2021

<sup>3</sup> Nearmap, 2021

- Focuses specifically on the needs of our urban canopy – Council has other strategies such as our draft Biodiversity Strategy and Green Wedge Management Plan that plan for the extent and health of our broader natural environment.
- Encompasses all private and public land that is within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) of Nillumbik. This UGB is a state-government defined boundary which indicates the long-term limits of Melbourne’s urban development. Within Nillumbik, this includes parts of Diamond Creek, Eltham, Eltham north, Greensborough, Hurstbridge, North Warrandyte, Panton Hill, Plenty, Research, St Andrews and Wattle Glen.

### The steps taken to develop the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy

This is Council’s first Urban Canopy Strategy. Research was undertaken into relevant legislative requirements, policy, data, science and best practice to inform its development. Consultation was undertaken with Councillors and Council Advisory Committees on strategic priorities, and community feedback on urban canopy that has been received to date has been considered.

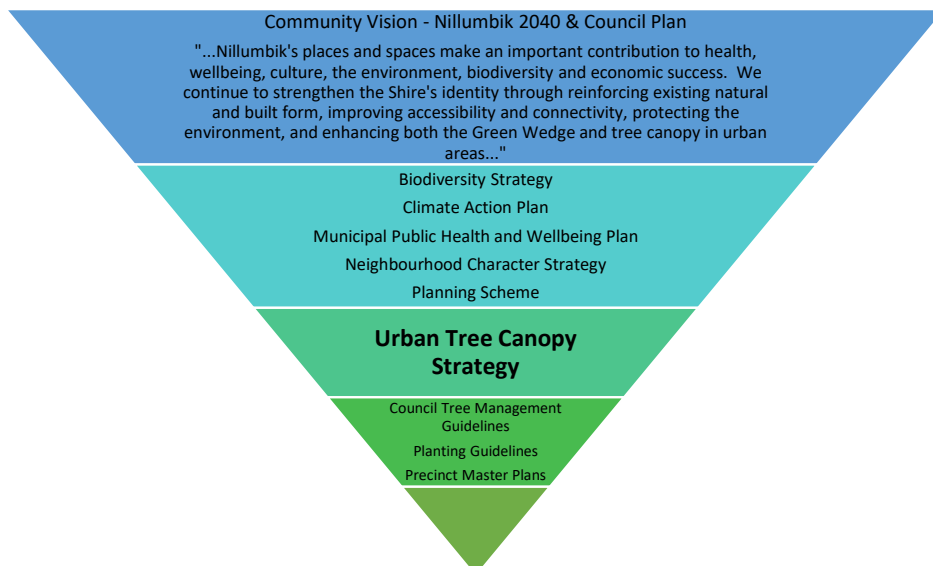
This draft version of the strategy is now on public exhibition so that the community can provide specific feedback on it.

### Strategic Context

This strategy seeks to meet its goals and targets which simultaneously:

- Support Council to achieve the tree/canopy-related community wellbeing, amenity and environmental direction of various higher order Council strategies and our planning scheme; and
- Provide strategic context for the implementation of our Tree Management Guidelines which specify how we manage trees on Council land; and planned Planting Guidelines (as a recommendation of Council’s adopted Neighbourhood Character Strategy) which provide tree planting guidance to support the community to fulfil (proposed) planning permit tree planting requirements, where a planning permit is required.

*Table 1 Strategic context for Nillumbik’s Urban Tree Canopy Strategy*



## 2. Nillumbik's urban canopy cover

### Historical context – the species that make up our canopy cover are diverse

Prior to European settlement, Nillumbik's natural vegetation largely consisted of dry forests. These forests generally comprised low growing trees up to 20m, over a rich understorey of grasses, herbs, orchids and small shrubs. Through subsequent land uses such as agriculture, horticulture, gold mining and timber collection, much of this original vegetation has gone through significant change; though fortunately, even with urbanisation, significant original/remnant tree canopy persists in Nillumbik's urban areas.

To this day, there are a diverse range of indigenous canopy species across our urban areas. Manna Gums dominate stretches along our larger waterways such as the Yarra River, while Swamp Gums occupy smaller gullies and floodplains. On the slopes and hilltops, trees such as Yellow Box, Red Box, Yellow Gum and Long-leaved Box are the most common species.

Many urban areas of Nillumbik also show significant character from the different canopy plantings of various eras. Orchard trees and hedge rows persist from early European settlers in some areas; larger trees from traditional gardens including deciduous northern hemisphere species are still present from early 20<sup>th</sup> century homesteads and gardens; and Radiata Pine and Sugar Gum plantations are still present along aqueducts and roads. Then over time, considerable planting using Australian natives has also occurred.

As a result, our urban canopy cover is comprised of a wide variety of species.

### How we measure canopy cover

Canopy cover is the measure of the area of all vegetation that has reached a certain height, which for the purpose of this strategy is two meters and higher. This can include leaves, branches, trunks and other features of trees and shrubs, and is the amount of tree or shrub that is visible from directly above.

With improving technology, such as AI recognition of canopy from high resolution aerial photos of the Shire, the accuracy of measuring canopy cover is continuously improving. However, measuring cover and its change over time can still be influenced by factors such as photo resolution, seasonal changes e.g. winter vs summer, rainfall and growth, drought impacts, shadowing and time of day.

Analysis of Nillumbik's urban canopy for the purposes of this strategy has used a Nearmap AI generated vegetation layer, which considers all vegetation greater than two metres in height.

### Our urban canopy cover today

Nillumbik's overall urban canopy cover is considered to be high (39 percent in 2021 – which equates to approximately 1,400 hectares of canopy), and is the second highest in all of urban Melbourne. As a comparison, at the lowest end of the spectrum some municipalities such as Wyndham and Melton have an urban canopy cover of around only five percent.

There are many competing needs that space for trees and urban canopy competes with. Within urban Nillumbik, urban canopy covers approximately<sup>4</sup>:

- 36 percent of private land
- 45 percent of public land (i.e. land owned/managed by Council, Crown and State government agencies)

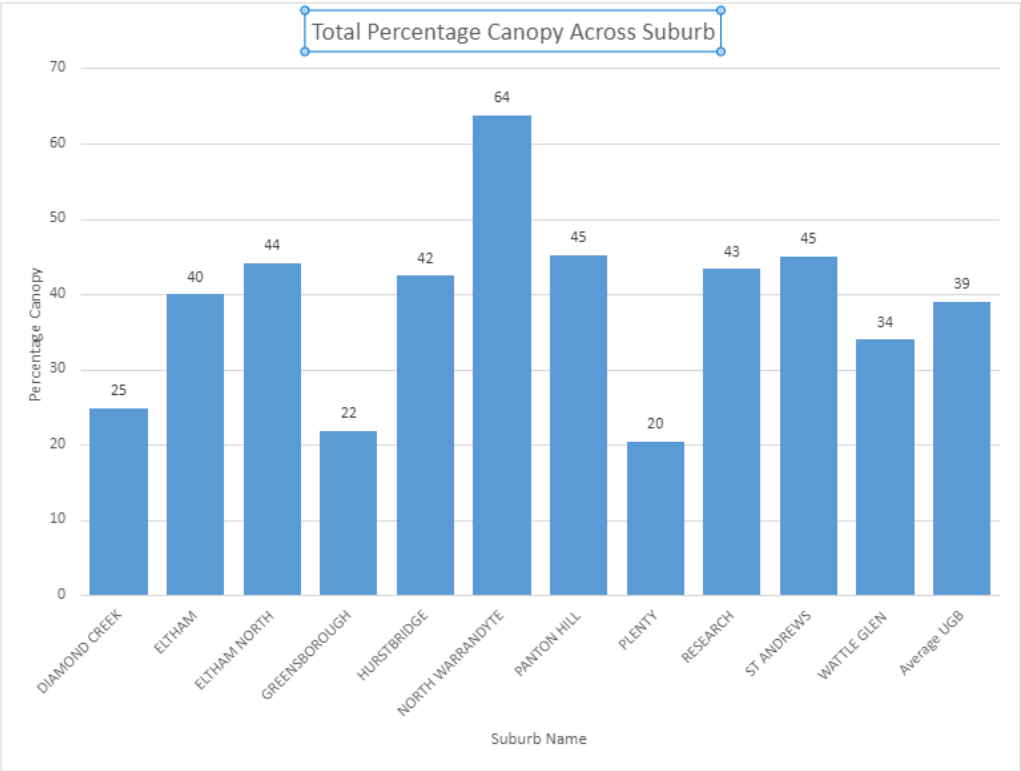
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<sup>4</sup> Nearmap, 2021 – approximate figures based on analysis of aerial images, February 2024.

Differing levels of canopy cover across our various urban areas

While generally high, our tree canopy cover is not equal across all urban areas of the shire, as shown in Table 2. Additional canopy would be particularly beneficial in Greensborough (22 percent) and Plenty (20 percent). Conversely, North Warrandyte’s urban canopy cover (64 percent) is very high.

Table 2 – Urban Canopy Cover for Nillumbik

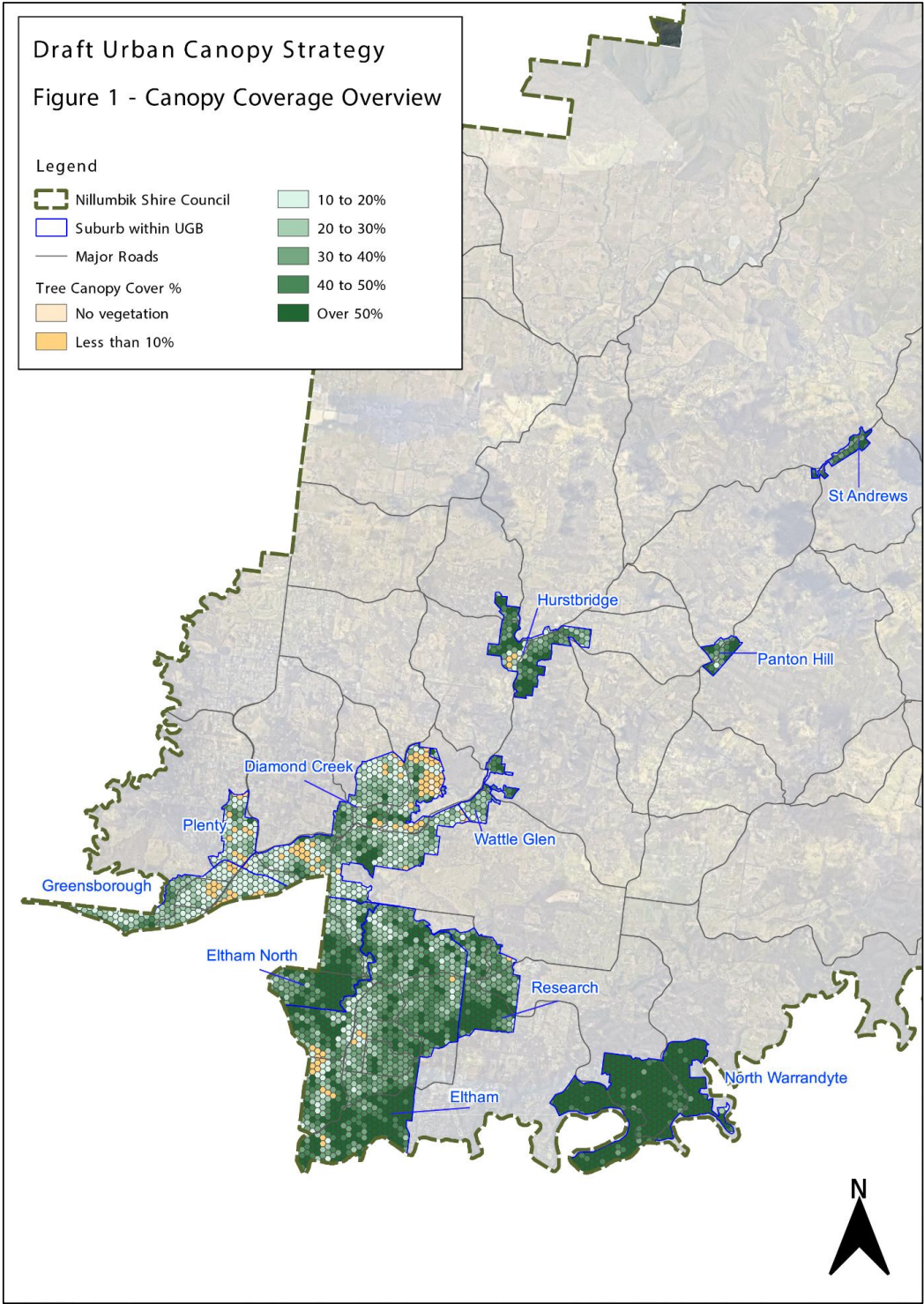


Source: Nearmap, 2021

Furthermore, it’s possible to identify the locations within each of our 11 suburbs and townships that have more or less canopy, as shown in the map in Figure 1. Locations with higher amounts of canopy are green, and locations with less canopy are orange.

This strategy seeks to help protect and maintain the canopy that already exists; and identify opportunities to support more canopy in areas where there is less canopy, in particular where higher urban heat island effects may be present.

Figure 1 – Canopy Cover of Nillumbik’s UGB



### 3. Benefits of having Urban Canopy

#### Benefits of an Urban Canopy

Urban trees and shrubs play a significant role in creating liveable neighbourhoods and increasing the health and wellbeing of communities and our environment. For example, they provide shade and shelter, improve air quality, absorb carbon and rainfall, cool local environments and support wildlife. They also enhance local amenity and neighbourhood character; and encourage walking and physical activity through more shade covering streets, paths and open spaces.

One of the largest risks to communities and the environment is the impact of climate change, including phenomena such as the urban heat island effect, and other climate related events such as increased flood risks and heat waves. Urban canopy helps to reduce the occurrence and manage the impacts of climate change. This includes its role in sequestering and storing carbon, naturally cooling homes and the urban environment, wind abatement and flood mitigation.

A broad range of the many benefits of urban canopy are listed below.

Table 2 – Benefits of Urban Canopy

Environmental	Ecological	Community	Health and Wellbeing	Economic
Cooling and shading	Increased biodiversity	Sense of place	Reduced effects of Urban Heat Island	Property values
Clean air	Ecosystem services	Neighbourhood character	Improved mental wellbeing	Energy Savings
Stormwater treatment	Water cycling	Cultural heritage	Increased productivity	Tourism
Flood mitigation	Nutrient cycling	Social connections	Increased outdoor activity	Carbon sequestration
Wind abatement	Fauna habitat	Connection to nature	Shade and comfort	Reduce health costs
Carbon storage		Pollution removal & noise reduction		Reduce UV damage to infrastructure

#### Canopy reduces the urban heat island effect

Climate change is increasing average temperatures across our shire and across Australia. In built up urban areas, temperatures tend to be higher than in rural areas. This difference in temperature is referred to as the Urban Heat Island effect. These higher temperatures are caused by the materials covering land surfaces, such as in buildings and infrastructure, which absorb more heat compared with natural environments and areas with canopy cover.

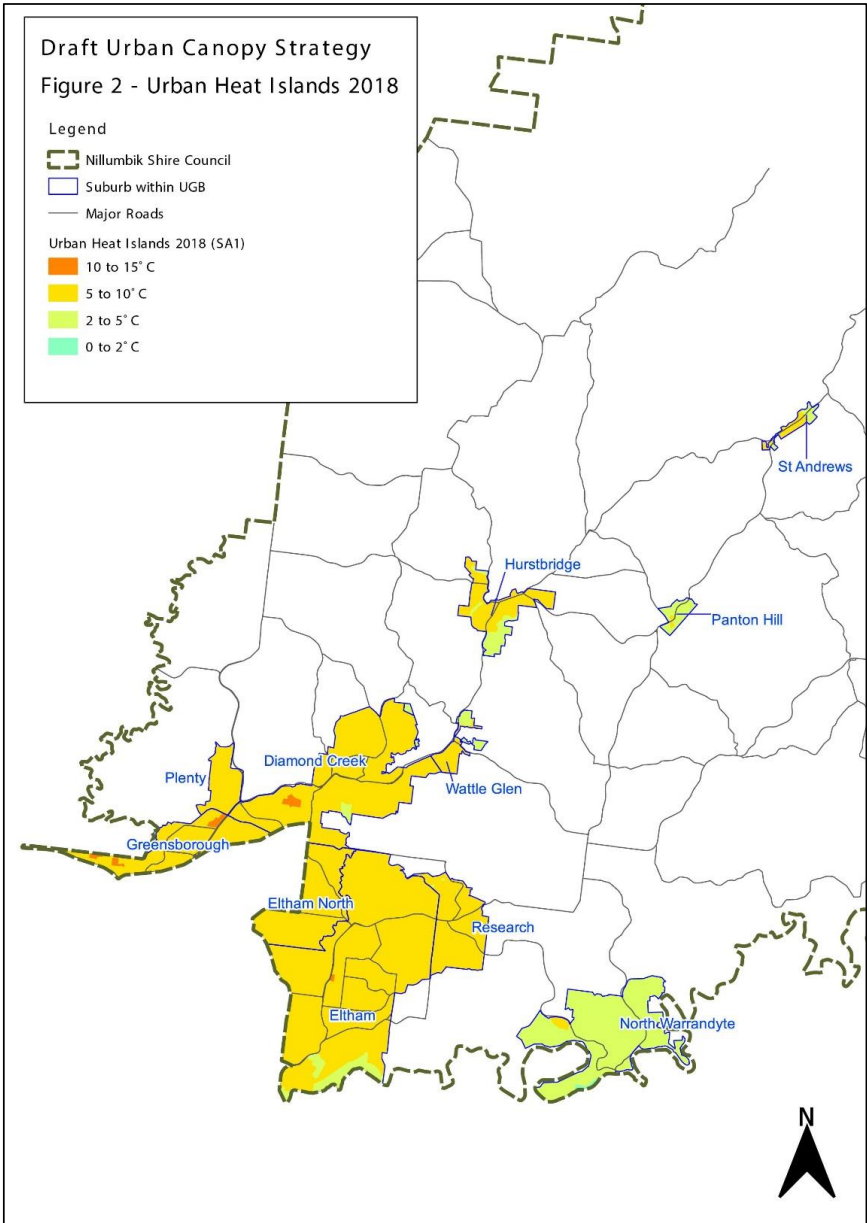
The extra heat from the urban heat island effect can prolong heat waves and increase maximum temperatures during extreme hot weather events. This is further exacerbated by the built surfaces absorbing heat during the day and releasing it during the night, with resultant higher night time temperatures proving less heat stress respite. This can have a significant health impact, particularly on vulnerable members of our community, including young children, the elderly and those with medical conditions.

Canopy trees in urban areas help to reduce this urban heat island effect by shading built surfaces that absorb heat and by releasing cooling water vapour.

Nillumbik’s high urban canopy coverage and lower development intensity means that we currently experience relatively minor urban heat island impacts, especially when compared to most of metropolitan Melbourne. Only small areas of the Shire are classified as being significantly urban heat island impacted, as shown in Figure 2 below (with more detailed maps in Appendix A). These are small, isolated locations, generally associated with shopping strips, with larger roof surfaces, carparks or where vegetation is not present.

The challenge long term will be to ensure that canopy cover continues to provide sufficient coverage and shade to enable this generally positive position to endure.

Figure 2 – Urban Heat Island Effect locations within UGB areas of Nillumbik



## 4. Threats to Nillumbik's Urban Canopy

Numerous threats and associated challenges exist in terms of protecting and maintaining our urban canopy. These include extreme weather such as major wind events, prolonged heat waves, changing rainfall regimes, bushfires and changing average temperatures; ageing tree stock and disease; urban development and associated public infrastructure and utilities; and a certain lack of community awareness of the benefits of trees and regulations and values around their protection.

We need to recognise these challenges and respond to them where possible, through thoughtful urban planning, climate action, tree selection and tree maintenance.

### Challenge: Climate Change - Extreme weather

Extreme weather such as wind events, prolonged heat waves, changing rainfall regimes, and changing average temperatures affects the health of trees and the condition of urban canopy. Such events are happening more frequently, and they result in canopy loss:

- Immediately - for example as a result of strong winds upending trees
- Soon after the event – for example in the aftermath of a storm or flood, either naturally or where a danger exists they may need to be pruned or removed
- Over time – for example with life expectancy reduced as a consequence of insufficient water.

Healthy trees are more likely to be resilient to such events.

### Challenge: Bushfire threat

The peri-urban characteristics that make Nillumbik so liveable also contribute to it being one of the most bushfire prone areas in the world. Fire has been part of the landscape for millennia and is a complex issue that is exacerbated by climate change.

Most of Nillumbik, including much of our suburbs and townships, is recognised by the state government through its planning controls as being in a defined Bushfire Prone Area (BPA). A map is provided in Appendix B - focusing on Nillumbik's urban areas.

The challenge to Nillumbik's urban canopy is multifaceted:

- Intense fire is a threat to human life and property, and destroys canopy trees
- Planning scheme exemptions are in place in all Victorian planning schemes to reduce the threat of fire to human life and property; and they include the right to remove native vegetation, including trees in specified bushfire prone and bushfire management locations for bushfire preparedness purposes.

These are unique and significant threats to canopy that present complex challenges when planning for tree canopy outcomes that most Metropolitan Melbourne government areas do not face.

The need to balance protection of life from bushfire with maintaining our urban canopy is recognised at Council. There is an acknowledged tension between protecting and enhancing urban tree canopy, and the challenges of Nillumbik's high bushfire risk environs. Actions such as strategic new plantings which won't increase fire risk, and maintaining trees on Council land to reduce fire risk from utilities and hazard reductions in parks and reserves are some of the key ways that Council responds to this challenge.

### Challenge: Age and diversity of our tree population

Trees age, and eventually reach the end of their life. Different tree species have different anticipated life spans - and local climate conditions, human impacts and pest/disease occurrences can all influence anticipated life spans.

Therefore it is important to encourage and plant a diverse range of species, as some can be more or less effected by such events than others; and it is important to plan ahead so that replacement plantings are scheduled to supplement trees as they near the end of their life – or beforehand so that such occurrences are staggered.

Appropriate maintenance of trees also needs to be prioritised to help extend the lifespan of trees and protect our mature canopy, and reduce the need for renewal. This is critically important.

### Challenge: Urban development / housing

Nillumbik's population is expected to grow by 6.3 percent to 67,420 people by 2036<sup>5</sup>. It is also expected that the majority of these people will live in and around our urban areas. Development associated with this (although modest) population increase puts pressure on canopy trees, as buildings and associated hard surfaces are built to house and provide services for our growing population. Often when private land is developed, existing trees are removed and replacement trees often don't provide the same canopy coverage as there was before, and it takes time for the planted trees to grow. Critically, the larger and deeper soil areas required for canopy trees have often been non-existent in new developments.

To manage this, the Nillumbik Planning Scheme sets out objectives, policies and provisions that regulate development, including vegetation protection which includes canopy trees. The Planning Scheme specifies when a planning permit is required to develop or to remove vegetation, native vegetation offset requirements, minimum garden area requirements (which includes space for vegetation, pools and paved areas), neighbourhood character objectives, and built form requirements; and also includes specific bushfire threat permit exemptions for removing vegetation. Work is continuing in developing the Shire's Residential Framework Plan, where development of Council's Housing Strategy will also support neighbourhood character objectives as identified in the Neighbourhood Character Strategy 2023 to embed robust policy and planning scheme requirements to protect and enhance urban tree canopy in the Shire's residential areas.

Detail on how canopy trees are managed through the planning scheme is provided in Appendix C.

### Challenge: Public infrastructure and utilities

Public infrastructure such as footpaths, street furniture, roads and parking, along with above and below ground utilities such as water, sewerage, storm-water, internet, gas and electricity, all compete for space with vegetation and in particular canopy trees.

The challenge to Nillumbik's urban canopy is multifaceted:

- Planning scheme exemptions are in place which allow utility and infrastructure managers to remove trees and other vegetation without a planning permit when required to undertake essential maintenance of assets or construct major public infrastructure.

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<sup>5</sup> Victoria in Future (VIF) 2023

- When identifying locations to plant new trees, consideration of the infrastructure and utility clearance requirements is required, which can significantly limit the suitable locations for new planting and/or the maximum size of the tree to be planted.

#### **Challenge: Community perceptions about trees**

Some residents may wish to remove (or not plant) a tree for a variety of reasons. In some circumstances, it may actually be a better outcome if the tree is retained or planted.

Provision of information / education on the benefits of trees and ways in which risks may be mitigated is important in order to encourage and empower our community to contribute to the protection and growth of our urban canopy.

## 5. Managing Nillumbik's Urban Tree Canopy

Council's sphere of influence in terms of protecting and maintaining Nillumbik's urban canopy is multi-faceted. Although our canopy is exposed to many threats and associated challenges, a lot of work is implemented to support positive canopy outcomes across Council land and private land.

### Trees on Council land

#### Planning and planting for the future

Within urban areas of the shire, Council is directly responsible for vast numbers of trees within a varied landscape context.

There are many different tree species that are planted and maintained in our urban, council-managed:

- sporting reserves
- parks and open spaces
- bushland and wetland reserves
- activity centres /shopping strips
- streets (along nature strips – both infill and whole-street planting, subject to strategic benefit and funding; and in roundabouts and median strips).

Our most common tree species vary across our different reserves and suburbs. They include:

- Remnant Yellow Gum, Yellow Box, Red Box and Manna Gums, particularly in bushland and waterway reserves, and they remain in roadsides and parklands as scattered trees as well.
- Sugar Gums and Radiata Pine, particularly along trails and in parklands.
- Native Eucalypts.
- Flowering Gums and Yellow Gum cultivars along streets.

We continue to pursue diversity by planting a range of species every year. This is particularly important given the variety of pests and diseases and the impacts of climate change that are likely to affect our trees in the future.

We seek to have an urban tree canopy (outside of our bushland reserves) that meets the commonly accepted tree diversity target for Metropolitan Melbourne councils:

- No more than 30 percent of any one family
- No more than 20 percent of any one genus
- No more than 10 percent of any one species

Furthermore, areas that have a balanced mix of tree age ranges provide a more stable canopy base. While the most mature trees provide the greatest benefits to our community, having an adequate number of young trees in the population is important, as they will make up the replacement stock.

#### Identifying where new planting can be undertaken

Work is undertaken to ascertain the locations across our urban areas (in activity centres / shopping strips, streets, and parks and open space) that have the capacity for more trees to be planted, or where replacement trees are likely to be required due to tree health issues.

Capacity considerations can be quite complex. Suitable locations for new plantings, as specified in our Tree Planting Guidelines, need to be, for example:

- Minimum of 20m from intersections with signals or from school crossings, or from streets intersecting a main road
- Minimum of 15m from an intersection in residential streets and further in streets where visibility may be a problem
- Minimum of 10m from a stop or give way sign
- Minimum of 3m from electricity poles
- Minimum of 2.5m from laneways, bus stops/shelters
- Minimum of 2m from vehicle crossings/driveways, hydrants or drainage pits
- Minimum of 4m spaces between trees in reserves to enable mower access and a fuller canopy structure at maturity (closer spacing may occur in mulched garden beds)
- Minimum of 2m beneath service wires
- Not above house connections to gas or water services
- If there is no existing footpath, provide allowance for pedestrian access and a potential future footpath
- Not where nearby trees will significantly reduce the tree's health, vigour or shape
- Not where the planting site is less than 1m wide
- Not where the mature tree may block street, car park or reserve lighting
- Not within roadsides with remnant vegetation (outside of the scope of our street tree planting program).

Matters to be considered before planting will then include selecting species that are climate ready, suitable for the site, that provide a diverse tree diversity population, and that consider the benefit for urban ecology – **Right tree, Right place.**

#### Tree Maintenance

Council periodically updates its *Nillumbik Tree Management Guidelines*, which specify tree maintenance standards for planted or naturally grown trees on Council managed land, and which also outline Council's responsibility for managing trees around assets such roads and electricity or telecommunication lines (and applicable permit requirements).

Tree maintenance needs are identified through proactive inspections and reactive inspection requests from the community. Pruning or removal may need to be undertaken for the following reasons:

- Trees with structural defects and/or poor health
- Stumps which are a hazard to road users and pedestrians
- Tree roots damaging property
- Trees interfering with electric or telecommunication lines
- Trees encroaching into the road clearance space
- Regrowth of trees that will encroach into the road clearance space in the future

Council may also do other works to maintain tree health, particularly for significant trees, such as formative pruning, applying mulch, managing pests and diseases, and creating additional habitat for fauna through artificial hollows or nest boxes.

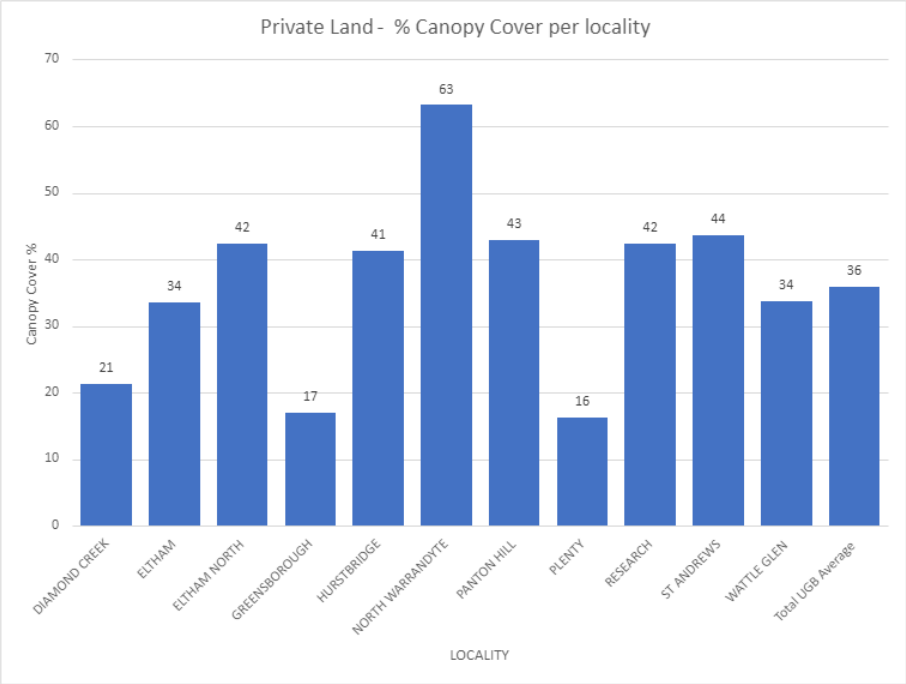
Such works are very important, in order to extend the life of our trees and the benefits that mature canopy provide.

Trees on private land

Trees on private land - in people’s front and back gardens and on larger properties - comprise the majority of Nillumbik’s urban tree canopy (around 70 percent). Therefore, residents have a major role in providing for our long-term urban tree canopy cover, by planting and looking after trees on their properties.

Around a third of our privately owned land (36 percent) is covered by trees and their canopy (with considerable variances between different suburbs and townships as depicted in Table 3).

Table 3 – Total percentage of private land that has canopy cover in each suburb / township in Nillumbik UGB



There are various Council levers that seek to help protect this existing canopy on private land, and also to grow its extent:

- 1. Advice, education and support to grow and care for our urban canopy
- 2. Regulatory protections for trees

#### Advice and Support to support landholders to care for trees and urban canopy

We provide a wide variety of information, programs and advice:

- Advice on what to plant, where, is available via the Edendale Indigenous Nursery, Council's environment staff, volunteer programs such as Nillumbik Gardens for Wildlife, and various Council publications such as the useful guide 'Live Local, Plant Local'.
- We run regular activities and events which promote, for example, the planting of indigenous plants in the right locations, maintaining habitat on private property, and how to manage threats.
- Information is available on Council's website to help people understand our Planning Scheme and the extent of landholder responsibilities that apply in the context of vegetation and tree canopy protection.

#### Regulatory protections for trees

Planning controls (in the planning scheme) and local laws operate in Nillumbik which provide a high level of protection for our urban canopy. However these protections do not include areas which are subject to the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) or located in the Bushfire Prone Area mapping (BPA), as vegetation clearance exemptions exist in all Victorian Planning Schemes in these high-risk bushfire areas which prioritise protection of life and property from bushfire – specifically in the vicinity of buildings and boundary fence lines. A map depicting these areas is in Appendix B.

Examples of urban canopy protections that enable Council to seek optimised canopy outcomes include:

- Council's Municipal Planning Strategy - It identifies strategic objectives for protection of trees and vegetation for biodiversity, neighbourhood character and amenity purposes. It supports specific Local Planning Policy in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme with regard to protection and enhancement of the Shire's urban canopy.
- Council's Neighbourhood Character Strategy 2023 – it identifies objectives and design guidelines to enhance and protect canopy trees, aligned to specific neighbourhood character profiles (and therefore intents) for different parts of the Shire's residential areas. At the time of writing this strategy, a planning scheme amendment is proposed to embed the objectives and the design guidelines of the adopted 2023 Neighbourhood Character Strategy into the Nillumbik Planning Scheme. Once introduced, additional requirements for canopy tree planting will be required as part of planning permit applications, with associated requirements for sufficient plantable areas to accommodate canopy trees will also be required which will result in urban canopy gains.
- Council's General Local Law Clause 52 requires a local law permit to remove, destroy or kill, damage or interfere with (including lopping and pruning) any substantial tree on private land inside the Urban Growth Boundary. Note Clause 52 does not apply to areas located in the BPA mapping or where the BMO applies.

However, there are also additional State-led provisions within all Victorian Planning Schemes that were introduced in late 2023 by the Victorian State Government, including the Future Homes initiative as part of the Housing Statement, which seek to facilitate higher density development in some areas of Melbourne, including urban Nillumbik. Unfortunately some of these provisions require a 'one size fits all approach – Metro Melbourne' to provision of housing, and as a result the requirements for provision of tree canopy in these provisions is not necessarily consistent with the policy objectives for tree canopy in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme and in our adopted

strategies such as the Neighbourhood Character Strategy. With regard to these types of developments, Council will continue to advocate for tree canopy outcomes that are consistent with the unique settings in Nillumbik (e.g. the height and species of a tree that may be appropriate for a proposed development in the inner metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne is not suitable or preferred in the provision of urban canopy in Nillumbik).

Right tree, right place

In all areas localised heat effects occur which can benefit from thoughtful placement of canopy planting. For example, individual houses can benefit from trees around houses, particularly in strategic locations shading north and west areas of the dwelling; while on public land such as streets and parks, shaded footpaths and shopping precincts can benefit pedestrians and users of facilities during hot weather, encouraging walking and use of these areas.

## 6. What we want to achieve

### Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Goals and Targets

To achieve the maximum benefits of a healthy Urban Canopy within the urban areas of Nillumbik the following goals with associated targets are proposed.

**Goal 1 – That Nillumbik’s Urban Canopy is protected and enhanced**

*Target – No overall net loss of Nillumbik’s urban canopy. (Baseline - 39 percent urban canopy cover)*

That through Council leadership, advocacy, use of planning regulations, improved data, a focus on proactive tree maintenance and other strategic canopy works, our urban canopy is supported. The objective is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting that this may decrease significantly in locations where loss can occur as a result of bushfire mitigation action or natural disasters and that it is a priority that it increase in locations where there is less than 25 percent canopy cover.

**Goal 2 – That Nillumbik’s community values and cares for the Urban Canopy**

*Target – An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures*

That through education, planning regulations and support, that partner agencies, community and residents will increase the number of trees cared for, being planted and thriving. This includes Council providing support to volunteers, identifying new partners and encouraging all community members to be tree stewards.

**Goal 3 – That a healthy Urban Canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik’s Community**

*Target – An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township).*

That through the strategic targeting of areas to renew and increase canopy and reduce urban heat island impacts, along with management of canopy across the whole of urban areas, that human health will be protected.

Each of these goals is considered within our three focus areas in the following pages, supported by objectives and examples of what Council will do over the coming 15 years in the:

- Short term: 0 – 4 years (2024 – 2028)
- Medium term: 5 – 8 years (2029 – 2032)
- Long term: 9 – 15 years (2033 – 2040)
- Ongoing: regular, repeated activity

The focus areas for urban canopy action are:

- Focus Area 1 - Leadership
- Focus Area 2 - Grow Nillumbik’s urban canopy on Council land
- Focus Area 3 - Grow Nillumbik’s urban canopy on private land

## 7. Key Focus Areas for action

The actions below are aspirational and are currently not funded and their implementation will be dependent on future funding being available.

### Focus Area 1: Leadership

#	Objective	Council will:	
1.1	<b>Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business</b>	a. Provide information for Council staff on Nillumbik's Urban Tree Canopy Strategy and Tree Management Policy –and what they mean for their work.	Short term
		b. Integrate urban canopy consideration into relevant new Council policies, infrastructure works, structure and township plans, and master plans etc.	Ongoing
		c. Implement Council's Tree Management Policy and Guidelines, prioritising action that enhances urban canopy resilience and minimises health and safety risks.	Ongoing
		d. Consider the resourcing needs of the strategy in Council's annual budget process.	Short - long term
1.2	<b>Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes</b>	a. Connect and collaborate with private landholders, businesses, community groups, Traditional Owners, researchers and organisations such as Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water, seeking opportunities to enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy.	Ongoing
		b. Support and help to further build the capacity of Nillumbik volunteer and community groups such as Friends of Groups and others who can help achieve the goals of this strategy; and celebrate these volunteers.	Ongoing
		c. Develop and promote citizen science projects which can involve the community in the collection of data that can be incorporated into Urban Canopy programs.	Short term
1.3	<b>Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes</b>	a. Advocate for the state government to regularly provide local government with high quality tree canopy data and analysis for urban areas.	Short term
		b. Advocate for the state government to apply increased penalties for the un-permitted damage or removal of vegetation, as per the Planning and Environment Act regulations.	Short term
		c. Advocate for the state government to proactively retain urban canopy assets when designing and constructing infrastructure; and to plant and fund long-term maintenance of new trees in all infrastructure projects.	Ongoing
1.4	<b>Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate</b>	a. Cultivate and provide/sell a diversity of indigenous plant stock, including local provenance canopy species that are suitable for local conditions, through Council's indigenous nursery at the Edendale Community Environment Farm.	Ongoing

#	Objective	Council will:	
		b. Identify opportunities to investigate “climate-ready” revegetation options for urban Nillumbik.	Short – medium term
		c. Apply latest research and climate change projections to help guide Council’s urban canopy actions.	Medium - long term
1.5	<b>Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy.</b>	a. Promote opportunities for community members to report and nominate culturally significant trees with The National Trust and with First Peoples - State Relations.	Ongoing
		b. Develop and update existing brochures /education materials on the benefits of urban canopy and how the community can protect and grow trees.	Short term
		c. Promote Council resources on how planning controls protect and enhance Urban Canopy on private property.	Short term

## Focus Area 2: Grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy on Council land

#	Objective	Council will:	Timing
2.1	<b>Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works</b>	a. In a staged priority-based manner, develop a Nillumbik Tree Inventory that covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity centres/ shopping precincts</li> <li>Other high-use sites including around facilities and sporting grounds</li> <li>all new trees planted in urban areas</li> <li>Council street trees (location and species)</li> <li>Parks and open space (location and species)</li> </ul> <p><i>This inventory will aim to ultimately encompass all urban trees on Council land excluding trees in bushland/wetland reserves and native vegetation roadsides.</i></p> <p><i>For high-use sites it will include information on tree species, health, age, likely life expectancy and any risks identified at the time of inspection.</i></p>	Short - medium term <i>(currently no allocated budget)</i>
		b. Investigate incorporating Tree Inventory data into Council's assets database or similar, and update the database on an ongoing basis.	Short - medium term <i>(currently no allocated budget)</i>
		c. In a staged and priority-based manner, undertake a plantable area/vacant site assessment of high use sites, parks and open space areas, and street nature strips. <p><i>This will help to inform locations that have the capacity for new tree plantings.</i></p>	Short - medium term <i>(currently no allocated budget)</i>
		d. Create an inventory of large hollow-bearing habitat trees that are located in Council's urban bushland reserves	Short term <i>(currently no allocated budget)</i>
		e. Report annually, via the Annual Council Report, on new street tree, activity centre and park plantings.	Ongoing
2.2	<b>Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy</b>	a. Develop an 'Urban Tree Maintenance, Planting and Renewal Plan'. <p><i>It will seek to specify priority:</i></p> <p>a) <i>Pro-active maintenance works to care for trees and prolong their lifespan.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Planting locations, species palettes (that are climate-change responsive and which will help to provide a suitable diversity of species), and planting timeframes.</i></p> <p><i>Priority locations are likely to include sites that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Have high pedestrian use and will provide maximum benefits to the community in counter-acting the urban heat island effect.</i></li> </ul>	Short - medium term <i>(currently no allocated budget)</i>

#	Objective	Council will:	Timing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are facing foreseeable canopy-loss due to tree age or health</li> <li>Are in suburbs or areas which have less canopy than the average canopy across urban Nillumbik</li> </ul> <p><i>This Plan will be data driven, building on the findings of the actions in Objective 2.1</i></p>	
		<p>b. Implement Council's Tree Management Policy and Guidelines, and review every five years or as required.</p> <p><i>These documents should guide a 'right tree, right place' tree planting and tree maintenance decision-making process; and provide a framework for managing risks such as pests/disease, drought conditions etc that could affect the health of Council trees.</i></p>	Short - long term
2.3	<b>Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land</b>	<p>a. Embed tree planting and tree canopy objectives into the plan and design of Council infrastructure and capital works projects, as appropriate.</p>	Ongoing
		<p>b. Investigate opportunities to incorporate water sensitive urban design (WSUD) principles into projects that would support positive urban canopy outcomes.</p>	Ongoing
		<p>c. Promote how residents can apply for a permit that allows them to plant on their nature strip, and the associated guidelines.</p>	Short term
2.4	<b>Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.</b>	<p>a. Investigate developing a Tree Valuation Policy for trees on Council land, including for amenity and ecological value.</p> <p><i>This could help to incentivise developers/others to prioritise public tree retention and more appropriately compensate for their removal.</i></p>	Short term (currently no allocated budget)
		<p>b. Liaise with service authorities (water, electricity distribution, etc.) to maximise tree and canopy retention when asset works are being planned.</p>	Short - long term
2.5	<b>Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land</b>	<p>a. Promote Council resources on how planning controls protect and enhance Urban Canopy; and on how the community can report suspected vegetation removal that is in contravention of the planning scheme.</p>	Short term
		<p>b. Continue to enforce the Planning and Environment Act with regard to illegal vegetation clearing.</p>	Ongoing
2.6	<b>Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land</b>	<p>a. Provide education to the community about the value of, and how to care for, street trees.</p>	Short - long term
		<p>b. Celebrate and support Friends Groups and other volunteers who undertake tree planting in bushland reserves and sites.</p>	Short - long term

### Focus Area 3: Grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy on private land

#	Objective	Council will:	
3.1	<b>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy</b>	a. Implement the neighbourhood character tree canopy requirements, and other relevant provisions and overlays (e.g. Environment Significance Overlay, Significant Landscape Overlay and Native Vegetation Offsets) of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.	Ongoing <i>(subject to 2024/25 draft budget allocation)</i>
		b. Implement Nillumbik Local Law clause 52 (amenity tree regulations) which regulates the removal, destruction or damage to any substantial tree on private land inside the Urban Growth Boundary by requiring a permit (certain exemptions apply).	Ongoing
		c. Develop Tree Planting Guidelines that optimise urban canopy establishment and retention in Nillumbik's urban areas; and implement them through the planning permit process.	Short term
		d. Investigate establishing Tree Bonds, as an incentive for developers to protect trees on development sites. (Subject to the outcomes of Objective 2.4a – Tree Valuation Policy)	Long term <i>(currently no allocated budget)</i>
3.2	<b>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land</b>	a. Provide the community with information and programs that support landholders to plant the right tree(s) in the right place, and to protect and enhance Urban Canopy assets more generally.	Short term

## 8. Implementation and Evaluation

### Implementation of the Strategy

Achieving the 'no net canopy loss' target of this strategy is going to be challenging - as so many of the factors that can contribute to widespread urban canopy loss are largely outside of our control, and are very real risks in Nillumbik.

However, as demonstrated in our three Focus Areas for Action, there is a lot to be done to optimise how we allocate our resources to help achieve positive canopy and urban heat island outcomes.

Many of the actions of this strategy are ongoing actions which are embedded within Council operations. Others are initiatives that need to be delivered in a staggered approach over three council terms over a fifteen year timeframe, including several which will need to be delivered to pave the way for other work to be done. These initiatives will require funding and this will be considered, as required, in Council's annual budget processes.

### How we'll review and report on progress

Evaluation will enable Council to measure its effectiveness in supporting positive urban canopy outcomes.

**Outcome evaluation** – Are the goals of the strategy being achieved? We'll consider our targets, indicators and specific initiative outcomes. Measuring tree canopy extent is our primary indicator, which enables us to identify areas of loss and gain over time, and to prioritise areas of focus.

**Progress evaluation** – Have we done what we said we would?

An annual update will be provided to Councillors and a summary will be placed on our website and in Council's Annual Report.

### Continuous Improvement

This cycle of regular tracking will enable us to:

- Reflect on challenges and progress
- Consider emerging climate change and other factors, innovation, collaboration and opportunities
- Consider resourcing requirements to program timely action

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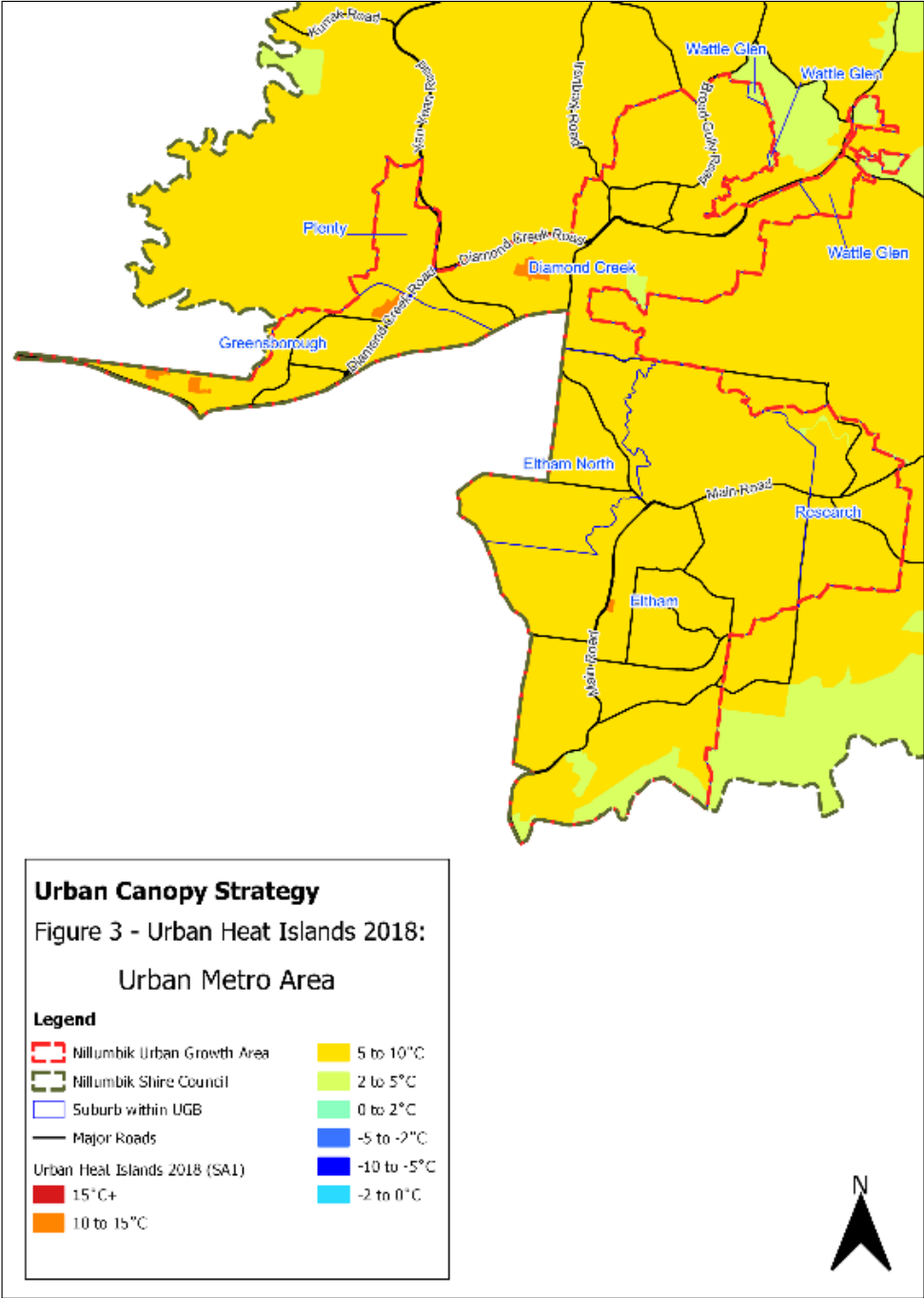
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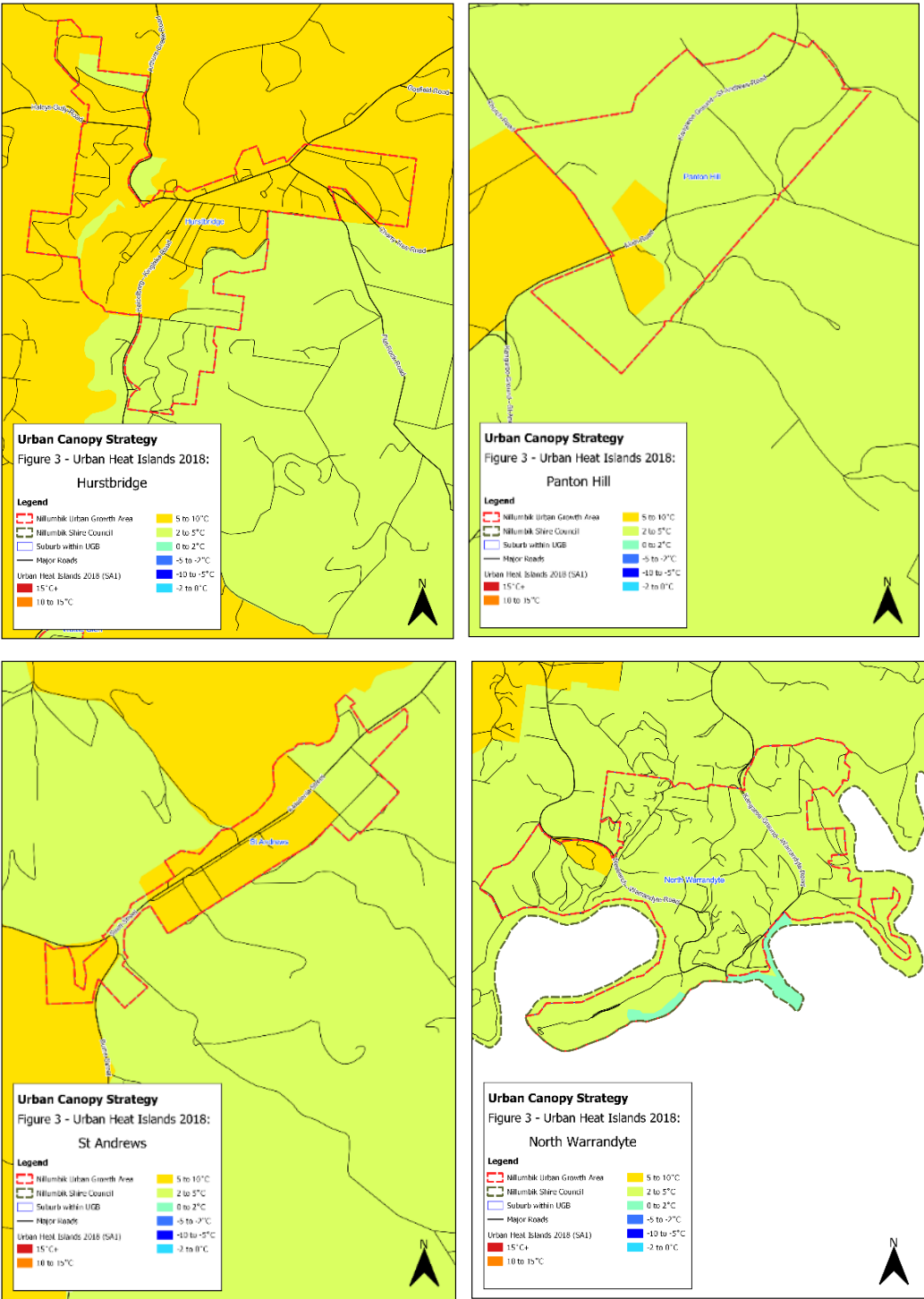
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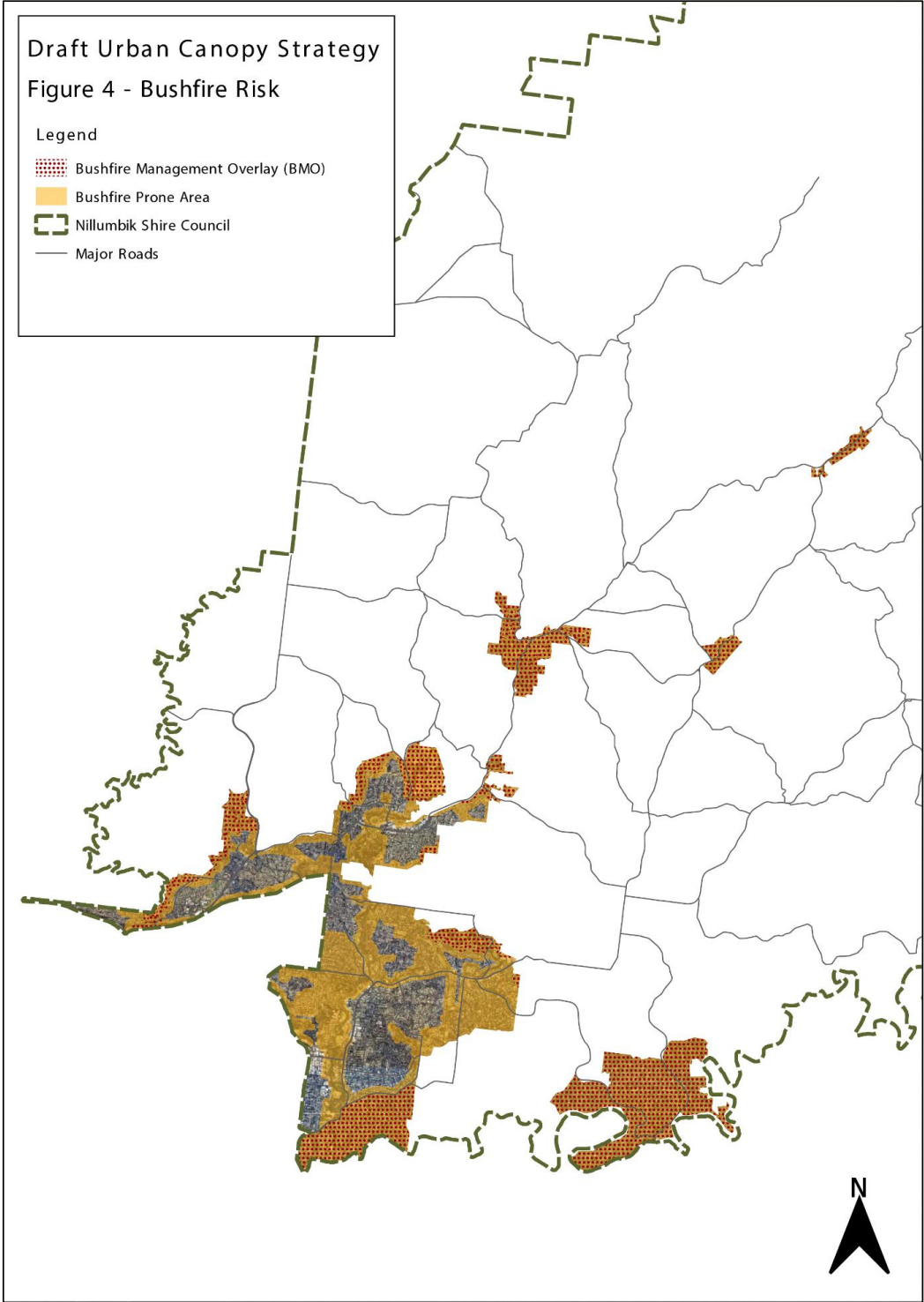
Appendix A - Urban Heat Island impact locations<sup>6</sup>



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Appendix B – Bushfire management planning zones in Nillumbik’s urban areas<sup>7</sup>



<sup>7</sup> Nillumbik Planning Scheme  
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## Appendix C – Planning Context – How canopy trees are protected through the planning scheme

### State planning policy

All planning schemes in Victoria contain State policy, of which particular sections support our Urban Tree Canopy among other things. Planning should help protect the health of ecological systems and the biodiversity they support, and conserve areas with identified environmental landscape values.

The following policy sections are of particular note as they play an important role in protecting vegetation and biodiversity, compensating for native vegetation loss and also protecting human life from bushfire. These policies all have a significant effect on our Urban Tree Canopy:

#### *Protection of Biodiversity:*

- Support land use and development that contributes to protecting and enhancing habitat for indigenous plants and animals in urban areas.

#### *Native Vegetation Management:*

- Ensures that decisions associated with the removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation aims to avoid, minimise and provide offsets to compensate the biodiversity impacts.

#### *River and riparian corridors, waterways, lakes, wetlands and billabongs:*

- Retaining, enhancing and re-establishing indigenous riparian vegetation along waterway systems, ensuring it responds to the bushfire risk of a location.

#### *Landscapes:*

- Ensure important natural features are protected and enhanced.

#### *Natural Hazards and Climate Change:*

- Develop adaptation response strategies for existing settlements in risk areas to accommodate change over time.
- Ensure planning controls allow for risk mitigation and climate change adaptation strategies to be implemented.
- Site and design development to minimise risk to life, health, property, the natural environment and community infrastructure from natural hazards.

#### *Bushfire Planning:*

- To strengthen the resilience of settlements and communities to bushfire through risk based planning that prioritises the protection of human life.
- Protect human life by:
  - Prioritising the protection of human life over all other policy considerations.
  - Directing population growth and development to low risk locations and ensuring the availability of, and safe access to, areas where human life can be better protected from the effects of bushfire.
  - Reducing the vulnerability of communities to bushfire through the consideration of bushfire risk in decision making at all stages of the planning process.
- Ensure settlement growth and development approvals can implement bushfire protection measures without unacceptable biodiversity impacts by discouraging settlement growth and development in bushfire affected areas that are important areas of biodiversity.

*Building Design:*

- Encourage development to retain existing vegetation.
- Ensure development provides landscaping that responds to its site context, enhances the built form, creates safe and attractive spaces and supports cooling and greening of urban areas.

*Subdivision Design:*

- Creating landscaped streets and a network of open spaces to meet a variety of needs with links to regional parks where possible.  
Protecting and enhancing habitat for native flora and fauna, and providing opportunities for people to experience nature in urban areas.

**Strategic Context**

*Neighbourhood character*

Nillumbik's Neighbourhood Character Strategy accurately reflects the valued and existing characteristics and establishes the preferred character of our residential areas. Canopy trees play a huge part in our varied neighbourhood character areas, both in the public and private realms. Incorporated into the Nillumbik Shire Planning Scheme, there are a number of overlays that guide and protect the neighbourhood character of our unique urban settings.

*Major Activity Centre's*

Eltham and Diamond Creek are Nillumbik's major activity centres. They are also the areas in and around which the majority of the shire's population live, work and shop. Guided by a number of planning zones and overlays, including the Eltham Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2020) and Diamond Creek Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2020), canopy trees are protected, maintained and promoted to preserve the leafy neighbourhood character, create quality shade to mitigate the heat-island effect and enhance the environment. Development is also carefully guided in these areas to prevent canopy tree loss and to provide deep planting areas for new canopy trees.

*Planning scheme overlays*

Overlays are one of the primary ways Canopy Trees are protected in the Shire. Both Environmental Significance and Significant Landscape Overlays have triggers for the removal, destruction and lopping of trees with objectives specific to those overlays that seek to protect and enhance regional and strategic habitat links, vistas and views, riparian environments and ecological resources. These overlays are strategically evidenced and justified through a rigorous planning scheme amendment process, and embedded within the Nillumbik Planning Scheme. They allow Council to consider how new developments will affect our natural resources including our canopy tree cover.

*Municipal Planning Strategy & Local planning policy*

The Nillumbik planning scheme has the Municipal Planning Statement and local policy that preserve and protect the environment and biodiversity of our Shire. Policy that supports the protection and enhancement of our urban tree canopy includes strategies encouraging the planting of indigenous vegetation on roadsides reserves and sites of environmental significance.

## Appendix D - Glossary and definitions

Term	Definition
Activity Centres	Retail, service and employment hubs that are usually well serviced by public transport. They range in size from local neighbourhood strip shops to major regional shopping malls and centres.
Amenity	High-quality landscapes are likely to be prioritised in key civic and commercial activity areas and in key city entrances and movement corridors. Adding to the network of tree-lined streets also contributes to the character and legacy of Melbourne.
Canopy Cover	The foliage / leaf cover provided by trees
Canopy Tree	For the purpose of this strategy, a canopy tree is defined any tree that is, or will reach, a height of over two metres.
Climate Change	A change in the pattern of weather (e.g. temperature, wind and rainfall), and the related changes on land and in oceans, occurring over time. These changes in weather patterns increase the occurrence, severity and distribution of events such as drought, flooding, heatwaves, bushfire and rising sea levels.
Heat Wave	Heat Wave defined as three or more days of high maximum and minimum temperatures that are unusual for that location (Bureau of Meteorology, 2020).
Indigenous species	The original flora or fauna that occur naturally in a given location, which for the purpose of this strategy is Nillumbik.
Native Vegetation	Native vegetation is plants that are indigenous to Australia, including trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses.
Neighbourhood Character	The interplay between development, vegetation and topography in the public and private domains that distinguishes one residential area from another.
Overlays	Planning scheme controls that apply to specific areas to address a particular issue such as environmental, landscape, heritage and flooding. These requirements operate in addition to those provided by the land's zoning.
Resilience	The ability of trees to adapt, survive and thrive in a changing climate.
Urban canopy	For the purpose of this strategy, urban canopy is any woody vegetation that is over two metres in height, including indigenous, native and exotic species.
Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)	A state-government defined boundary which indicates the long-term geographic limits of Melbourne's urban development. Within Nillumbik, this includes parts of Diamond Creek, Eltham, Eltham north, Greensborough, Hurstbridge, North Warrandyte, Panton Hill, Plenty, Research, St Andrews and Wattle Glen.
Urban heat island effect	The phenomenon of dense urban areas having significantly warmer air and land surface temperatures than surrounding rural areas.
Water sensitive urban design	Integrated design of the water cycle, incorporating water supply, wastewater, stormwater and design groundwater management, urban design and environmental protection. It sees all water as a resource to be managed to improve the environment, the economy, and liveability.
Tree canopy	The cover of leaves or branches that hangs over a tree trunk.

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## **1    Executive summary**

ChatterBox Projects was engaged to support Nillumbik Shire Council to plan and deliver engagement activities to seek community feedback on the Draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy. ChatterBox Projects was also engaged to undertake research to identify input potentially relevant to the Nillumbik Urban Canopy Strategy in 2024 and develop a 'What we have already heard' Report.

The purpose of the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy is to help guide the protection and enhancement of the tree canopy within urban areas of the Shire.

Its proposed three overarching goals are:

- That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced
- Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy
- That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community

The three key focus areas are:

- Leadership
- Grow Nillumbik's urban canopy on Council land
- Grow Nillumbik's urban canopy of private land

An essential component of developing the new strategy as indicated above, involved reviewing feedback gathered in recent Nillumbik Shire Council community consultation programs to identify input potentially relevant to the Nillumbik Urban Canopy Strategy in 2024. This interrogation process (or secondary data analysis) involved reviewing existing feedback for a purpose that is different to the original data-gathering intention.

This report focusses on the findings from the community of feedback on the Draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy.

### **1.1    Overview of engagement activities**

Engagement activities where people could provide feedback included:






- a feedback form (available in hardcopy and online via Council's Participate Nillumbik engagement platform);
- an online stakeholder workshop (due to limited interest the online workshop was cancelled, and two individuals were contacted individually);
- Four drop-in sessions at Hurstbridge Hub, Diamond Valley Library, Eltham Library and at Edendale Farm; and
- written submissions.

These engagement activities were supported by a range of communication activities including:

- information on Council's Participate Nillumbik engagement platform including a video, FAQ's, the draft strategy and project timelines;
- promotion via Nillumbik News/e-News and other relevant Council newsletters;
- social media posts on Council's social media platforms as well as paid social media advertisements;
- posters and postcards placed at libraries, Council's customer service areas such as Edendale Farm;
- 10 corflute signs placed at key public locations \*eg: Diamond Creek trail, dog parks)


- direct email notification to relevant community groups and to people who registered to stay informed;
- promotion via community newsletters, such as school newsletters; and
- promotion through Council's advisory committees and community groups.

## 1.2 Overview of participation and participation profile

	The engagement activities obtained feedback from 147 participants via the feedback form and submissions and engaged with approximately 188 people.
	136 feedback form responses (online and hard copy)
	Approximately 41 people were engaged at the drop-in sessions including the event at Edendale Farm (30).
	6 participants were involved in individual conversations and meetings with Council staff.
	11 submissions

**Please note that some individuals may have participated in more than one engagement activity.**

In addition, there was also:

	835 visitors to the Participate Nillumbik project page including 143 downloads of the draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy and 56 downloads of the What we have already heard Report.
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Participant demographic data was captured via the online and hard copy feedback form. Through the feedback form we heard from:

- Mostly people who live in Nillumbik (92%)
- People who live in a range of Nillumbik suburbs like with the highest representation from Eltham (49%) and Eltham North (12%)
- Mostly women (61%)
- Ages 20 and over, however, the highest representation was 35-44 year olds (27%).

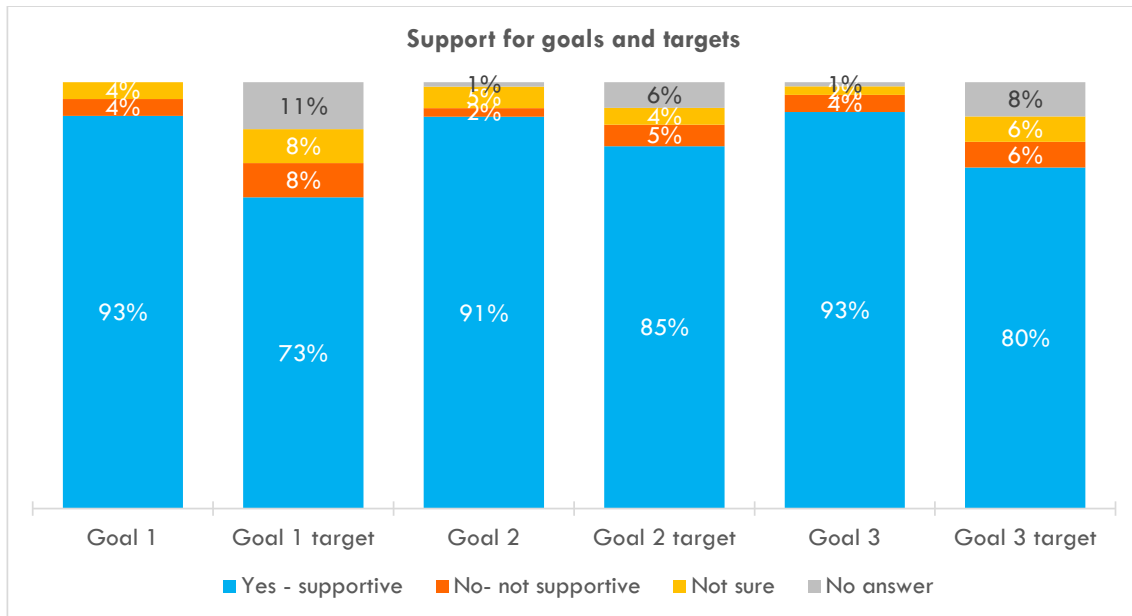
Through submissions and at the online workshops we also heard from a range of community groups including Friends of Nillumbik and Warrandyte Community Association.

### 1.3 Key findings from the analysis of community feedback

It should be noted that the findings from this consultation put forth the views of those with an interest in the topic; the results cannot be interpreted as representative of the broader population.

Overall, the majority of respondents supported the goals, targets and focus areas outlined in the document. However, 8% indicated they weren't supportive of the target for Goal 1, and 6% indicated they weren't supportive of the target for Goal 3.

**Figure 1.3.1 Support for Goals and targets**



The target for Goal 1 was considered by some to not align well with the goal, as it didn't allow for 'enhancement'; rather it was only specifying maintenance. There was a view by some that the target should aim to increase the percentage of canopy cover, with suggestions that there be efforts to ensure this increase is achieved through indigenous planting and reduction of clearing; the latter to be achieved through harsher penalties and more enforcement. A range of alternative targets were put forth including increasing the target to 40% overall, or having individual targets per locality so that localities with poor canopy coverage would be improved.

For Goal 2, the main suggestions put forth to enhance the goal and target were to prioritise indigenous trees, make the target clearer and more measurable, and include retention and maintenance of existing trees.

The Goal 3 target was considered by some to be more suited under Goal 1, whilst one in five respondents suggested that the 25% target was too low and should be increased.

Of the 13 objectives across three focus areas, only two received less than 90% support:

- Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes (Leadership focus area) – 86% support. Most of those who didn't support either selected not sure or no answer, suggesting that further clarification of this objective might be needed.
- Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate (Leadership focus area) – 84% support. Most of those who didn't support either selected not sure or no answer, suggesting that further clarification of this objective might be needed.

When asked to write in ideas that might help encourage community action, the main suggestions were:

- Educate the community on the benefits of trees and what trees to plant (31%). This could include sessions at Edendale (4 mentions).
- Provide free tubestock and/or seedlings (17%).
- Provide financial incentives to encourage landowners to plant more trees, such as vouchers for indigenous plants, rebates for tree planting and grants for revegetation or tree maintenance.

Overall, the key themes in the written feedback throughout the survey were the desire for canopy coverage to be increased not just maintained (39% of respondents provided a comment relating to this anywhere in the survey), a call for more education on what to plant and the benefits (38%), and penalties for illegal felling (32%).



## 2 Project background and engagement overview

### 2.1 Background and purpose

Nillumbik Shire Council is developing an Urban Tree Canopy Strategy (the strategy). Nillumbik's Urban Tree Canopy, also referred to as the Urban Forest comprises trees and other vegetation over two metres tall in our urban areas, across public and private land. It includes street and park trees but also trees and vegetation in backyards, along waterways, roads and railways, as well as those in industrial areas, shopping precincts and conservation areas.

The urban tree canopy strategy will cover all parts of Nillumbik which are inside the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). This will include the following suburbs or townships:

- Diamond Creek, Hurstbridge, Research, Eltham, Eltham North, Greensborough, Panton Hill, Plenty, St Andrews, Wattle Glen.

Urban trees and shrubs play a significant role in creating liveable neighbourhoods and increasing the health and wellbeing of communities and our environment.

The proposed Urban Tree Canopy Strategy will provide a strategic framework for action to help protect and enhance this tree coverage/extent and tree health across the urban areas of Nillumbik – focusing on:

- Private land (front and back yards etc) and
- Council land (parks, reserves, streets, activity centres)

Nillumbik's draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy provides a fifteen-year strategic framework that will help Council achieve their vision to protect and enhance their urban tree canopy.

These urban areas, on average, have a tree canopy cover of 39 per cent; the second highest average tree canopy cover in all of Melbourne. The draft strategy aims to protect and maintain this level of canopy cover and to identify opportunities to support more canopy in areas that need it most.

A healthy urban tree canopy provides a range of environmental, health, cultural and economic benefits. For example, trees provide shade and shelter, improve air quality, absorb carbon and rainfall, cool local environments and support wildlife. They also create beautiful green, leafy neighbourhoods that encourage walking and physical activity.

Some of the challenges impacting our urban tree canopy include climate change, extreme weather events, bushfire threat and urban development and housing.

To help inform the draft strategy, a research project was undertaken in February and March 2024 to re-analyse previous community feedback received on a range of Council projects, using a tree canopy lens. A report was produced and provides insights into community sentiment and views about the Nillumbik environment. The findings from this work informed the engagement program and the new draft strategy.

This report presents the findings from the analysis of community and stakeholder feedback gathered during this consultation.

## 2.2 Engagement overview and program

The aim of the consultation was to seek feedback from community and stakeholders about the draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy. ChatterBox Projects was engaged to support Council to plan and deliver some of the engagement activities and to analyse and report on the community feedback.

The engagement activities where people could provide feedback included:

- a feedback form (available in hardcopy and online via Council's Participate Nillumbik engagement platform) – see Appendix 1 to view a copy of the form;
- Four drop-in sessions
  - 14 April 2024 11am-2pm-Edendale Community Environment Farm
  - 18 April 2024 10am-12pm – Hurstbridge Hub
  - 19 April 2024 1pm - 3pm– Diamond Valley Library
  - 22 April 2024 2pm – 4pm -Eltham Library
- written submissions.

People will also be able to register to make a verbal submission at the Council Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting on 11 June 2024.

These engagement activities were supported by a range of communication activities including:

- information on Council's Participate Nillumbik engagement platform including a video, FAQ's, the draft strategy and project timelines;
- promotion via Nillumbik News/e-News and other relevant Council newsletters;
- social media posts on Council's social media platforms as well as paid social media advertisements;
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- direct email notification to relevant community groups and to people who registered to stay informed;
- promotion via community newsletters, such as school newsletters; and
- promotion through Council's advisory committees and community groups.

## 2.2 Overview of participation

The engagement activities resulted in feedback from 147 participants as shown in the table below. The communication activities drove many people to the website with over 143 downloads of the draft strategy and 56 downloads of the 'What we have already heard' report.

**Table 2.1. Overview of communication and engagement activities with participation outcomes**

Communication and engagement methods	Participation outcomes*
<b>Engagement activities</b>	
Feedback form submissions (online and hard copy)	136
Drop-in sessions (conversations)	41
Submissions	11
<b>TOTAL (approximate)</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>Communications activities (inform and raise awareness)</b>	
Visitors to Participate Nillumbik project page	835
Downloads of the draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy	143

\*Please note: Some individuals may have participated in more than one engagement activity.

## 2.3 Analysis notes

### 2.3.1 Thematic analysis

For the questions collecting a written answer, responses have been grouped into meaningful themes to assist with analysis. Where relevant, individual comments have been assigned to multiple themes. An excel document with this thematic analysis has been provided in a separate document and allows for filtering of comments by themes.

Note that when conducting thematic analysis, a single comment can be assigned to more than one theme. When reporting a percentage for each theme this is calculated as a proportion of the entire sample, to give an accurate representation of the proportion of all respondents who mentioned the topic. This reduces the risk of over-valuing themes mentioned by only small numbers of respondents

Quotes from written comments have been included throughout this document. After each quote there is detail of the demographics of the person who made the comment as follows: [age, gender, region]. If a demographic variable hasn't been provided by the respondent it has been left out.

### 2.3.2 Statistical significance testing

Results have been tested for statistical significance using the Bonferroni method at 95% confidence level. Where a statistically significant variation has been identified in the analysis, this has either been included in a written comment or demonstrated in charts and tables with arrows denoting a higher than average result (↑) or lower than average result (↓). To ensure relevance and usefulness of this report, cross analysis of variables which do not yield any statistically significant insights have not been included in the written analysis.

All findings have had significance testing conducted based on:

- Gender;
- Age; and
- Region

Given the closed ended support rating questions were not set as compulsory, answer options have been generated for 'no answer'. This avoids over-estimation of positive and negative viewpoints in the findings. When people don't answer a rating question it is often because they don't agree, which can result in over-reported agreement percentages if the 'no answer' isn't taken into account in the percentage calculation. Indeed when viewing the written comments of those who didn't answer rating questions, sometimes it is evident that the respondent has a stance that would align to a 'not supportive' rating, however they didn't answer the rating question so cannot be recorded as such. ASDF Research recommends that in the future all closed ended survey questions are set as compulsory (with a 'don't know' option) to avoid this ambiguity in the data.

### 3 Respondent profile

The feedback form was the main source of demographic information. Through the survey we heard mostly from people who live in Nillumbik (92%). In relation to where people live, there was representation across most Nillumbik suburbs with most respondents coming from Eltham (49%) and Eltham North (12%).

In terms of age, we heard mostly from 35-44 year olds (27%) and 65-84 year olds (25%). We also heard from many more women than men (61% women compared to 35% men).

There were 3 respondents who identified as LGBTIQA+, 2 who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and 6 who said they speak a language other than English at home. These sample sizes are too small to cross analyse the findings by these segments.

Through submissions and at the online workshops we also heard from a range of community groups including Friends of Nillumbik and Warrandyte Community Association.

It should also be noted that there were three responses in the survey who provided almost identical comments, suggesting that they may have been the same person, or prompted by a special interest group (Respondent code: 24918, 24919, 24893).

Figure 2.3.1 Relationship to Nillumbik

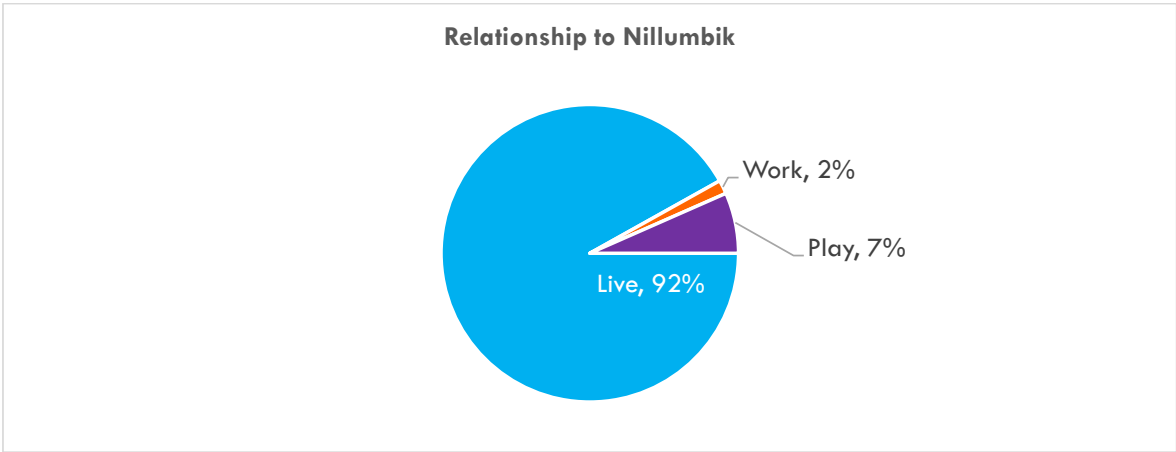


Figure 2.3.2 Age of survey respondents

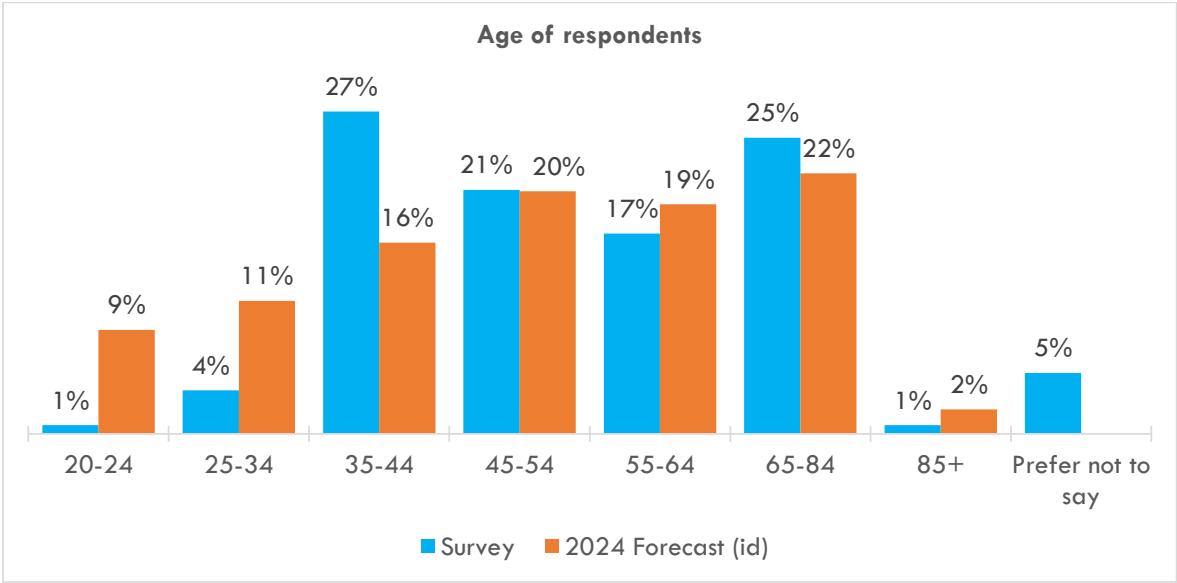


Figure 2.3.3 Gender of survey respondents

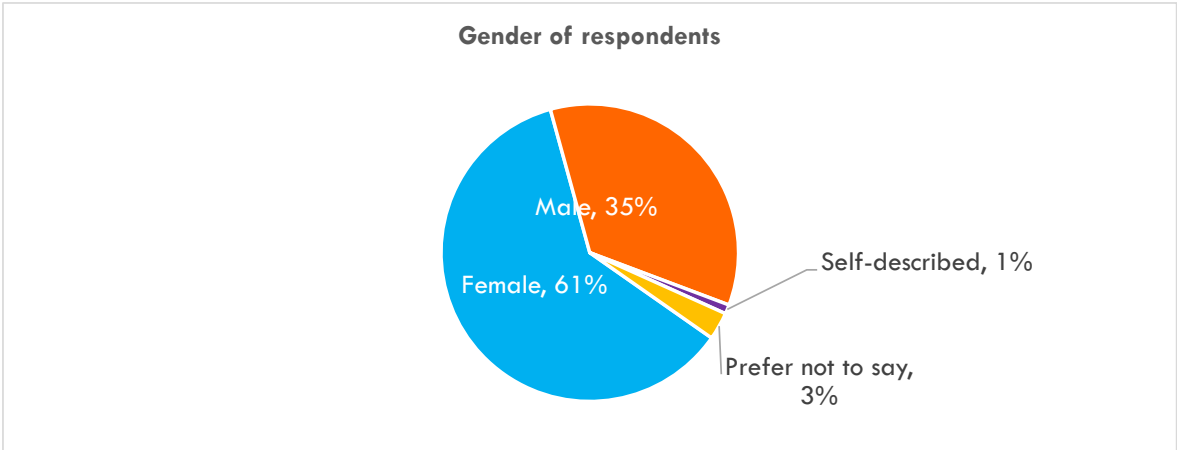
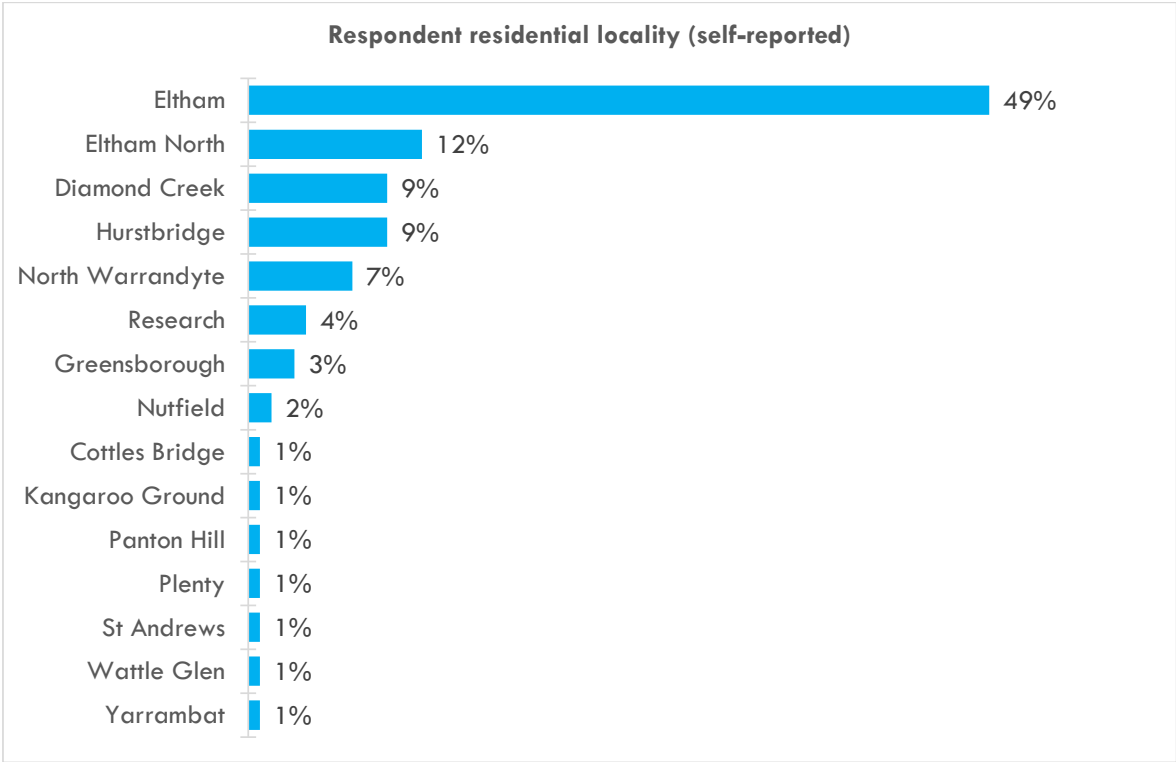


Figure 2.3.4 Respondent residential locality (self-reported)

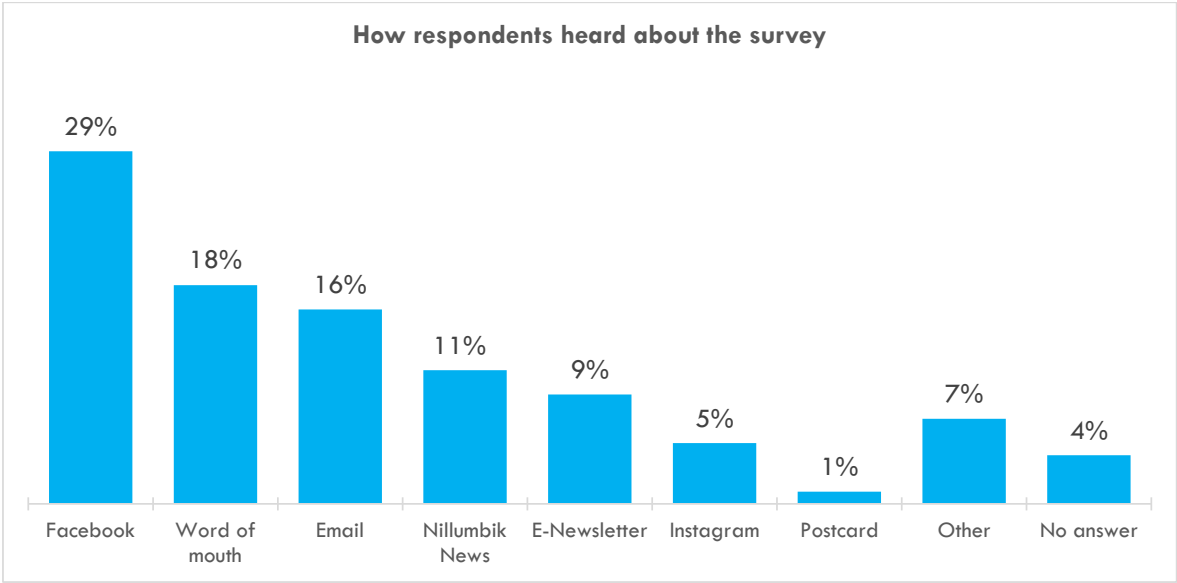


Respondents have been grouped into four regions for geographic analysis, as shown in table 3.1.

Table 2.3.1 Region definition

Region	Description	Count	Percentage (n=120)
Eltham	<div><div>▪ Eltham</div><div>▪ Eltham North</div></div>	79	58%
South East	<div><div>▪ North Warrandyte</div><div>▪ Research</div></div>	14	12%
Mid	<div><div>▪ Diamond Creek</div><div>▪ Greensborough</div><div>▪ Hurstbridge</div><div>▪ Kangaroo Ground</div><div>▪ Plenty</div><div>▪ Wattle Glen</div></div>	31	25%
Rural	<div><div>▪ Cottles Bridge</div><div>▪ Nutfield</div><div>▪ Panton Hill</div><div>▪ St Andrews</div><div>▪ Yarrambat</div></div>	6	5%

Figure 2.3.5 How respondents heard about the survey



Other sources include Nilumbio email (4 mentions), public signs (3 mentions), and Edendale (2 mentions)



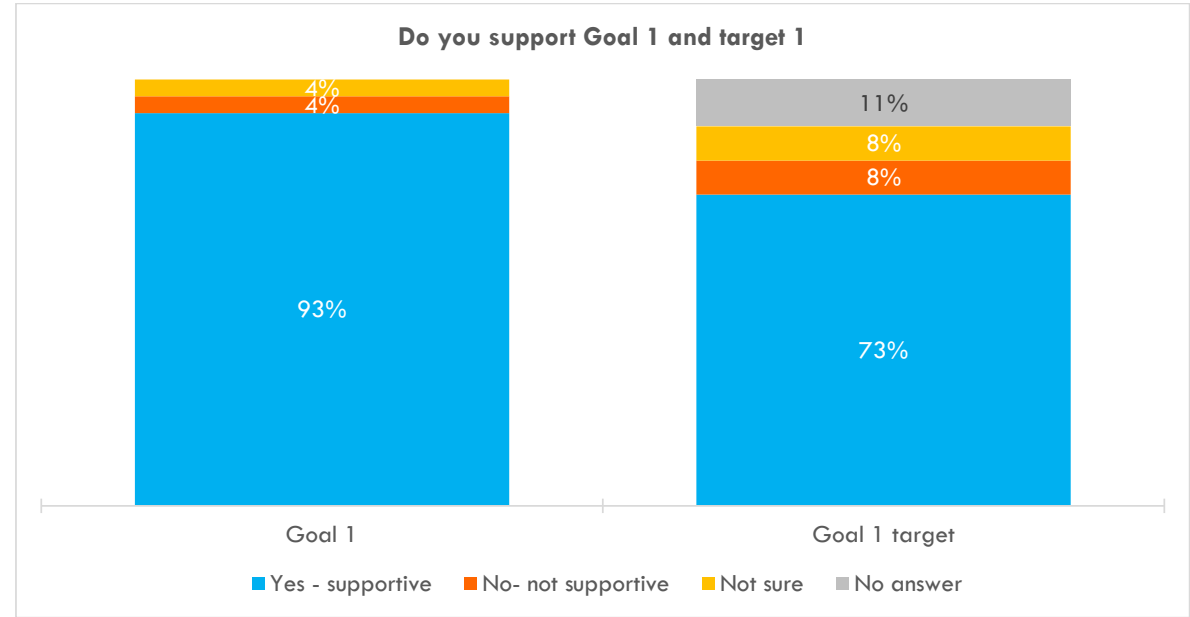
4 Findings from the analysis of the community feedback form

4.1 Goal 1- That Nillumbik’s urban canopy is protected and enhanced

Survey participants were asked to indicate their level of support for Goal 1 ‘That Nillumbik’s urban canopy is protected and enhanced.’; the corresponding target “No overall net loss of Nillumbik’s urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won’t be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire management”.

As can be seen in figure 4.1, there was strong support for Goal 1, at 93%. Support for the target was slightly lower, but still in the majority.

Figure 4.1.1 Support for Goal 1 and target



Female respondents more often supported Goal 1 (96%) than males (87%). Goal 1 was also supported by higher proportions of respondents from Eltham (n=79, 95%) and the Mid region of Nillumbik (n=31, 97%), compared to just 50% of respondents from the rural region (note small sample size of n=6). Indeed, half of respondents from the rural region (note small sample size of n=6) indicated that they didn’t support Goal 1.

When asked to write in any changes they would like to see to Goal 1 or target, 85 respondents typed in a comment. Figure 4.1.2 shows the top themes of these responses, calculated as a percentage of the whole sample. The main ideas put forth related to increasing the target (not just maintaining), harsher penalties for illegal felling, restrict clearing by developers, and focusing on indigenous trees (prioritising and protecting).

Figure 4.1.2 Proposed changes to Goal 1 and target

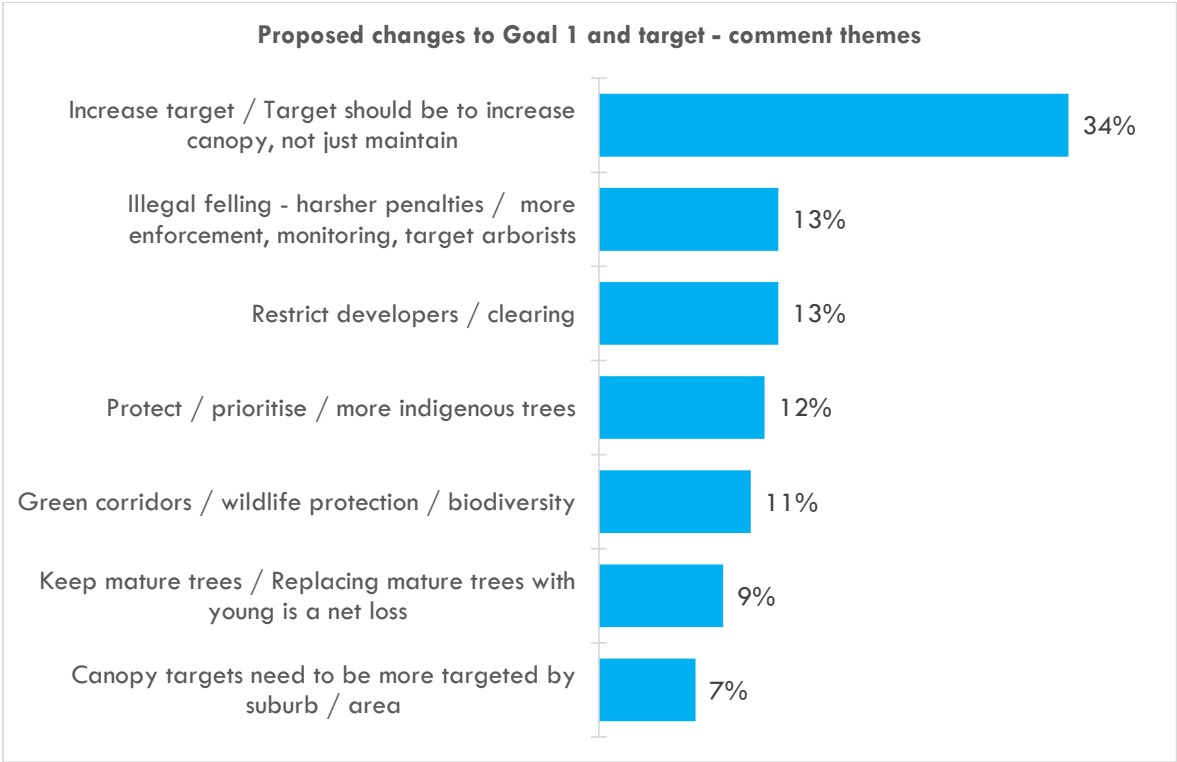


Table 4.1.1 on the following page explores these themes in greater detail.

More aggressive targets are needed. This will need to be supported by more active enforcement activities to stop unlawful removal of native vegetation. [Male, 35-44, Eltham]

I would like to see the target percentage increased, nit maintained at a level already greatly reduced by over development, illegal tree removals and lack of monitoring and enforcement of replacement plantings.

We should be aiming higher...we are the 'green wedge shire' do the proposed target of maintaining 39 per cent is too low. [Female, 55-64, Eltham]

This goal is too loose in meaning. Should include protection of already mature indigenous trees. Protection needs to be applied across all areas of the Shire, private land and public. Overall increase in indigenous biodiversity is needed including nature strips.

A decrease in removal and damage to trees on private land is needed. An actual system of laws with heavy fines that are enforced for removal and damage to trees. Otherwise this is just an exercise in words. Developers are happy to clear everything for ease and include fines in their overall costs. [Female, 65-84, Mid]

**Table 4.1.1 Summary of comments in relation to Goal 1, Target**

Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Increase target / Target should be to increase canopy, not just maintain</b> <i>Mentioned in 46 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The general sense of this theme was a call to increase the canopy, not just maintain.</li> <li>It was suggested that the term 'enhancement' in the goal indicates a need to go beyond just maintenance.</li> <li>Suggested targets include: to 43%, 15% over 10 years, 40% in 12 years, or 1-2% every 2-3 years.</li> <li>One respondent suggested that the wording sounds defeatist.</li> </ul>	24694, 24696, 24700, 24704, 24706, 24708, 24709, 24712, 24720, 24722, 24723, 24740, 24742, 24743, 24749, 24752, 24754, 24758, 24766, 24780, 24782, 24785, 24787, 24794, 24806, 24840, 24868, 24881, 24890, 24893, 24897, 24899, 24902, 24904, 24905, 24908, 24911, 24912, 24913, 24915, 24916, 24917, 24918, 24919, 24920, 24921
<b>Illegal felling - harsher penalties / more enforcement, monitoring, target arborists</b> <i>Mentioned in 18 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Areas identified where this is happening were Eltham, Eltham North, Diamond Creek, Research.</li> <li>Concerns that the fines aren't high enough to deter felling.</li> <li>Other ideas were to prevent development on land where trees had been felled illegally, create a database of trees, and revoke the 10/30 rule.</li> </ul>	24698, 24705, 24720, 24723, 24731, 24758, 24768, 24802, 24817, 24892, 24893, 24900, 24904, 24908, 24915, 24916, 24918, 24919
<b>Restrict developers / clearing</b> <i>Mentioned in 17 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some raised concerns that subdivisions planning doesn't have enough of a requirement to keep established trees.</li> <li>A number of comments also expressed concern that it was too easy to remove trees on private land.</li> <li>One comment suggested that policies should require there to be a legitimate reason to remove a tree for development.</li> </ul>	24699, 24706, 24731, 24733, 24735, 24736, 24739, 24755, 24766, 24785, 24798, 24802, 24810, 24817, 24900, 24904, 24915
<b>Protect / prioritise / more indigenous trees</b> <i>Mentioned in 16 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some comments suggested that the focus should be on indigenous trees when assessing and increasing canopy cover.</li> </ul>	24738, 24779, 24780, 24782, 24817, 24848, 24868, 24893, 24897, 24900, 24901, 24913, 24915, 24918, 24919, 24921

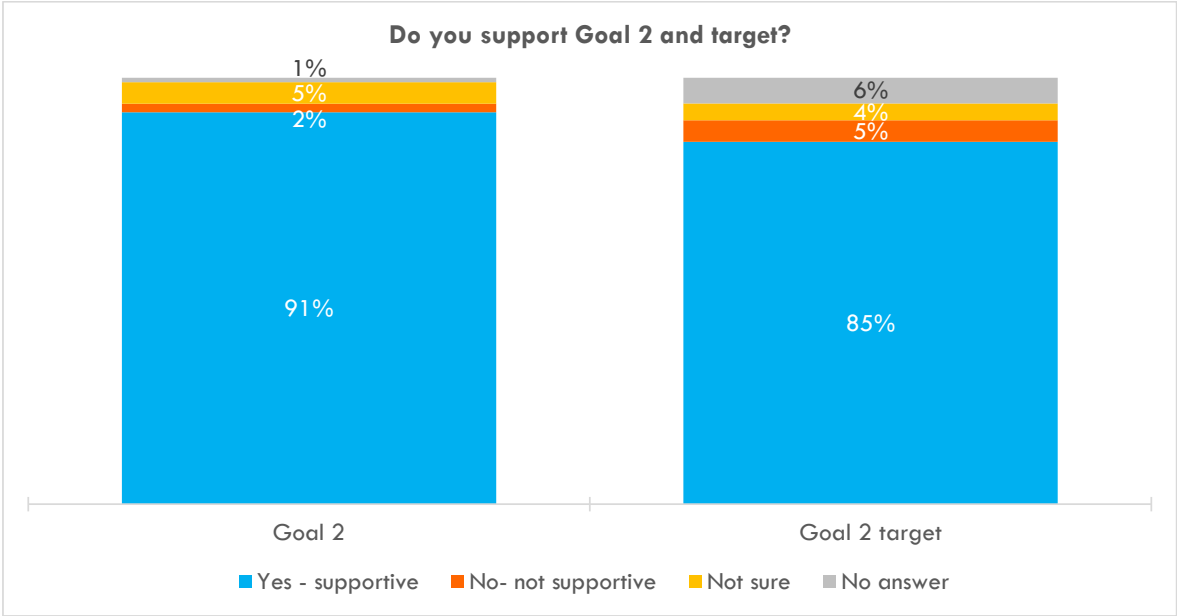
Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Green corridors / wildlife protection / biodiversity</b> <i>Mentioned in 15 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments emphasised the importance of maintaining green spaces for wildlife to live, and travel.</li> <li>There was concern that removing healthy establish trees would be detrimental to wildlife habitat.</li> </ul>	24722, 24780, 24782, 24891, 24893, 24897, 24900, 24902, 24904, 24908, 24911, 24915, 24918, 24919, 24921
<b>Keep mature trees / Replacing mature trees with young is a net loss</b> <i>Mentioned in 12 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments mentioned concerns for 'net loss', the need for more planting now to cater for potential future loss, and the need to keep large trees for hollows for wildlife habitat.</li> </ul>	24768, 24780, 24802, 24817, 24868, 24892, 24893, 24902, 24904, 24915, 24919
<b>Canopy targets need to be more targeted by suburb / area</b> <i>Mentioned in 10 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some commenters wanted the canopy more spread out across the region, making it more uniform, particularly in urban areas.</li> <li>There was also a suggestion that replacement canopy occur in the same small areas as it was removed, rather than in a different suburb.</li> </ul>	24709, 24717, 24759, 24849, 24899, 24904, 24911, 24912, 24915, 24919
<b>Other themes with more than one comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There needs to be monitoring and enforcement of replacement planting (5 comments).</li> <li>That the 2 meter definition of tree canopy is too small (4 comments).</li> <li>Need to place more restrictions on weeds and invasive species (4 comments).</li> <li>Concerns around negative wording, particularly with regards to challenges (3 comments).</li> <li>The word 'enhancement' is too vague (3 comments).</li> <li>Need to prioritise bushfire management by using less flammable trees (2 comments).</li> </ul>	

4.2 Goal 2- Nillumbik’s community values and cares for the urban canopy

Survey participants were asked to indicate their level of support for Goal 2 ‘Nillumbik’s community values and cares for the urban canopy’; the corresponding target “An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures’.

There was widespread support for both.

Figure 4.2.1 Support for Goal 2 and target



Female respondents more often supported Goal 2 (95%) than males (85%). Goal 2 was also supported by higher proportions of respondents from Eltham (n=79, 95%) and the Mid region of Nillumbik (n=31, 94%), compared to just 50% of respondents from the rural region (note small sample size of n=6). Indeed, half of respondents from the rural region (note small sample size of n=6) indicated that they didn’t support Goal 2’s target.

When asked to write in any changes they would like to see to Goal 2 or target, 70 respondents typed in an answer. Figure 4.2.2 shows the most common themes of these comments, calculated as a percentage of the whole sample. The main ideas put forth related to prioritising indigenous and native trees, more measurable and specific targets, and including protection of existing trees.

Figure 4.2.2 Proposed changes to Goal 2 and target

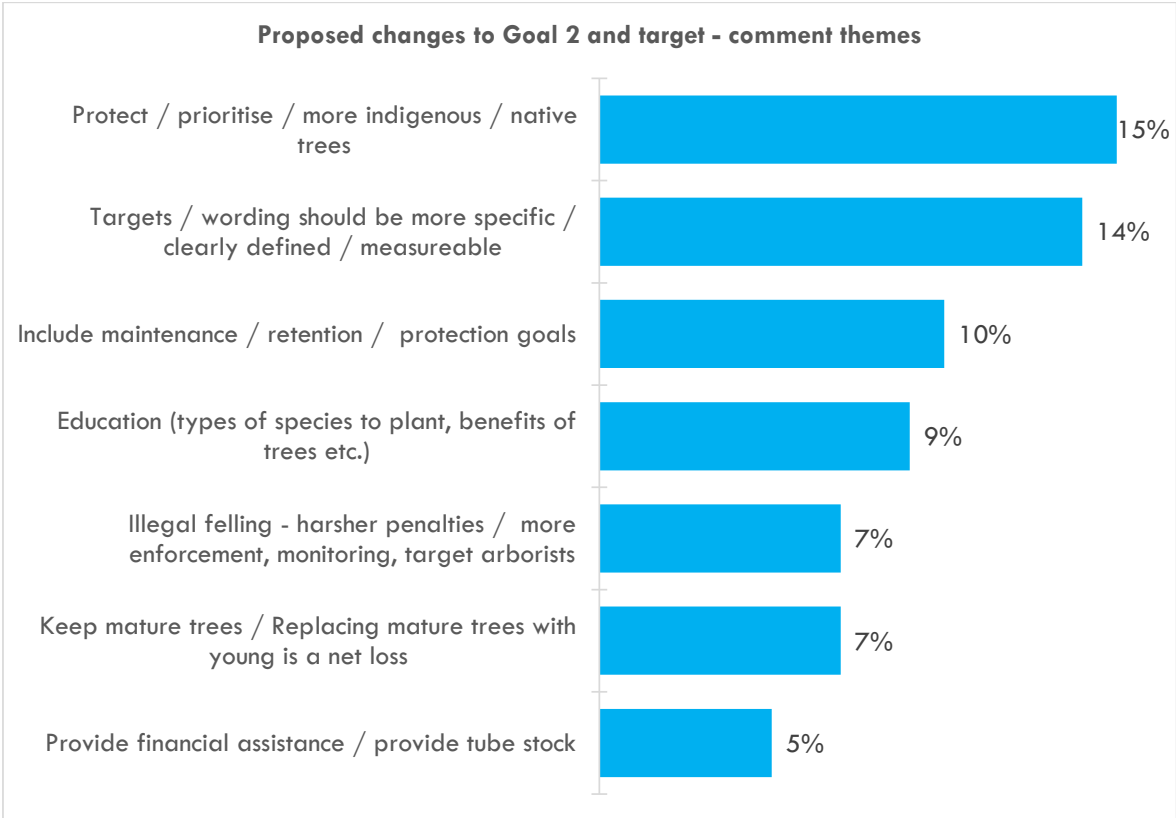


Table 4.2.1 on the following page explores these themes in greater detail.

Specify the percentage "an increase of X % in the planting of trees....."  
Provide council support e.g saplings to encourage this.  
Plant more trees in public places e.g. Roundabouts, Eltham multi modal interchange - station etc. [Male, 55-64, Eltham]

The community seems to remove urban canopy and native vegetation without consideration or repercussion regardless of fines/ penalties or overlays. Stronger penalties are needed in line with better education and monitoring by council. [Female, 35-44, Eltham]

An increase in indigenous tree planting should occur across all tree tenures. Non indigenous trees can be valuable close to structures and for aesthetics but the strategy should prioritise planting of indigenous trees first and non-weedy non-indigenous second. Avenues for removing weed species should be simplified to encourage removal. [Female, 35-44, Eltham]

**Table 4.2.1 Summary of comments in relation to Goal 2, Target**

Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Protect / prioritise / more indigenous / native trees</b> <i>Mentioned in 20 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments talked about the need for indigenous trees as the priority over non-indigenous.</li> <li>There were comments telling stories of issues when non-indigenous trees were planted in an area.</li> <li>Another comment suggested that indigenous trees not be allowed to be cleared for development.</li> </ul>	24735, 24738, 24782, 24802, 24806, 24817, 24848, 24849, 24868, 24881, 24891, 24892, 24893, 24900, 24901, 24904, 24913, 24917, 24918, 24919
<b>Targets / wording should be more specific / clearly defined / measureable</b> <i>Mentioned in 19 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a call for better definition of 'Nillumbik community' and clarify whether developers fall into that group.</li> <li>Comments suggested there was a need to define what type of tree canopy will be planted and to be sensible about the types of trees being planted.</li> </ul>	24709, 24719, 24743, 24749, 24768, 24777, 24794, 24803, 24848, 24849, 24861, 24868, 24892, 24893, 24905, 24917, 24918, 24919, 24920
<b>Include maintenance / retention / protection goals</b> <i>Mentioned in 13 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of comments called for the target to emphasise retention of exiting trees, not just an increase in planting.</li> </ul>	24708, 24780, 24849, 24868, 24892, 24893, 24900, 24902, 24911, 24913, 24918, 24919, 24921
<b>Education (types of species to plant, benefits of trees etc.)</b> <i>Mentioned in 12 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments suggested that more education was needed to help land owners understand the benefits of tree canopy, what they can do to increase native vegetation, and dispelling myths (e.g. danger of eucalypts).</li> <li>One comment suggested this education was needed for new residents to the area.</li> </ul>	24698, 24702, 24725, 24740, 24742, 24755, 24805, 24817, 24877, 24897, 24904, 24912
<b>Illegal felling - harsher penalties / more enforcement, monitoring, target arborists</b> <i>Mentioned in 10 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar comments to those analysed in the previous question. They revolve around the penalties not being enough to deter felling of trees (should be higher), and that more enforcement is needed.</li> </ul>	24742, 24785, 24795, 24806, 24810, 24897, 24908, 24911, 24912, 24916
<b>Keep mature trees / Replacing mature trees with young is a net loss</b> <i>Mentioned in 10 comments)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar comments to those analysed in the previous question. They revolve around concerns that it takes time for replacement planting to provide the same benefits as mature trees.</li> </ul>	24698, 24699, 24733, 24817, 24893, 24913, 24915, 24917, 24918, 24919

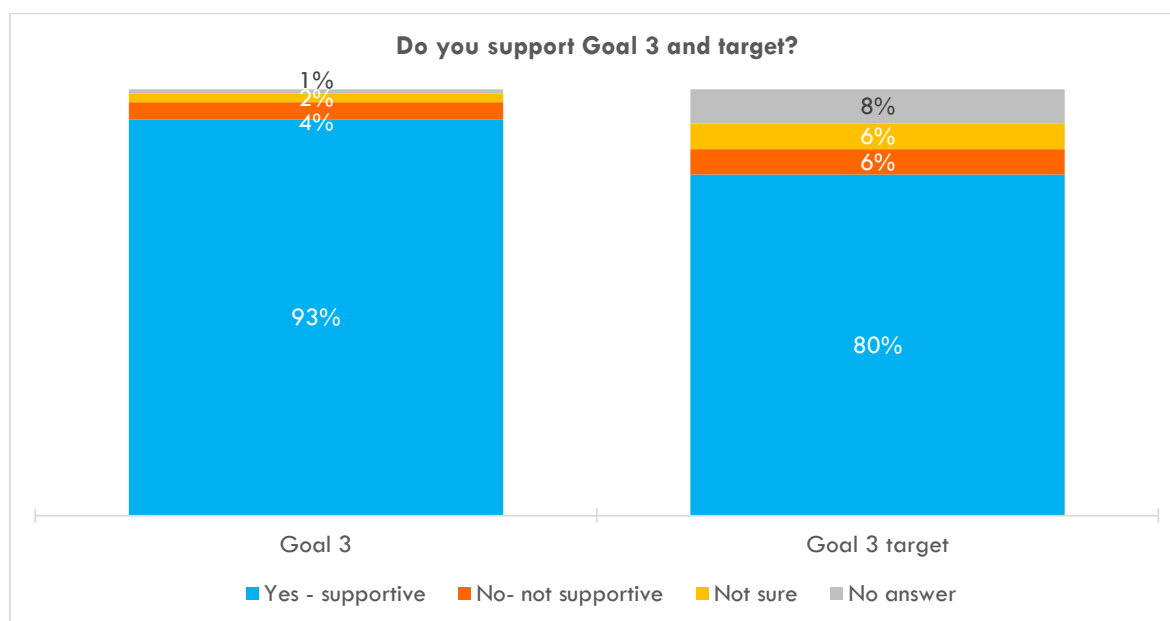
Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Provide financial assistance / provide tube stock</b> <i>Mentioned in 7 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideas for providing financial assistance and tube stock include a 'tree drive' with free saplings, and small grants for residents to plant native trees.</li> </ul>	24720, 24749, 24766, 24783, 24806, 24897, 24904
<b>Other themes with more than one comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More trees in public spaces (6 comments) – examples given were roundabouts, the interchange, station, town centre, ovals, and dog parks.</li> <li>Restrict developers from clearing (6 comments).</li> <li>Nature strip trees (5 comments) – specifically, increasing and the planting of trees on nature strips, as part of development or by encouraging / allowing residents to do so.</li> </ul>	

### 4.3 Goal 3- That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community

Survey participants were asked to indicate their level of support for Goal 3 'That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community and the corresponding target "An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township)'.

There was widespread support for the Goal. The majority supported the target for the Goal, although 12% indicated they weren't sure or weren't supportive, and half of those who didn't answer left a comment suggesting that they weren't in full support.

Figure 4.3.1 Support for Goal 3 and target



Those living in Eltham (n=79) showed higher instances of indicating support for Goal 3 (96%), whilst 33% of respondents in the rural areas of Nillumbik (note small sample size of n=6) indicated they were not

supportive. Furthermore, a high 33% of rural respondents (note small sample size of n=6) were not supportive of the Goal 3 target.

When asked to write in any changes they would like to see to Goal 3 or target, 56 respondents wrote in an answer. Figure 4.3.2 shows the main themes of these comments, calculated as a proportion of the whole sample. The main idea put forth was to increase the target to higher than 25%.

\*Please note: Of the 78 responses to this open-ended question, it was observed that 3 had similar/ or the same content.

Figure 4.3.2 Proposed changes to Goal 3 and target

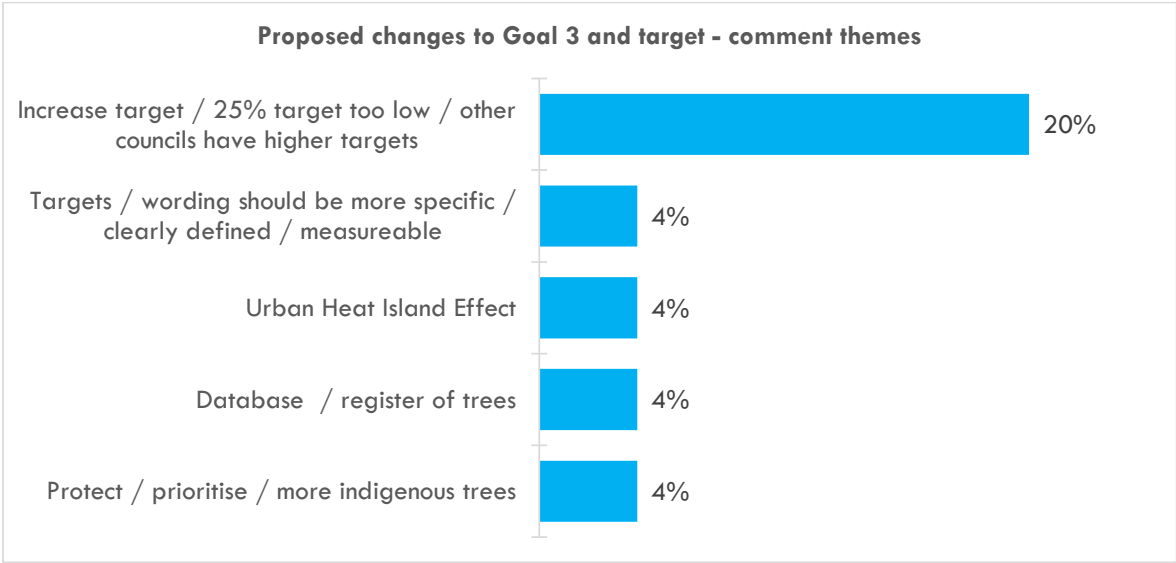


Table 4.2.1 on the following page explores these themes in greater detail.

I think the target should be increased to maintain and further develop our green, treed suburb. [Female, 55-64, Eltham]

My understanding that the accepted coverage level is and has been for a long time 30%. Is Nillumbik setting their own targets ignoring the experts - world-wide? [Female, 65-84, South East]

This is a commendable goal but can only be achieved by strong planning decision making that doesn't allow excessive vegetation removal. There also needs to be enhanced enforcement activities to provide a strong disincentive to landowners illegally removing vegetation on their properties. [Female, 35-44, Eltham]

**Table 4.3.1 Summary of comments in relation to Goal 3, Target**

Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Increase target / 25% target too low / other councils have higher targets</b> <i>Mentioned in 27 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main suggestion put forth for the target to be increased to 30%, with three putting forth the quote “Research suggests such a target could be changed to ‘minimum urban canopy cover of 30-40% in every suburb or township”.</li> <li>One comment provided a reference to support the suggested higher target: Evidence-based guidelines for greener, healthier, more resilient neighbourhoods: Introducing the 3–30–300 rule by Cecil C. Konijnendijk.</li> <li>It was suggested that a higher percentage was needed for Nillumbik to meet their ‘Green Wedge’ claim.</li> </ul>	24720, 24721, 24740, 24742, 24752, 24754, 24759, 24777, 24782, 24794, 24807, 24868, 24891, 24892, 24893, 24900, 24905, 24908, 24911, 24912, 24913, 24915, 24917, 24918, 24919, 24920, 24921
<b>Protect / prioritise / more indigenous trees</b> <i>Mentioned in 6 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar comments to those analysed in the previous questions.</li> </ul>	24780, 24849, 24893, 24901, 24918, 24919
<b>Targets / wording should be more specific / clearly defined / measureable</b> <i>Mentioned in 5 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar comments to those analysed in the previous questions. Some specific wording suggestions were to make the goal more meaningful; refer to canopy as enhancing and contributing rather than ‘support’.</li> <li>There was also a call for more clarification on how it might be applied fairly across different property types.</li> <li>A suggestion for rewording of the goal was ‘Nillumbik Community has an urban environment that is resilient to extreme heat events/climate change.’</li> </ul>	24709, 24717, 24743, 24849, 24861
<b>Urban Heat Island Effect</b> <i>Mentioned in 5 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns were raised about the potential for urban heat island effect near new high density and activity centres, whether 25% cover is sufficient to prevent it.</li> <li>One respondent was unclear of what ‘Urban Heat Island’ meant or where Council had found out about the concept.</li> </ul>	24699, 24758, 24795, 24899, 24915
<b>Database / register of trees</b> <i>Mentioned in 5 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The concept of a tree database was put forth to help Council understand tree maturity and species across the region.</li> </ul>	24892, 24893, 24918, 24919, 24921
<b>Other themes with more than one comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location specific comments (4 comments) – including revitalising the CFA site in Plenty, plant more trees along Main Road, Cecil Street development, and Collins Street in Diamond Creek.</li> <li>Restrict developers from clearing (3 comments).</li> <li>Keep mature trees (2 comments).</li> <li>Bushfire concerns were raised by those in the rural region of Nillumbik (2 comments).</li> </ul>	

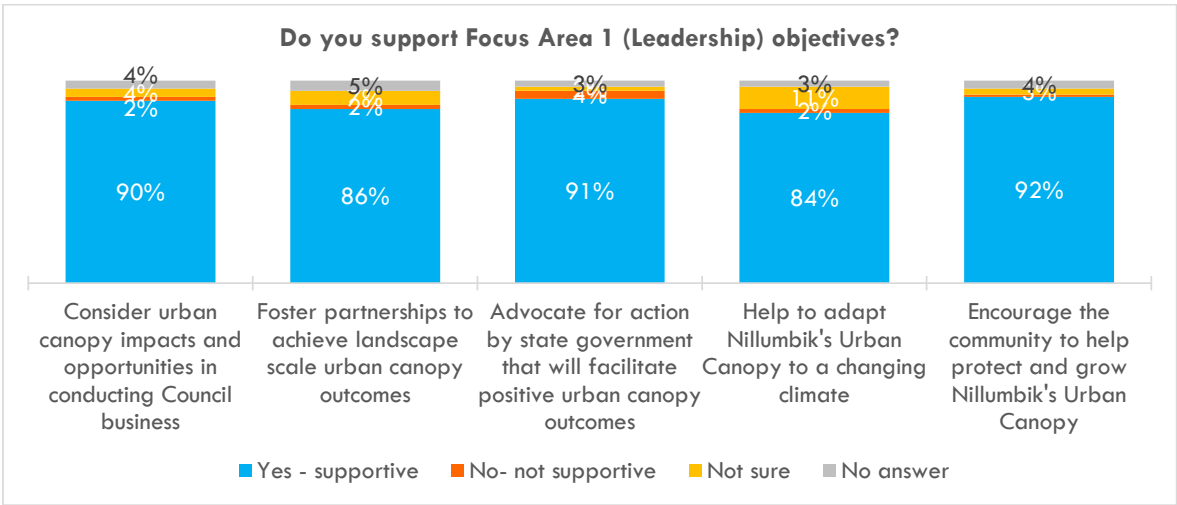
4.4 Focus Areas

Survey respondents were asked how much they supported the objectives under each of the three focus areas in the strategy.

The figures below (Figure 4.4.1 to 4.4.3) show strong support for all objectives under the three focus areas, with each objective scoring over 83% ‘supportive’ and eleven objectives scoring more than 90%.

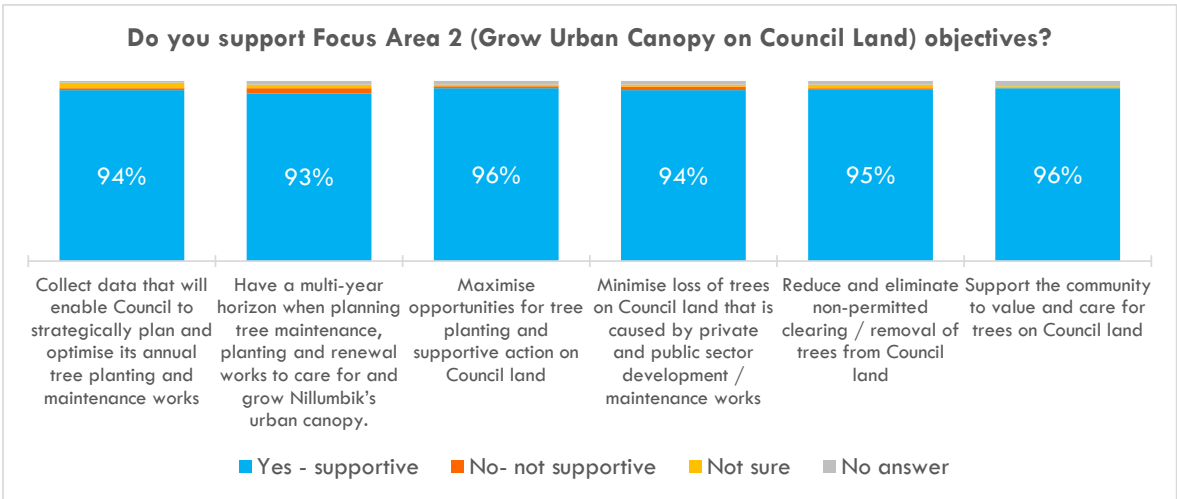
For the focus area leadership, there was high levels of support for all objectives, although further clarification would be needed for some regarding how the Urban Canopy would be adapted to a changing climate and fostering of partnerships.

Figure 4.4.1 Support for Focus Area 1 objectives - Leadership



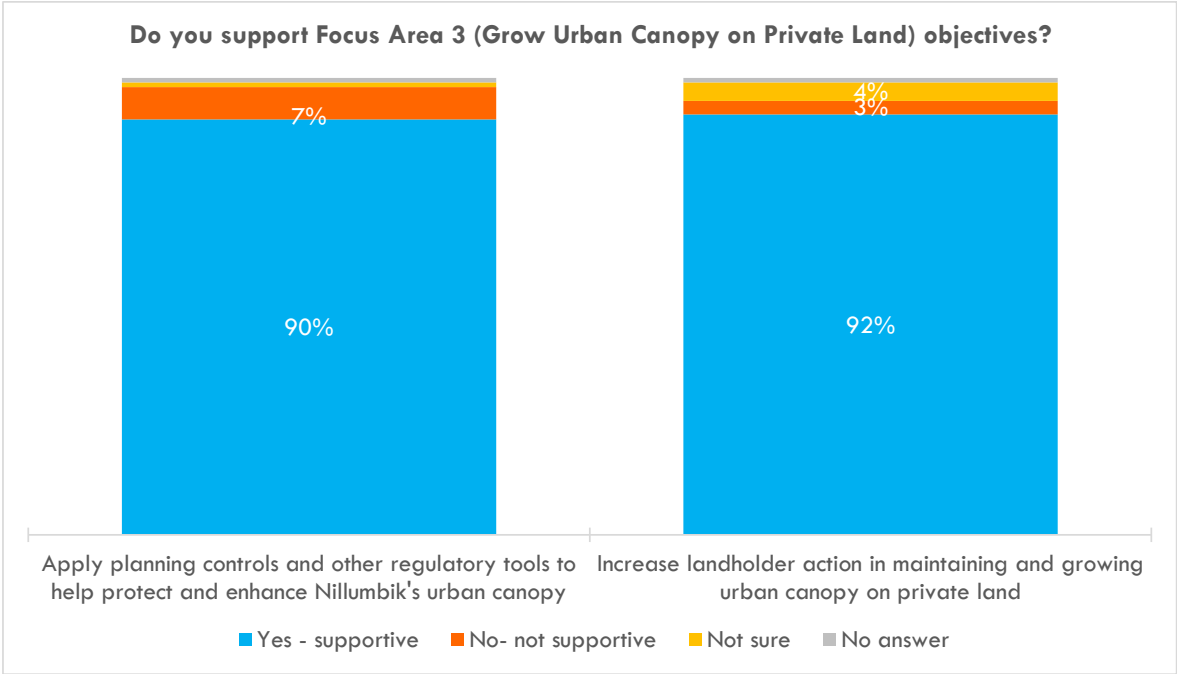
As can be seen in figure 4.4.2, for the growing urban canopy on Council land focus area, there was very high support across all objectives.

Figure 4.4.2 Support for Focus Area 2 objectives – Grow Urban Canopy on Council Land



For the grow urban canopy on private land focus area, there was a high level of support for both objectives, however there were 7% who didn't support the application of planning controls to protect and enhance urban canopy.

Figure 4.4.3 Support for Focus Area 3 objectives – Grow Urban Canopy on Private Land



When analysing the support ratings by demographics notable variations were:

- Females more commonly showed support for the objectives than males.
- Those in the Eltham and mid regions more commonly showed support for objectives.

4.5 Ideas to encourage community action

When asked to write in what would help or encourage them to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees, 110 respondents wrote in an answer. The main ideas put forth were related to education and provision of free tube stock.

Figure 4.5.1 Ideas to help encourage more community action

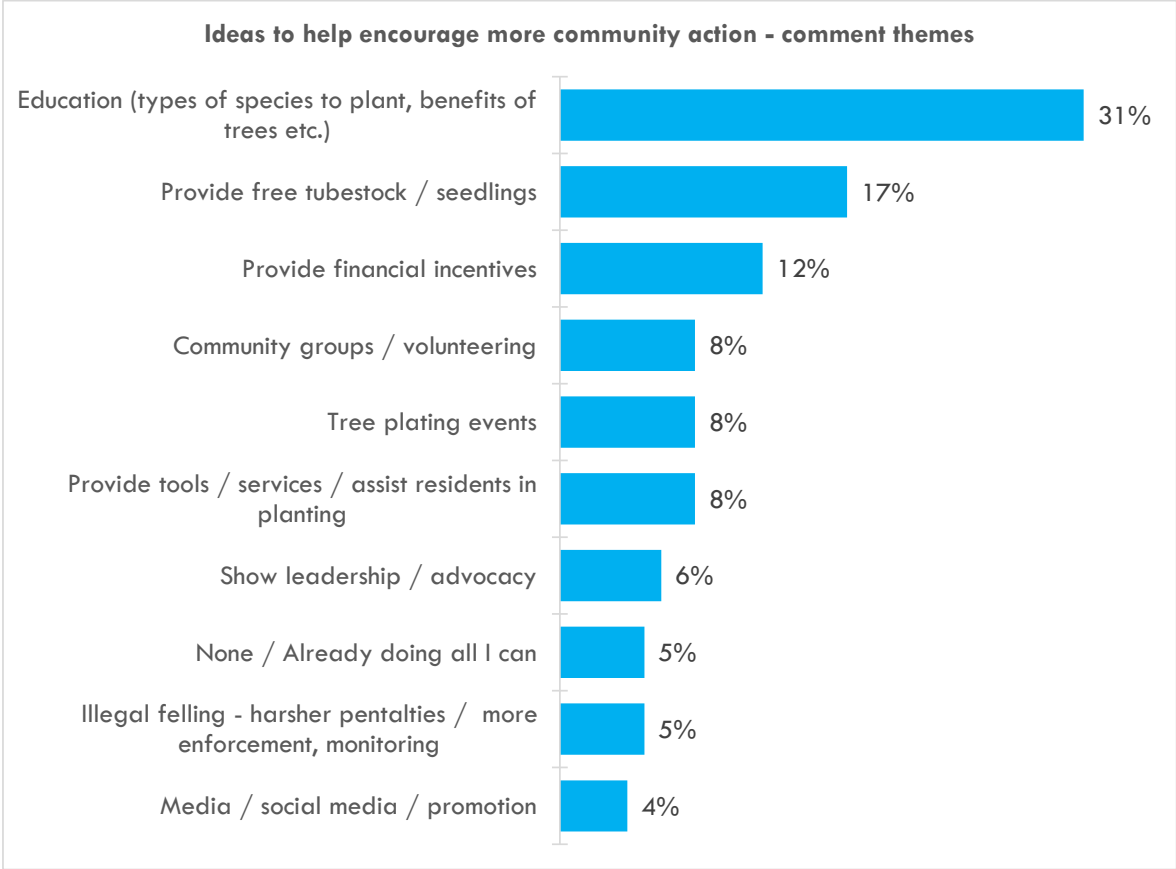


Table 4.5.1 on the following page explores these themes in greater detail.

Council could offer indigenous trees for residents to plant in private properties. Provide more information to residents in newsletters etc about importance of the tree canopy, advice about trees to plant, how to care for trees etc. [Male, 65-84, Eltham]

...people who want to cut down trees because they are providing too much shade or they are afraid of branches falling or think that they drop too many leaves and are messy... Council needs to inform them in a way that will get their attention as to the value of trees. Maybe Council could do something on YouTube or TikTok that would at least encourage people to value their existing trees and not want to remove them or plant new trees around their home. A joint project with local schools might also encourage more involvement. [Female, 65-84, Eltham]

**Table 4.5.1 Summary of comments in relation to ideas to encourage action**

Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Education (types of species to plant, benefits of trees etc.)</b> <i>Mentioned in 42 surveys</i>	Ideas for education put forth include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sessions at Edendale (4 mentions).</li> <li>▪ Benefits / importance of trees.</li> <li>▪ Gardening lessons.</li> <li>▪ Local environment groups (where people can volunteer).</li> <li>▪ How to maintain tree cover.</li> <li>▪ How to care for trees.</li> <li>▪ How to transition to native trees.</li> <li>▪ Speak at community events.</li> <li>▪ How to monitor old trees.</li> <li>▪ Team up with schools for tree planting.</li> <li>▪ Current situation.</li> <li>▪ How reduced canopy can impact on house prices.</li> <li>▪ How to increase canopy.</li> <li>▪ Programs that can help people with their property (promote these, e.g. Gardens for Wildlife).</li> <li>▪ What trees to plant.</li> </ul>	24694, 24695, 24697, 24699, 24702, 24709, 24717, 24723, 24725, 24731, 24734, 24738, 24740, 24742, 24743, 24744, 24746, 24751, 24752, 24754, 24766, 24777, 24779, 24784, 24785, 24794, 24810, 24811, 24839, 24844, 24847, 24890, 24893, 24896, 24897, 24899, 24900, 24901, 24904, 24906, 24918, 24921
<b>Provide free tubestock / seedlings</b> <i>Mentioned by 23 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In addition to a general suggestion of providing free trees / tube stock, comments suggest this can be done once a year on a free tree day.</li> </ul>	24695, 24702, 24705, 24706, 24709, 24714, 24724, 24725, 24726, 24729, 24732, 24733, 24739, 24742, 24749, 24751, 24783, 24790, 24794, 24795, 24840, 24890, 24921
<b>Provide financial incentives</b> <i>Mentioned in 16 surveys</i>	Suggested incentives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Incentive for landowners to plant more trees.</li> <li>▪ Vouchers for free indigenous plants.</li> <li>▪ Discount or Council cover cost of arborists to maintain significant trees on private land.</li> <li>▪ Rebates for tree planting.</li> <li>▪ Grants for tree maintenance and revegetation.</li> <li>▪ Edenvale was mentioned as a potential source for provision of free plants.</li> <li>▪ Free mulch.</li> <li>▪ Financial support for community groups.</li> <li>▪ Business incentives.</li> </ul>	24694, 24696, 24702, 24705, 24709, 24766, 24768, 24784, 24802, 24810, 24839, 24874, 24881, 24891, 24897, 24918

Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Community groups / volunteering</b> <i>Mentioned in 11 surveys</i>	Suggestions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote what groups are available.</li> <li>Encourage group projects.</li> <li>More volunteering opportunities.</li> <li>Council have more involvement in Friends of groups.</li> <li>More financial support for community groups.</li> </ul>	24697, 24702, 24712, 24715, 24720, 24722, 24817, 24892, 24893, 24897, 24916
<b>Tree planting events</b> <i>Mentioned in 11 surveys</i>	Event suggestions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tree planting days.</li> <li>More variety of times for events.</li> <li>One weekend per month.</li> <li>Better promotion of existing events.</li> <li>Street action programs.</li> </ul>	24704, 24713, 24716, 24729, 24740, 24743, 24807, 24839, 24868, 24909, 24912
<b>Provide tools / services / assist residents in planting</b> <i>Mentioned in 11 surveys</i>	The tools and services mentioned were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post hole digger.</li> <li>Individual tailored site-specific advice on how to maintain tree cover / landscape / what trees to plant.</li> <li>How to look after native trees.</li> <li>List of arborists.</li> <li>Possum guards.</li> <li>List of preferred species, and benefits.</li> <li>Assist neighbourhoods with weed removal.</li> <li>Collective services (tree removal, design).</li> <li>Gardening assistance for older adults.</li> </ul>	24698, 24699, 24709, 24738, 24752, 24760, 24784, 24810, 24844, 24847, 24874
<b>Show leadership / advocacy</b> <i>Mentioned in 8 surveys</i>	Ideas put forth for Council to show leadership and advocacy were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes to State development laws.</li> <li>Better management of permit applications to remove trees.</li> <li>Communicate what Council is doing to protect trees.</li> <li>Show commitment by not letting significant trees be cut down for development.</li> </ul>	24708, 24721, 24794, 24902, 24904, 24905, 24908, 24917
<b>Other themes with more than one comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegal felling - harsher penalties / more enforcement, monitoring (7 comments).</li> <li>Media / social media / promotion (6 comments).</li> <li>Pest control, including deer (4 comments).</li> <li>Planting on nature strips (2 comments).</li> </ul>	

4.6 Other feedback

At the end of the survey, respondents were given the opportunity to share any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy.

There were 78 respondents who answered this question. The main comments align with feedback throughout the other comment boxes in the survey, with an emphasis on harsher penalties for illegal felling.

Figure 4.6.1 Other feedback on the draft

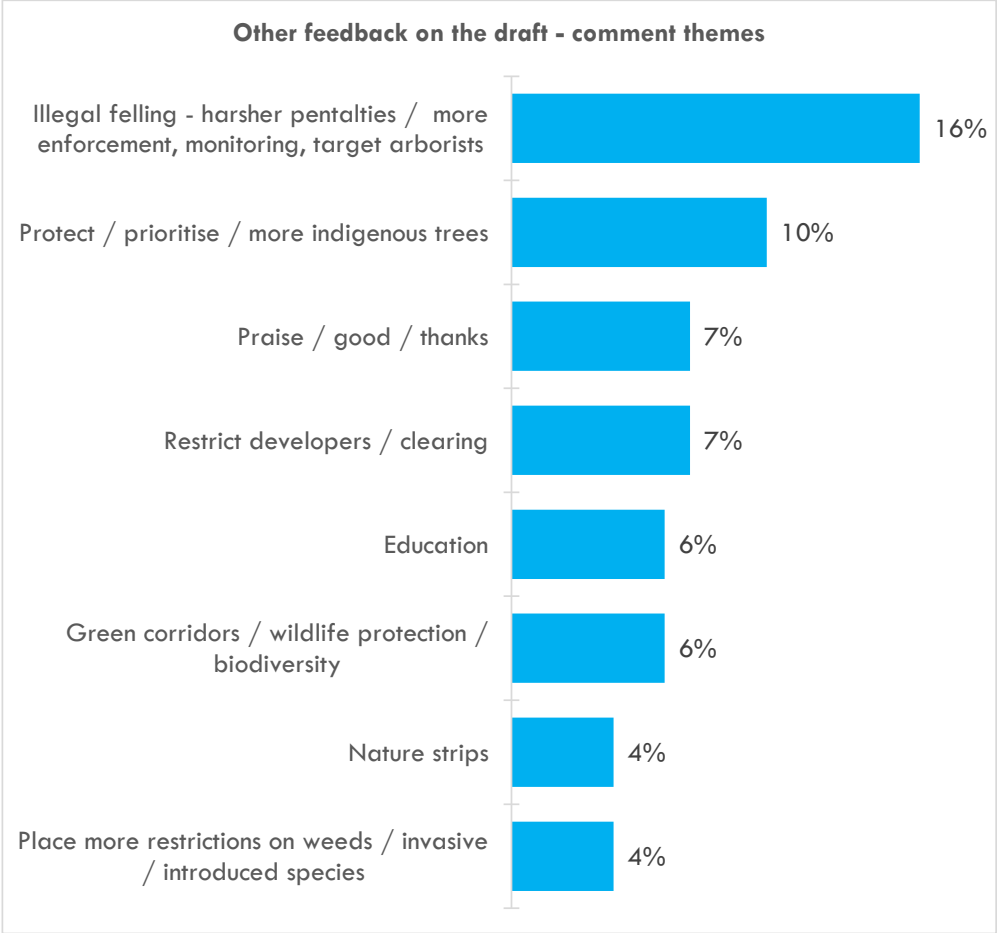


Table 4.5.1 on the following page explores these themes in greater detail.

Agree education and awareness raising to improve Community attitudes is desirable, but.....

a) Penalties for illegal tree removal appear inadequate and should be reviewed.

b) Maybe Council should publicise instances and outcomes where enforcement actions have been successful ..... if there are any???

c) Even if an offender undertakes restoration actions - does Council monitor the position into the future?. [Male, 65-84, South East]

**Table 4.6.1 Summary of comments in relation to other feedback**

Goal, target and indicators	Summary of comments	Feedback ID codes Goal 1
<b>Illegal felling - harsher penalties / more enforcement, monitoring, target arborists</b> <i>Mentioned in 22 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar comments to those analysed in the previous questions.</li> </ul>	24696, 24701, 24704, 24709, 24721, 24742, 24766, 24780, 24795, 24797, 24803, 24810, 24868, 24892, 24893, 24900, 24901, 24905, 24918, 24919, 24920, 24921
<b>Protect / prioritise / more indigenous trees</b> <i>Mentioned in 14 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar comments to those analysed in the previous questions.</li> </ul>	24699, 24738, 24782, 24805, 24840, 24874, 24881, 24891, 24892, 24900, 24915, 24916, 24918, 24919
<b>Restrict developers / clearing</b> <i>Mentioned in 10 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar comments to those analysed in the previous questions.</li> </ul>	24696, 24704, 24711, 24721, 24780, 24787, 24891, 24905, 24916, 24919
<b>Praise / good / thanks</b> <i>Mentioned in 10 surveys</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These comments put forth general comments of thanks and encouragement for the strategy.</li> </ul>	24716, 24725, 24731, 24740, 24743, 24800, 24807, 24897, 24902, 24904
<b>Other themes with more than one comment</b> <i>Mostly covered in previous sections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education needed (8 comments).</li> <li>Nature strips utilised for planting (6 comments).</li> <li>Place more restrictions on weeds / invasive / introduced species (5 comments).</li> <li>Monitoring and enforcement of replacement plantings (4 comments).</li> <li>Prioritise bushfire management / less flammable trees (4 comments).</li> <li>Needs allocated resources / funding (3 comments).</li> <li>Concern goals are vague / tick box exercise (3 comments).</li> <li>2m Definition of tree canopy too small (3 comments).</li> <li>Keep mature trees / Replacing mature trees with young is a net loss (3 comments).</li> <li>There was also one suggestion that page numbers be added to the strategy, and numbering instead of dot points, to make it easier to reference sections. This respondent also suggested moving the acronym page to the front of the document.</li> </ul>	

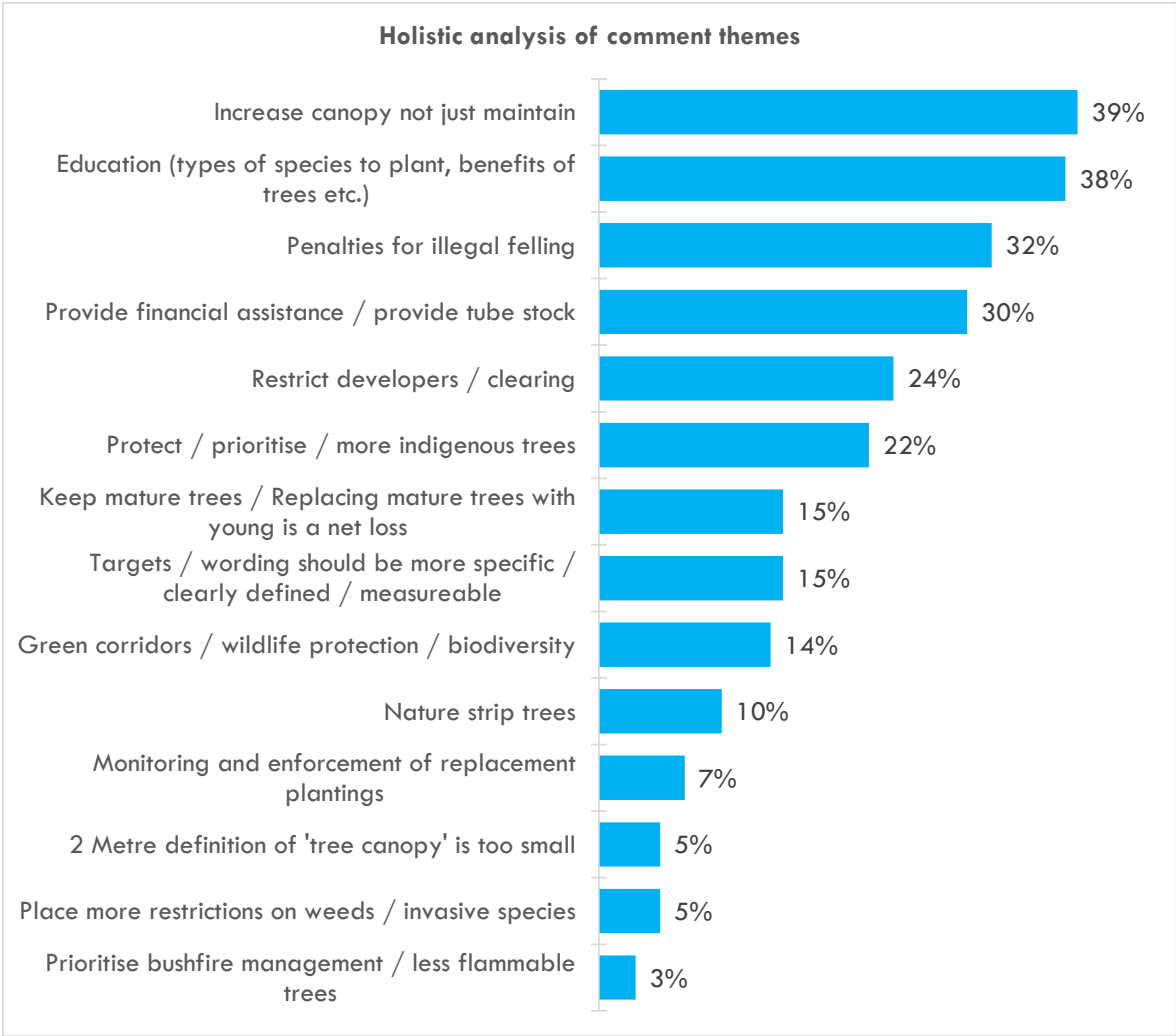
4.7 Holistic topic areas

There were a number of key topics that were mentioned by the same individuals across multiple comment boxes in the survey. To help understand the prominence of these issues across the sample we have analysed each theme holistically. That is, calculated the percentage of respondents who mentioned the theme in one or more of their comment boxes (if they mentioned the theme in more than one comment box, then it only gets included as a single entry in the holistic analysis).

111 respondents made a comment in a comment box in the survey that fell into one of these holistic categories. Figure 4.7.1 percentage shows the proportion of the total sample who provided a comment anywhere in the survey on that topic.

This shows us that the key themes in the written feedback throughout the survey were the desire for canopy coverage to be increased not just maintained, a call for more education on what to plant and the benefits, and more penalties for illegal felling.

Figure 4.7.1 Holistic analysis of key themes



## 5 Submissions

There were 11 submissions from a range of groups as well as individuals, which provided detailed responses and feedback to the draft strategy.

Table 5.1 provides a summary of the details from the submissions on the overarching topics covered. Please note that there were a range of specific and detailed proposed changes or updates for the strategy document (re wording changes/ small additions) that were suggested across multiple submissions. These specific changes or additions to the strategy have not been covered in table 5.1.

**Table 5.1 Summary of comments presented in the submissions**

Summary and number of comments	Feedback ID codes for submissions
<b>Information missing that could be added to the strategy – mentioned in 2 submissions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a request for clearer guidance as to how the 18 overlapping regulatory documents cited in the Strategy will impact on implementation. This content would detail coverage, how overlaps are handled, identify inconsistencies and help coordinate activities within the varying rules.</li> <li>One submission suggested that the document needs to reference the Biodiversity Strategy's priorities and processes.</li> <li>Two submissions suggested Nillumbik Youth Council's Vision for Nillumbik's urban tree canopy should be acknowledged and supported.</li> </ul>	S06, S08, S11
<b>Comments about the goals and targets – mentioned in 7 submissions</b>	
<b>Goal 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four submissions suggested that the target for Goal 1 doesn't match the goal as there is no 'enhancement' in the target.</li> <li>One submission suggested the need for a better explanation as to why a 25% target is acceptable; it was perceived that Council isn't taking the issue seriously enough.</li> <li>It was suggested that target 3 may be better suited under goal 1.</li> <li>The target was identified as not ambitious enough, as Table 2 in the Strategy shows that only 2 areas have canopy cover lower than the target (Plenty and Greensborough).</li> <li>There was reference to Konijnendijk (2023) recommending a minimum canopy target 30% at neighbourhood level. It was felt that could be achievable by 2040 given many areas already have coverage higher than that. It was suggested that intermediary targets could be set (e.g. 22% by 2030, 25% by 2035 and 30% by 2040), providing the chance for lessons learnt early in the process to speed up later cycles.</li> <li>A second submission supports this call for a higher goal, suggesting 25% is not enough and that overall canopy should increase to 39%.</li> <li>It was suggested that the targets strategically identify small areas with possible improvements. E.g. X% of hexagons with less than 10% coverage moved to 20% coverage by 2040, and Y% of 10-20% coverage moved to 20-30% coverage.</li> </ul>	S04, S05, S06, S07, S08, S09, S11

Summary and number of comments	Feedback ID codes for submissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One submission suggested that coverage needs to be consistent across all areas, not some areas with lots and other areas with none.</li> <li>▪ There was a call for more measurable targets, with the following suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ decrease in removal of trees by x%;</li> <li>○ increase of x% trees on nature strips;</li> <li>○ data on hollow bearing trees;</li> <li>○ number of illegally removed trees and fines issued;</li> <li>○ increase in health;</li> <li>○ abundance of canopy by mature indigenous trees;</li> <li>○ tree age ranges;</li> <li>○ leaf area index;</li> <li>○ shade density; and</li> <li>○ specify the type and quality of tree canopy needed to meet objectives.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Three submissions suggested that when adding trees they should be indigenous to maintain biodiversity and provide habitat for native wildlife (slowing species loss).</li> <li>▪ There was also a comment that the goal needs more measurable targets, with annual outcomes.</li> <li>▪ It was suggested that the target focus on an increase in retention not just increase in planting. This includes retention of older trees and dead fallen trees (for habitat), and limit the removal of trees on private land for non-essential purposes.</li> <li>▪ Another suggestion was that this section should provide a budget that includes tree maintenance.</li> <li>▪ One submission indicated that the target doesn't meet the goal. It was suggested community research be conducted to identify the values. Alternatively the target could be 'An increase in the planting of predominantly indigenous trees selected according to the 'right tree, right place' ethos across all land tenures'.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There was a suggestion this goal could be enhanced by referring to mature indigenous trees and aim for an increase in overall indigenous biodiversity.</li> <li>▪ It was suggested that the target be increased to a minimum of 30-40% in every suburb and township, as per the 'significance of urban tree canopy cover and climate change', talk given by Dr Greg Moore (arborist and urban tree canopy specialist from University of Melbourne, Burnley Campus) at Nillumbik Climate Month, 16 March 2024.</li> <li>▪ One submission suggested the target include minimum shade density in areas with higher Heat Urban Effect, and recognise other benefits from canopy such as increase social connection, exercise, mental wellbeing etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Feedback on Focus areas – mentioned in 3 submissions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One submission noted that residential canopy loss may not be desirable, but is a better option than spreading development into greenfield grassland or bushland.</li> <li>▪ There was a suggestion that an additional focus area could be added, beyond just residential or Council land. Council could identify large areas of land that are not residential that could increase canopy, and work with landowners (school, church, state government) to increase canopy.</li> </ul>	S03, S06, S11

Summary and number of comments	Feedback ID codes for submissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was suggested that Council could fill the gaps in street trees and public land. This may need to be coupled with fines for people who damage these plantings.</li> <li>For Objective 2.1, a submission suggested the inventory be a firm commitment integrated into Council's asset database, focusing on significant and mature trees (rather than all trees), with prioritisation of key sites to assist with budget allocations.</li> <li>Objective 2.2 was identified as needing a firm funding commitment.</li> <li>For focus area 3, it was suggested that implementing and enforcing planning controls and local laws shouldn't be subject to discretionary budgets, and that there should be ongoing budget allocation for staff training and application of laws associated with overlays.</li> </ul>	
<b>Concerns about bushfire safety – mentioned in 4 submissions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a suggestion that fire authorities be consulted on appropriate placement of trees on roadsides to minimise the risk that they may fall across roadways and block resident escape routes during bushfires.</li> <li>Furthermore, one submission suggested that the strategy needs to consider planting of non-natives / fire retardant trees around homes and townships in high fire danger zones. This commenter suggested that exotics can provide the same benefits as eucalypts, without the gases that lead to crown fires.</li> <li>Another submission suggested steps be taken to protect Nillumbik from fire along the Northern edge of the municipality (e.g. fire break). It was suggested that the CFA be consulted about this.</li> <li>One submission noted there are conflicting laws with regards to bushfire management and protection of the Urban Tree Canopy. It was noted that Councils' General Local Law clause 52 requires a permit for significant tree removal, however this is overwritten by State Government rules that allow clearing of trees within 10m of houses. There was also concern that State Bushfire Planning may mandate tree removal. It was suggested that this be more clearly articulated, with an appropriate 'Bushfire Prone Area' approach negotiated with State Government that protects tree canopy. A second submission called for Council to lobby to State Government to have the bushfire management overlay altered so a permit is required for removal of canopy trees within 10 meters of buildings.</li> <li>A further submission suggested that Council should encourage residents to plant bushfire resilient species.</li> </ul>	S03, S01, S06, S08
<b>Strategy needs more specific background information, strategic approach, accountability – mentioned in 10 submissions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One submission suggested that there is an opportunity to put the power lines underground in Greensborough, across from the Plenty River, adjacent to Ring Road, as then there would be space for planting trees on the verge. Although it was noted that it could be difficult sourcing funding to do so.</li> <li>Other suggestions for enhancing the strategic approach were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a requirement that new developments set aside space for canopy trees, with professional advice on suitable locations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	S01, S02, S03, S04, S05, S06, S07, S08, S09, S11

Summary and number of comments	Feedback ID codes for submissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Put protocols in place to track and maintain new plantings (for 10 years) so they reach maturity. A second submission supports this proposition, saying that there should be annual targets for each area.</li> <li>○ Protect established trees when there is development near them.</li> <li>○ Promote the benefits of Urban Canopy – understand and overcome the reasons why landowners are felling trees and not planting new ones, and ensure landowners are aware of the documents (e.g. overlays) relevant to their property. This information needs to be pushed out to land owners rather than just making it ‘available’.</li> <li>○ Include state of the art measurement methodology – it was felt this could improve credibility and acceptance.</li> <li>○ Ongoing maintenance and pest / disease control to ensure health and longevity of plantings.</li> <li>○ Engage with schools, businesses and community groups and develop partnerships to help fund implementation of tree planting initiatives.</li> <li>○ Three submissions suggested that Council needs to develop a database of trees, including species and maturity. One suggested this be integrated into the asset database for Council.</li> <li>○ Council advocate to State Government to have the definition of minimum ‘garden’ area changed in the state planning laws to require more space in for trees, and limiting the use of that space for built structures (decks, pagodas etc).</li> <li>○ Lobby state government to include a Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design trigger in the ResCode.</li> <li>○ Consider broader value of trees when deciding if it can be removed (wildlife habitat, erosion reduction, mental health, salinity reduction, increase property values etc.) Ensure this is robust so that appropriate penalties can be applied for illegal felling.</li> <li>○ Consider trees and canopy vegetation as critical infrastructure in need of active management. They should be ranked higher in budget priorities given the range of health and liveability services they provide.</li> <li>○ Include a Urban Tree Maintenance, Planting and Renewal Plan with appropriate budget.</li> <li>○ Identify potential green corridor areas and prioritise to extend connectivity.</li> <li>○ Ensure appropriate funding from developers to preserve trees or plant and maintain replacements.</li> <li>○ Publish annual reports on progress to provide transparency and keep the community informed on progress.</li> <li>▪ One submission raised a concern that adopting the Melbourne Metropolitan tree diversity targets could result in not maintaining neighbourhood character through use of indigenous species.</li> </ul>	
<b>General positive comments on the strategy – mentioned in 6 submissions</b>	
<p>The positive comments mentioned aspects of the process as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is good that Council is working towards an Urban Tree Strategy with enquiry, homework and forward thinking.</li> <li>▪ It is great that Nillumbik is going to have such a document.</li> </ul>	S03, S05, S06, S07, S08, S11

Summary and number of comments	Feedback ID codes for submissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Council having a strategy that recognises the benefits of Urban Tree Canopy.</li> <li>Support for adoption and implementation.</li> <li>Like how it compliments and strengthens Council's Biodiversity Plan and Climate Change Plan.</li> </ul>	
<b>Comments on budget, funding, and resources – mentioned in 3 submissions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was suggested that the strategy needs to consider loss of canopy due to major infrastructure projects and identify strategies to mitigate the future risk. An option would be to advocate to State Government for improvements to major project plans.</li> <li>One submission indicated that the fines for removing trees are too low, resulting in developers factoring these in as the cost of doing business. It was suggested that the Strategy explore options for penalties for illegal felling could act as a disincentive.</li> <li>One idea put forth was that Council could develop templates to help planners ensure applications (residential and broader development) meet minimum biodiversity requirements.</li> <li>It was also put forth that internal staff should undergo training to ensure The Significant Landscape Overlay and the Amenity Trees local laws are applied correctly and consistently.</li> <li>There was also a call for ensuring ongoing maintenance of planted trees is in the budget.</li> <li>It was suggested by one submission that section 7 better indicate which actions will be implemented as business-as-usual under current budgets, and those requiring new budget allocations.</li> </ul>	S04, S08, S11
<b>Suggestions to changes in the document framing or scope – mentioned in 6 submissions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to help educate those who will be effected by the strategy and encourage them to address the stated need, one submission suggested that the document needs to include a clear explanation of the scope of coverage – “Urban” – in its own paragraph in the introduction, so that it is immediately clear which geographic areas within Nillumbik it covers.</li> <li>A submission suggested that the definition of a canopy tree use the Oxford Companion to Australian Gardening definition of 3-5 meters instead of 2 meters. A further submission supports this extension to 3 meters. It was suggested there should also be differentiation between heights (e.g. 3m versus 15m), as taller trees create greater benefits. The strategy could also include canopy connectivity.</li> <li>Additional topics for the Strategy put forth through the submissions were as follows. It was suggested that more details will assist in getting more people on board to help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is needed to achieve goals;</li> <li>How the goals are going to be achieved / concrete actions;</li> <li>Who is going to assist in achieving goals; and</li> <li>How it is going to be funded.</li> </ul> </li> <li>There was a suggestion it be called the 'Green Wedge Tree Canopy Strategy' as it doesn't apply to rural properties that cover the majority of the land area.</li> </ul>	S04, S05, S07, S08, S09, S11

Summary and number of comments	Feedback ID codes for submissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ There were a number of items where further clarification was requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is meant by 'Identify opportunities to investigate "climate-ready" revegetation options for urban Nillumbik', and associated processes.</li> <li>○ What is meant by tree diversity on pages 9 to 11. Does this include exotic species and those that aren't indigenous to the area? It was emphasized that planting of indigenous trees is important to link to the lands traditional owners and heritage, as well as create unique landscape character. It was suggested that indigenous canopy needs to be explicitly specified within the recommendations about tree species diversity (e.g. guided by the booklet, "Live Local Plant Local").</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ It was suggested that on page 12, under 'identifying where new planting can be' the following are added to the list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where BMO guidelines apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1. The canopy of trees must be separated by at least 5 metres.</li> <li>○ 2. There must be a clearance of at least 2 metres between the lowest tree branches and ground level.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Under the Maintenance section it was suggested that there could be mentions of "thinning out" over time to meet standards and having regard to these requirements where a project site requires.</li> </ul>	



## 6 Appendix

### 6.1 Appendix 1: Community feedback form

## Urban Trees in Nillumbik-Feedback Form

### Have your say on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy

Nillumbik Shire Council has developed a new draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy. The draft strategy focusses on trees and vegetation, over two metres in height, in Nillumbik's urban areas which cover 9% of the Shire and include parts of Diamond Creek, Eltham, Eltham North, Greensborough, Hurstbridge, North Warrandyte, Panton Hill, Plenty, Research, St Andrews and Wattle Glen.

Together, these urban areas have an overall tree canopy cover of 39%; the second highest in all of Melbourne. The draft strategy aims to protect and maintain this level of canopy cover and identify opportunities to support more canopy in the areas that need it most.

A healthy urban tree canopy provides a range of environmental, health, cultural and economic benefits. For example, trees provide shade and shelter, improve air quality, absorb carbon and rainfall, cool local environments and support wildlife. They also create beautiful green, leafy neighbourhoods that encourage walking and physical activity.

Some of the challenges impacting our urban tree canopy include climate change, extreme weather events, bushfire threat, age and disease, and urban development and housing.

There are many inputs that have informed the development of the new draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy including research, canopy data, state government policy, adopted Council strategies and previous community feedback on a range of projects.

The next step in the project is to get community feedback on the draft strategy. You can have your say on the draft strategy from 27 March to 21 April 2024.

For more information on the project and how to have your say visit

<https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/urban-tree-canopy>

Before you start, can you please tell us if you have read the draft UFS?

- ☐ Yes, I have read it
- ☐ No, I haven't read it

### What we want to achieve – Goals and Targets

To achieve the benefits of a healthy tree canopy within the urban areas of Nillumbik the following goals with associated targets have been proposed. We'd like to know how supportive you are of these draft goals and targets.

#### Goal 1 – That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced

Q1: Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?

	Yes, I'm supportive	Not sure	No, I'm not supportive
<b>Goal 1:</b> That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced			
<b>Target:</b> No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.)			

Q1a. Is there are any changes you would like to see for this proposed goal or target?

☐ Yes (if yes, please tell us below) ☐ No

#### Goal 2 – Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy

Q2: Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?

	Yes, I'm supportive	Not sure	No, I'm not supportive
<b>Goal 2:</b> Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy			
<b>Target:</b> An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures			

Q2a. Are there any changes you would like to see for this proposed goal or target?

☐ Yes (if yes, please tell us below) ☐ No

#### Goal 3 – That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community

Q3: Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?

	Yes, I'm supportive	Not sure	No, I'm not supportive
<b>Goal 3:</b> That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community			
<b>Target –</b> An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township).			

Q3a. Are there any changes you would like to see for this proposed goal or target?

☐ Yes (if yes, please tell us below)

☐ No

### What we want to achieve – Focus Areas and Objectives

Three focus areas for action have been proposed, to help achieve the goals and targets of the strategy. We'd like to know how supportive you are of the objectives under each focus area.

#### Focus area 1: Leadership

Q4. Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?

Objectives	Yes, I'm supportive	Not sure	No, I'm not supportive
Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business			
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes			
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes			
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate			
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy			

#### Focus area 2: Grow Nillumbik's urban canopy on Council land

Q5. Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?

Objectives	Yes, I'm supportive	Not sure	No, I'm not supportive
Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works			
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy			
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land			
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.			
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land			
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land			

**Focus area 3: Grow Nillumbik's urban canopy on private land**

**Q6. Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Objectives	Yes, I'm supportive	Not sure	No, I'm not supportive
Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy			
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land			

**Q7. Please tell us if you think we have missed anything important in the Objectives or their associated actions, or if any are unclear. Please specify which Focus Area or Objective, if relevant.**

**Working together**

Trees on private land - in people's front and back gardens and on larger properties - comprise the majority of Nillumbik's urban tree canopy (around 70 percent).

A key goal of the strategy is that our community values and cares for Nillumbik's urban canopy.

**Q8. What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

**Q9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

### About you

Please tell us a little bit about yourself so that we can understand who we're hearing from. We value diversity and want to ensure our consultations are capturing a cross-section of our community.

*To ensure the integrity of the feedback received, only one feedback form or submission is permitted per person. For this reason, we require your name and email address.*

Name: (required)	
Email: (required)	

#### Gender:

- ☐ Woman / Female
- ☐ Man /Male
- ☐ Nonbinary / gender queer / gender fluid
- ☐ Prefer not to say

#### Age (select/tick one response only)

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 15 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-84 years       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 years    | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ years         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 years    | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 years |  |

#### Relationship to Nillumbik (tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Live | <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit |
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What suburb do you live in? (required) \_\_\_\_\_ (online survey to list suburbs plus 'other')

#### How did you hear about this consultation? (can tick multiple responses if applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nillumbik News       | <input type="checkbox"/> Email       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council e-newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

### Privacy Collection Notice

Nillumbik Shire Council is inviting feedback for the purpose of facilitating effective community consultation in relation to the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy. The information will be collated into a Consultation Findings Report which will be published in a Council or Committee business paper considering this strategy and will help Council understand the views of the community. Name/s, contact information as well as any information that will enable you to be identified will be redacted.

If you do not provide the mandatory information, then your submission cannot be accepted. You have the right to access and correct your personal information. Enquiries for access should be made to the Privacy Officer 9433 3271, [privacy@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:privacy@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or PO Box 476, Greensborough Vic 3088.

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I think there should be much more emphasis on increasing/enhancement and reinstatement of the tree canopy, not just maintaining current levels. Focus should be on indigenous tree planting or if not appropriate in certain areas, only native trees. The definition of a canopy tree as more than 2 metres in the draft strategy is absurd, it should be at least 3 or 4 metres in height to be included in the targets based on impacts of shade, water retention, animal usage etc and connectivity with other adjacent trees

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The target should include an increase in the retention of existing trees, not just planting of new indigenous trees.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I think there should be a more ambitious minimum target eg 40% or even higher in the longer term, especially in the context of the increasing impacts of climate change.  
Council needs to establish an accurate and up to date register of trees in urban areas to ensure that progress towards these goals is recorded.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

Q10	What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?
Long Text	Council could offer indigenous trees for residents to plant in private properties. Provide more information to residents in newsletters etc about importance of the tree canopy, advice about trees to plant, how to care for trees etc.
Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	I think penalties for illegal removal of trees eg from building sites should be much higher to prevent loss of existing trees without a permit. This again relies on having an accurate and up to date register of trees in urban areas which council should establish as an urgent priority
Q12	First Name
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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

To achieve the goal that Nillumbik's urban canopy be protected and ENHANCED then a more ambitious target is essential.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The draft strategy lists the community benefits of urban trees canopy (page 6). The target or measure of this goal should relate more closely or include something measurable that relates to these benefits. An increase in planting of trees across all land tenures does not necessarily indicate achievement of Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy. It just says that Council is focussing / resourcing it. Page 16 of the draft provides further explanation of that this goal / target means, which is helpful. It would assist by specifically linking the focus area action items back to the relevant goal/s and or targets. The implementation plan would also benefit from a column that states what success looks like / measure for each action item, plus who is responsible.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

25% is way too conservative. Please be more ambitious! The City of Melbourne's UFS committed to an increase public realm canopy cover from 22%.to 40% by 2040. If a intensely urban, capital city can achieve this, then I think a shire can achieve this for suburbs and townships! We are the green wedge for a reason. Please ENHANCE our urban forest, not just maintain it. People love living here because of the trees. Even a 30% target for every suburb and township is falling short. Most other Councils are aiming for MINIMUM 30%. Please do better!

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**  
 Long Text  
 I am involved in local community planting groups. A couple of years ago I offered to assist Council with planting / arranging a friends group for Alan Marshall Reserve, but customer service told me that the tree planners were very happy with the number of trees in the park. Then a year later the park was planted out with Council trees.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**  
 Long Text  
 Please don't just go for the easy wins with tree planting, go hard, be abitious and tackle the tricky stuff first, it's only going to get harder.  
 I would like to see Council take a firmer position on protecting mature trees on private property, by keeping an inventory and holding property owners to account who damage or remove trees without a permit. I have seen mature, native trees on residential properties in my neighbourhood mysteriously die, before the property is placed on the market. Then it's sold to a developer who has free rein to remove the dead trees and proceed with multi dwelling developments.  
 And what about the Open Space Strategy?? Not mentioned here?? This is another vital document to protect and enhance the public spaces that support our urban forest!  
 Thank you for prioritising this strategy, it's a fantastic draft, however it just falls short on ambition and commitment to ENHANCING our urban forest. Be brave people! The future residents of Nillumbik are counting on you!

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**Q18 Suburb**  
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**Q19 Are you?**  
 Select Box  
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**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**  
 Multi Choice  
 Other: Poster / QR code at the dog park... I think?!

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Protecting the tree canopy is essential.

Enhancement should include an increase in health and abundance of the canopy. A focus should be mature indigenous trees.

An increase in overall indigenous biodiversity should also be prioritised and within the Tree Canopy strategy as trees cannot survive on their own, and the animals that live in/with the trees also need other indigenous plants. Diverse indigenous species make a healthy ecosystem, and are essential for trees' long term health.

Protections should be measurable and include clear and specific targets.

These could relate to development of database for trees and species; reduction in tree removal across private land and Council land; increases in indigenous biodiversity in all Council reserves, along roadsides and nature strips, in schools and other public/private spaces, in all town centres; collection of data focused on hollow-bearing trees; illegal removal of trees is pursued and heavy fines applied; an increase in resourcing

- The Urban Tree Canopy Strategy needs to reference the Biodiversity Strategy's priorities and processes

- Identification of existing and potential green corridor areas to inform decision making and prioritisation of resources to extend connectivity

- The Target 'No overall net loss' does not ensure tree canopy cover is protected and increased through all areas. It allows some places to have dense tree cover while others could have none or very little. It implies that this would be a sufficient balance.

For the benefit of biodiversity, human health, economy, climate mitigation and adaptation, tree canopy should be preserved, reinstated and increased, broadly through all areas.

- What is the type of tree canopy and the quality of the tree canopy that will meet the objectives?

- The Draft Strategy defines tree canopy as anything over 2metres. Preferably a minimum of 3 metre height should be applied. Benefits provided by mature trees include shade/mitigation of urban heat effect, water retention and cycling, animal use of canopy, spread and connectivity.

- There needs to be differentiation between trees measuring 3 metres height, and mature trees of 15+ metres height, due to the differences in their canopy and what they offer.

- It is also critical that canopy connectivity is protected and increased.

- Design and methodology for replanting must align with sound ecological principles. Additional significance should be given to hollow-bearing trees.

- Policy should be developed and applied to ensure responsibility is taken by relevant authorities/individuals/companies. For example: Who pays when housing projects remove mature trees? Where are plantings located and how is their ongoing health to maturity ensured? This should be embedded in the Planning Scheme.

- The Draft Strategy states that Nillumbik's tree canopy cover is second highest in all of Melbourne. It also compares Nillumbik with areas such as Wyndham/Melton. These comparisons and measures are not true indicators as: a. While Nillumbik's canopy cover (and that of eastern and southern suburbs in general) is higher than the average for Melbourne, the rate of canopy loss is also higher than in those suburbs with lower base-line canopy cover. 1 b. Wyndham/Melton are naturally grassland areas (ie they naturally do not have high occurrence of trees). c. Nillumbik has hard-won policy protections as a Green Wedge Shire, the 'lungs of Melbourne', with conservation as a strategic focus. As such, it holds an important responsibility to maintain a high level of vegetation cover.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

<b>Q4</b>	<b>Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?</b>
Long Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Target should be to increase indigenous canopy and overall indigenous (site-appropriate) biodiversity.</li> <li>- Measurable targets for planting indigenous canopy trees and their supportive understorey should be clearly stated with annual outcomes included.</li> <li>- The target should describe x % (or area) increase per year, leading to x % increase every 5 years.</li> <li>- The Target should include an increase in the retention of trees, not only focus on an increase in planting.</li> <li>- Mature trees offer vastly greater benefits than recent plantings. This must be defined and utilised in policy frameworks and reflected in action across the Shire. Trees with hollows should be identified and preserved.</li> <li>- Nillumbik Council should allocate budget to ensure Goals and Targets are met.</li> <li>- Tree health is affected by its surroundings including the natural flow and availability of water, supportive soil microbiome, balanced faunal presence and activity (eg small birds that reduce foliage-feeding insect load). A target should ensure these elements are supported through all Council decision making processes and actions.</li> <li>- If a tree is in poor health, alternatives to removal must be investigated and health restoration works pursued/funded.</li> <li>- Given increased pressures from pests, heat stress etc., the budget must reflect the need for more tree maintenance.</li> <li>- The target could include the retention of dead fallen and standing trees on private and public land wherever possible. These 'stags' provide important services that differ to canopy trees and are important for many species of local fauna. Council should lead by example and also encourage residents to take similar protective action.</li> <li>- Council should encourage landowners to consider alternatives to removing trees for non-essential purposes. A measurable target could be a reduction in the number of trees removed for sheds, other infrastructure, or simply because they are deemed a 'nuisance'.</li> </ul>
<b>Q5</b>	<b>Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?</b>
Matrix	Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q6</b>	<b>Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?</b>
Long Text	<p>The Goal is worthwhile but could be amended to reflect the need for an abundance of canopy created by mature indigenous trees. It should also reference an increase in overall indigenous biodiversity as this is essential for trees' long-term health</p> <p>Re Target - minimum urban canopy cover of 25% in every suburb or township. Research suggests such a target could be changed to 'minimum urban canopy cover of 30-40% in every suburb or township'. 'To maximise the benefits that canopy can offer in terms of environmental services a canopy cover of or greater than 30% is required'</p> <p>Develop more effective and accurate database to reflect maturity of trees and species distinction.</p>
<b>Q7</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?</b>
Matrix	<p>Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure</p> <p>Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q8</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?</b>
Matrix	<p>Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	

Q11

Long Text

**Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

The question on the previous page includes: Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate. If this is suggesting 'climate adaptive planting' ie planting trees from other areas, it could be highly risky and create significant problems and ecosystem disruption and further weakness. The priority should be to build ecosystem resilience with indigenous species.

Building resilience in our indigenous biodiversity must be prioritised. The Draft states: 'Identify opportunities to investigate "climate-ready" revegetation options for urban Nillumbik'. This needs clarification of meaning and associated processes. Is it the same as climate-adaptive planting where one out of countless climate prediction models are used by land managers to choose plant species? These are often from areas far from Nillumbik, where the qualities of local provenance/evolution are lost.

There is extremely limited research on the implications of such decisions and their impact on the interconnections of indigenous (ie local to the area) plants, animals, insects, soil microbiome and fungi.

- Residential development is a key threat to the loss of urban canopy and other vegetation (70% of land within the urban boundary is private land). With the new state housing initiatives which came into effect late last year, this threat is certain to increase.
- Council needs to lobby state government for change to definition of a 'garden'. Victorian Planning Provisions (state planning laws) prescribe a minimum garden area for the Neighbourhood Residential Zone. This varies with the size of the block, between 25% and 35%. A garden is defined as including a pergola, unroofed terraces, patios and decks. (see ResCode standards A5 and B8). Outdoor paving, driveways, footpaths or building eaves are considered part of the outdoor space. There is no limit to the area of garden that these structures can occupy.
- Canopy trees need deep soil, so a 'garden' should not include pergolas, patios and decks. Council needs to lobby state government for inclusion of 'deep soil' for the planting and establishment of canopy trees. A schedule to the VPP Neighbourhood Residential Zone in these laws can change the state planning laws.
- Council should lobby state government to include a Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design trigger in the ResCode.
- Principles of good urban design for biodiversity could be incorporated into the Council's Planning Scheme. Planning applications should meet minimum biodiversity requirements, e.g. a contiguous area on any lot of sufficient 'deep soil' to support canopy trees and understorey.
- Council should develop templates to assist planners in ensuring applications meet minimum biodiversity requirements. (e.g. for different sized lots). These would include a minimum percentage of indigenous species, with a spread of plant types ranging from indigenous grasses and groundcovers to canopy trees
- This could be extended to landscape-scale considerations. New developments could be required to make provisions for wildlife corridors across developments, and be sensitive to landscape/topographical features such as creeklines, wetlands and riparian corridors. Groups of houses could be designed to maximise the amount of land available for canopy planting/retention by ensuring that the garden areas of these plots were abutting each other.
- Council mechanisms should be strengthened to ensure the protection of tree canopy. The Council currently has two mechanisms for protecting canopy trees in urban areas. The Significant Landscape Overlay and the Amenity Trees local law. The application of these mechanisms is variable. Adequate funding should be provided for all council staff and their training, to enable these mechanisms to be applied rigorously and consistently.
- While mature trees are wonderful in their beauty and presence, lighting them at night as 'features' is disruptive to many native animals. An Urban Tree Canopy Strategy should enable education of the community about these issues and encourage less impactful behaviour.
- Connected tree canopy contributes to the survival of diverse wildlife including gliders, phascogales and bats
- The true value of trees needs to be factored into all council considerations. These include wildlife habitat, carbon storage, ability to mitigate urban heat island effect, erosion reduction, moisture retention in the soil, salinity reduction, increase in property values, reduction of emissions due to reduced need for air-conditioning, physical and mental health benefits and much more. When decisions are made around whether to remove a tree for utilities or infrastructure, a monetary value should be placed on the services that the tree provides and factored into any calculations.
- Council is urged to develop and maintain a data base of all significant trees in the shire, including dead trees. This will provide a baseline from which certain retention rates can be measured.
- In urban areas that are subject to a Bushfire Management Overlay, where the 10/30 rule applies, Council is urged to lobby state government for an amendment to this overlay which would remove the as-of-right permission for landowners to remove any canopy trees within ten metres of a dwelling without a permit. In urban areas, this severely impacts local neighbourhood character, and restricts the council's ability to protect residents from health impacts of a lack of tree canopy. It also compromises Council and community emissions reduction targets. As an alternative to removing all canopy trees within ten metres of a dwelling, residents can be encouraged to plant locally appropriate bushfire-resilient species around their house (for an example with some cross-over of species, see: <https://lakesentrancelandcare.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SHELTERBELT-design-Green-Fire-Walls.pdf> )
- Ensure that recurrent expenses needed to maintain tree canopy (watering for several years after planting, and monitoring of tree health) are adequately funded to ensure tree growth and ongoing health.
- Ensure that urban tree canopy strategy provisions (as well as neighbourhood character strategy and biodiversity strategy provisions) are embedded in the Planning Scheme by adding schedules to amend the Scheme accordingly.
- Ensure that penalties for illegal tree removal are commensurate with the full value of the tree/s that have been removed. Develop a robust tree valuing system that considers all that trees offer – economic benefit, social, mental health, environmental etc.
- Ensure that sufficient funds and staff are available to enforce and follow-up non-compliance with tree laws.
- Develop and apply strategies to enable residents to plant indigenous trees on nature strips and road verges.
- Different tree canopy targets and strategies need to be developed for different land uses, e.g. public and private land, commercial and industrial zones. For example, a higher target for roadsides (e.g. 45% canopy target, as in the Banyule Urban Forest Strategy) would ease urban heat and support pedestrians. Commercial precincts are

particularly vulnerable to heat island impacts and should have a higher target as well.

- Limit development if trees/vegetation need to be cleared in order to be deemed 'safe' for human inhabitation
- Nillumbik Youth Council's Vision for Nillumbik's urban tree canopy should be acknowledged and supported as it demonstrates a good understanding of the significance, values, and functions of Nillumbik's urban tree canopy. It demonstrates an understanding of the pressures applied to urban trees and broader biodiversity, and the urgent need to address and reduce these pressures.
- Council must develop procedures to ensure communications and learning across planning/environment to ensure best-practice outcomes for biodiversity, tree canopy, climate, human health and the economy. As stated by the Planning Institute Australia, 'Councils should encourage and increase the participation and input of planners in the development of strategies to combat urban heat. Climate resilience interventions should not be left alone in the care of planning-aligned professionals <https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/11820> Planning Institute Australia, Resource Toolkit, Planning for urban vegetation in adapting to a changing climate and urban heat

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**Q15 Gender**

Multi Choice

Female

**Q16 Age**

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**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**

Multi Choice

Live

**Q18 Suburb**

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**Q19 Are you?**

Select Box

**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

The Goal to protect Nillumbik's urban tree canopy is extremely important and budget must be allowed to ensure this occurs effectively.

Enhancement must include an increase in health and abundance of the canopy created by mature indigenous trees.

Indigenous species are critical. They build/are integral to ecosystem resilience. They provide appropriate food and shelter for indigenous fauna. They contribute to the health of soil microbiome. They are part of a complex system that has evolved here for millions of years - we need to remember that we know very little of its complexities, and changing the function and presence of one element has far-reaching consequences often well beyond our view and imagination.

Enhancement should also include an increase in overall indigenous biodiversity, as this is essential for trees' long-term health. (eg planting understorey that supports small birds and insects, who in turn maintain tree health, for example).

These protections and enhancements should be measurable and include targets such as:

- a. The removal of trees decreases by x % annually across private land
- b. There is an increase by x % (or area) annually of indigenous biodiversity along nature strips

Other measurables could include:

- the collection of data focused on hollow-bearing trees
- increases of indigenous biodiversity in public spaces
- illegal removal of trees is pursued and heavy fines applied
- an increase in resourcing/budget/education

The Urban Tree Canopy Strategy needs to reference the Biodiversity Strategy's priorities and processes.

Identification of existing and potential green corridor areas to inform decision making and prioritisation of resources to extend connectivity. This must be generated with best ecological practice/knowledge/sensitivity.

Biodiversity outcomes should be highest priority – amenity needs to be reconsidered as does perceived 'safety'. It is important to note that environmental risks are the top four risks in the World Economic Forum Global Risks Report 2024. Biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse are among these Global Risks. ALL Council decisions must prioritise preservation and reinvigoration of indigenous biodiversity.

Council should collaborate with other authorities (including electricity providers and Melbourne water) to ensure biodiversity including mature trees are protected.

The Target 'No overall net loss' does not ensure tree canopy cover is protected and increased through all areas. It allows some places to have dense tree cover while others could have none or very little. It implies that this would be a sufficient balance.

For the benefit of biodiversity, human health, economy, climate mitigation and adaptation, tree canopy should be preserved, reinstated and increased, broadly through all areas.

What is the type of tree canopy and the quality of the tree canopy that will meet the objectives?

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There needs to be differentiation between trees measuring 3 metres height, and mature trees of 15+ metres height, due to the differences in their canopy and what they offer.

It is also critical that canopy connectivity is protected and increased. Some animals relies on connected canopies.

Design and methodology for replanting must align with sound ecological principles.

Additional significance should be given to hollow-bearing trees.

Policy should be developed and applied to ensure responsibility is taken by relevant authorities/individuals/

companies. For example: Who pays when housing projects remove mature trees? Where are plantings located and how is their ongoing health to maturity ensured? This should be embedded in the Planning Scheme.

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**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The Goal and Target are significant BUT must include the following:  
Target should be to increase indigenous canopy and overall indigenous (site-appropriate) biodiversity. Indigenous species are critical.

Measurable targets for planting indigenous canopy trees and their supportive understorey should be clearly stated with annual outcomes included.

The target should describe x % (or area) increase per year, leading to x % increase every 5 years.  
The Target should include an increase in the retention of trees, not only focus on an increase in planting.

Mature trees offer vastly greater benefits than recent plantings. This must be defined and utilised in policy frameworks and reflected in action across the Shire. Trees with hollows should be identified and preserved.

Nillumbik Council should allocate budget to ensure Goals and Targets are met.  
<https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/budget-2024>

Tree health is affected by its surroundings including the natural flow and availability of water, supportive soil microbiome, balanced faunal presence and activity (eg small birds that reduce foliage-feeding insect load). A target should ensure these elements are supported through all Council decision making processes and actions.

If a tree is in poor health, alternatives to removal must be investigated and health restoration works pursued/funded.

Given increased pressures from pests, heat stress etc., the budget must reflect the need for more tree maintenance.

The target could include the retention of dead fallen and standing trees on private and public land wherever possible. These 'stags' provide important services that differ to canopy trees and are important for many species of local fauna. Council should lead by example and also encourage residents to take similar protective action.

Increase the retention of trees older than 30 years.

Council should encourage landowners to consider alternatives to removing trees for non-essential purposes. A measurable target could be a reduction in the number of trees removed for sheds, other infrastructure, or simply because they are deemed a 'nuisance'.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The Goal is worthwhile but could be amended to reflect the need for an abundance of canopy created by mature indigenous trees.

It should also reference an increase in overall indigenous biodiversity as this is essential for trees' long-term health

Re Target - minimum urban canopy cover of 25% in every suburb or township. Research suggests such a target could be changed to 'minimum urban canopy cover of 30-40% in every suburb or township'.

Develop more effective and accurate database to reflect maturity of trees and species distinction

<b>Q7</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?</b>
Matrix	<p>Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure</p> <p>Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q8</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?</b>
Matrix	<p>Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	<p>Much greater attention needs to be given to enabling/connecting with individuals and groups who are not currently involved or informed.</p> <p>Traders associations could be approached. Business incentives could be created to protect and enhance indigenous tree canopy.</p>
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>It is terrific that Nillumbik is working on an urban tree canopy strategy - but it must be strong enough to ensure biodiversity loss is reversed, and health, diversity, abundance, and connectivity is restored.</p> <p>Adequate funds must be assigned.</p> <p>This is critical.</p> <p>Building resilience in our indigenous biodiversity must be prioritised. The Draft states: 'Identify opportunities to investigate "climate-ready" revegetation options for urban Nillumbik'. This needs clarification of meaning and associated processes. Is it the same as climate-adaptive planting where one out of countless climate prediction models are used by land managers to choose plant species? These are often from areas far from Nillumbik, where the qualities of local provenance/evolution are lost.</p> <p>There is extremely limited research on the implications of such decisions and their impact on the interconnections of indigenous (ie local to the area) plants, animals, insects, soil microbiome and fungi. Council must apply the precautionary principle and be protective of indigenous biodiversity, ensuring vitality and 'natural' balance/ecosystem function.</p> <p>Residential development is a key threat to the loss of urban canopy and other vegetation (70% of land within the urban boundary is private land). With the new state housing initiatives which came into effect late last year, this threat is certain to increase.</p> <p>Council protections must be strengthened and regulation enforced.</p> <p>Education of developers needs to be a priority.</p> <p>Education of incoming landowners needs to be a priority.</p> <p>Council needs to lobby state government for change to definition of a 'garden'. Victorian Planning Provisions (state planning laws) prescribe a minimum garden area for the Neighbourhood Residential Zone. This varies with the size of the block, between 25% and 35%. A garden is defined as including a pergola, unroofed terraces, patios and decks. (see ResCode standards A5 and B8). Outdoor paving, driveways, footpaths or building eaves are considered part of the outdoor space. There is no limit to the area of garden that these structures can occupy.</p> <p>Canopy trees need deep soil, so a 'garden' should not include pergolas, patios and decks. Council needs to lobby state government for inclusion of 'deep soil' for the planting and establishment of canopy trees. A schedule to the VPP Neighbourhood Residential Zone in these laws can change the state planning laws.</p> <p>Council should lobby state government to include a Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design trigger in the ResCode.</p> <p>Principles of good urban design for biodiversity could be incorporated into the Council's Planning Scheme. Planning</p>

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Council should develop templates to assist planners in ensuring applications meet minimum biodiversity requirements. (e.g. for different sized lots). These would include a minimum percentage of indigenous species, with a spread of plant types ranging from indigenous grasses and groundcovers to canopy trees

This could be extended to landscape-scale considerations. New developments could be required to make provisions for wildlife corridors across developments, and be sensitive to landscape/topographical features such as creeklines, wetlands and riparian corridors. Groups of houses could be designed to maximise the amount of land available for canopy planting/retention by ensuring that the garden areas of these plots were abutting each other.

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**Q15 Gender**

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**Q16 Age**

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**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**

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**Q18 Suburb**

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text Talk about aiming low! We are the Green Wedge Shire and the goals should reflect that ,but they dont. As of 2021 Eltham has 40% tree cover and Eltham North 44% . You need to increase this cover year in and year out. Your Urban Tree Strategy is the strategy you have when you dont want to increase the tree canopy, this is in direct contrast to the community's desire to significantly increase the tree canopy .

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text I want to see some precise actions with tight time frames. How many trees per year in what streets and reserves . What species of trees?  
All trees need to be native, there is no place for exotics. Preference for trees from the Live Local Plant Local Guide . And by the way a canopy tree is not a tree that is defined as over two metres. That is a bush. A canopy tree is taller than a two storey building .

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text Again these pathetically low targets. If Eltham has 40%canopy cover in 2021 why are you now aiming to reduce the cover to 25%?  
How does your target of 25% compare with Banyule's target? That's Banyule , the non Green Wedge.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>Leadership comes from the top, that is the CEO of Nillumbik. At the moment there is no leadership in the realm of the environment.          If Nillumbik Council doesn't value the environment how can you expect the community to. All we hear from council is lip service. All we see from Council is lack of funding for the environment and the thoughtless destruction of our existing tree canopy and almost complete lack of new planting of native trees.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>So that the strategy, such as it is, can be implemented it needs to be funded every year, year in and year out as a set % of the budget .          You need to be sourcing funding every year for under grounding power lines so that canopy trees can be planted in nature strips.          You need to be enforcing the use of nature strips for nature, ie canopy trees. At the moment nature strips are used to park cars, caravans and boats; they are dug up to construct illegal second cross overs and driveways; they are even covered in asphalt as has happened at 4 houses in a court in Eltham.</p>
<p><b>Q12</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>	<p><b>First Name</b></p> <p>████</p>
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<p><b>Q15</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Female</p>
<p><b>Q16</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Age</b></p>
<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b></p> <p>Live</p>
<p><b>Q18</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Suburb</b></p> <p>Eltham North</p>
<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p>
<p><b>Q20</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b></p> <p>Word of mouth          Instagram          Facebook          Email          Nilumbik News</p>

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Contribution ID: 24916

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 10:11 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

That the 10:30 rule be revoked throughout Nillumbik.  
That all trees become protected.  
That higher fines are penalties for offenders who cut down trees and that these laws are enforced.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

That the 10:30 rule be revoked throughout Nillumbik.  
That all trees become protected.  
That higher fines are penalties for offenders who cut down trees and that these laws are enforced.  
More trees and biodiverse landscapes are created and protected.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

That the 10:30 rule be revoked throughout Nillumbik.  
That all trees become protected.  
That higher fines are penalties for offenders who cut down trees and that these laws are enforced.  
More trees and biodiverse landscapes are created and protected.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>That Council actively support the friends groups caring for Country.          Take seriously weeding and invasive species eradication, by using sensitive controls that do not use weedicides or pesticides or slashers that spread weeds and pathogens, becoming counterproductive.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>Every tree, especially indigenous and native trees and shrubs are very precious for the biodiversity of our locality. Clearing or felling of all native vegetation needs to be stopped as a moratorium for a few years so we can reassess. Every one will have their attention brought to the values of our tree canopy and know that Council is taking the retention of the tree canopy seriously.</p>
<p><b>Q12</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>	<p><b>First Name</b></p> <p>█</p>
<p><b>Q13</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>	<p><b>Last Name</b></p> <p>Wrigley</p>
<p><b>Q14</b></p> <p>Email</p>	<p><b>Email</b></p> <p>█</p>
<p><b>Q15</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Male</p>
<p><b>Q16</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Age</b></p> <p>55 - 64</p>
<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b></p> <p>Play</p>
<p><b>Q18</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Suburb</b></p> <p>Eltham</p>
<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p> <p>█</p>
<p><b>Q20</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b></p> <p>Other: Nillumbio</p>

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Contribution ID: 24915

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 10:04 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would like to see an increase in tree canopy not just an overall net loss. Protection refers to the overall net loss but enhancing should be a net gain. Whilst 39% cover exists the aim should be for a higher cover. Taking an average means that some parts of the Shire have a lower coverage than others. It is important to increase canopy in all areas of the Shire to enable wildlife corridors which are so vital for all flora and fauna to survive at a sustainable rate. Protection should include meaningful fines or penalties such as being prevented from developing/building on land where trees have been removed illegally. Mature canopy trees are crucial for wildlife as they also develop nesting hollows. Dead trees provide these hollows also and should not be removed indiscriminately. It seems obvious but not always considered that trees mitigate many of the climate and health issues society is facing. There needs to be an emphasis on indigenous tree canopy.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Not sure  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Not sure

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

I am not sure that some sections of the community do value and care about the tree canopy. Why are so many canopy trees being removed? Why are there so many applications for tree removal? The community needs Council to take a strong stand on the retention of tree canopy. Planting of trees on private and public land is good but new plants do not make up for the loss of mature trees and will take a decade or more before they will reach that status. New plantings should not be used as an excuse to not retain mature trees. New plantings should be to increase the eventual tree canopy. Before permits for developments are given there should be realistic allocation of land to canopy tree planting which will enable the tree's survival and chance of thriving. More Council resources should be allocated to enforcing landscaping as required in any permit.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The target of 25% seems too low. The science is there to show what a difference mature tree canopy makes to countering the effects of heat islands. A more suitable target would be 40%. If this was the target then all the other benefits of increasing the canopy would follow.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Not sure  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

	<p>Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.          - Yes, I'm supportive          Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive          Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive          Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	<p>As a resident I am frustrated when reporting destruction of a tree to Council. If an officer is able to attend the site the damage is done by then and the tree is already cut down. Weekends are a favourite time for trees to be removed illegally. The whole community needs to be involved in caring for mature trees and speaking to neighbours about alternatives to tree removal.....difficult though it may be.          Caring means caring on a local basis and not just on our own private patch.</p>
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>There needs to be an emphasis on planting indigenous trees. The planting and retention of indigenous tree canopy will ensure the healthy survival of our indigenous biodiversity for years to come.          New developments should only be given permits when adequate provision is made for our indigenous wildlife to thrive and our unique biodiversity to be enhanced and protected.</p>
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<b>Q13</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Short Text	<div></div>
<b>Q14</b>	<b>Email</b>
Email	<div></div>
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Multi Choice	Female
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	65 - 84
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Eltham North
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
Select Box	
<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	<p>Word of mouth          Nilumbik News          Email</p>

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Contribution ID: 24913

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 09:26 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would like the target to identify an increase in the urban canopy not just no overall net loss. I don't think the target should identify the challenges, almost as an excuse for not reaching them even before the Strategy has been adopted.

I think the Goal and Target should identify the importance of indigenous trees, in particular the protection and maintenance of mature indigenous trees.

Suggest a target to focus specifically on the increase in canopy arising from plantings on private land.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The target should also reference retention of existing trees, as well as planting, in recognition of the benefits of mature trees, in particular the benefits to biodiversity of old trees with hollows.

The target should specify an increase in planting of indigenous trees.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I would like to see the target set at 30% at a minimum.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>I am already quite involved but I do get discouraged to when planning controls available are not enforced. The lack of protection of mature trees in particular worries me. Planting a sapling in no way makes up for the loss of old trees.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>Whilst Table 1 provides the Strategic Context for the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy, the relationship between the other Council Strategies and the UTC is not apparent in the remainder of the document. In particular how the UTC is informed by the Biodiversity Strategy is not clear. The timing of the release of these two draft Strategies reinforces this disconnect. In my view the UTC Strategy should have been developed once the Biodiversity Strategy as one key element of its implementation. There should be much more emphasis on the role urban trees have to play in biodiversity, as part of habitat and wildlife corridors. The UTC should also include reference to mid and under storey, and the importance of all these in the health of one another and the wildlife they support.</p>
<p><b>Q12</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>	<p><b>First Name</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Q13</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>	<p><b>Last Name</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Q14</b></p> <p>Email</p>	<p><b>Email</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Q15</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Female</p>
<p><b>Q16</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Age</b></p> <p>55 - 64</p>
<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b></p> <p>Live</p>
<p><b>Q18</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Suburb</b></p> <p>Wattle Glen</p>
<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Q20</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b></p> <p>Email</p>

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Contribution ID: 24912

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Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 09:04 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text The target should be aimed higher, to actually increase canopy cover. If the aim is an increase then if circumstances prevent this occurring hopefully at least the status quo would be achieved. Only 4 of the 12 urban areas currently have canopy cover of less than 39%. Many have considerably higher. The present target could be achieved by a redistribution of the canopy cover ie a marked loss in currently well treed areas. Increased housing density could be added as a factor influencing the achievement of target.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text Measurable outcomes and actions need to include education regarding the importance of canopy trees and adequate and enforceable penalties for lack of compliance with planning permits. Adequate resources should be available and compliance officers should visit sites and be firm about endorsed landscape plans being strictly followed. The canopy trees selected and shown on planning applications should be ones that it is realistic for owners to want to retain in the allocated space, not something that an arborist says will grow there but is quite unrealistic for the owner to want to retain.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text While an increase in those areas is definitely appropriate, the goal should be higher. At present there are only two suburbs that have less than 25% canopy cover. As it reads, if canopy cover in Greensborough and Plenty increased to 25% but the cover in the other 10 urban areas decreased by approximately 20% or more the target would still be reached.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

Q10	What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?
Long Text	Community/street action programs. Knowledge that your garden was part of a street landscape of similar native gardens.
Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	'With regard to these types of developments, Council will continue to advocate for tree canopy outcomes that are consistent with the unique settings in Nillumbik (e.g. the height and species of a tree that may be appropriate for a proposed development in the inner metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne is not suitable or preferred in the provision of urban canopy in Nillumbik' I totally applaud this statement and it is a discussion I have had many times at VCAT. It puzzles me then why a 2+metre height has been chosen as the measurement for canopy cover in this draft urban tree canopy strategy. That is a shrub/bush. Arguing for taller canopy trees at VCAT will be further hindered if developers can point to this 2+m measurement. An environment.vic.gov.au site mentions a canopy tree as over 3 metres...'A mature tree (i.e. it is able to flower) that is greater than 3 metres in height and is normally found in the upper layer of the relevant vegetation type.' Another article mentions more than 5m. To take the 2+ m as the measurement could show the targets reached with 39% or 25% canopy cover that is no higher than the guttering of a single storey building.
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	E-newsletter

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Contribution ID: 24911

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 09:03 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Yes:

-It is patently obvious that tree loss by any statistic will be a problem for current and future generations. In Nillumbik we have a unique sand rich biodiversity which include our indigenous Eucalypts however the understory is also important to enhance not just conserve.

-The target of 39% is too low given the range of disaster scenarios listed above. There need to be a buffer over and above 39%

-Targets are just that, targets - the measurable statement is important and not just overall targets which could allow certain areas to be denuded of canopy trees whilst meeting a set t overall target.

The strategy should be more specific eg

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We have also defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to focus reporting on the critical outcomes. Specific, achievable and timely measures have been

set for:

- canopy cover across all suburbs (30% by 2050 with no loss in suburbs exceeding the target)
- canopy cover across the footpath and local road network (45% by 2040 with no loss in suburbs exceeding the target)
- Canopy cover across the open space shared path network and surrounding playgrounds - 50% by 2050

-There is a need to recognise and support habitat corridors -which requires increased funding for for staffing and implementation.

-The Draft Strategy will enable developers to use 2m shrubs in urban areas and call then this type of vegetation tree canopy, it is playing into the hands of developers. Call a 2m shrub 'vegetation canopy' but not Tree Canopy. Government documents use "A canopy tree is a mature tree that is greater than three metres in height and is normally found in the upper layer of a vegetation type."

Dictionary definitions state people and traffic can pass UNDER the canopy. 2m definition of a canopy tree in Nillumbik is laughable and will be greeted by developers with joy! [REDACTED] finds it difficult at VCAT to increase the types of trees developers want to plant this 2m shrubs definition will mean that any development will only use shrubs.

Boroondara Council's definition of a canopy tree is Canopy trees have a trunk circumference of either: 110 cm or more, measured at 1.5 m above ground level  
150 cm or more at ground level.

Nillumbik, as a Green Wedge Shire should be stronger in its aims as laid out in this Draft Strategy, we should become an exemplar Council for its vision for a climate changed future rather than playing cat-up and not succeeding.

It is rather disingenuous to compare Nillumbik with Wyndham - there is an environmentally aware community that is totally aware that Wyndham soil and climate is so different that such a comparison is almost counter productive to this Draft documents credibility.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Yes.

-Planting of new vegetation is admirable but as well, the aim should be the retention and improvement of the existing trees, especially our mature trees.

-All of the positive aspects of the Draft need adequate funding, training and staffing especially in the area of compliance.

-State Government is changing planning policy - the definition of a garden, in planning language is misleading - a

deck, a patio, eaves and the like are not areas for successful plant growth missing adequate soil, light and rain - even in some cases missing adequate light. Council should be encourage to lobby state government to change the definition to a more more realistic and environmentally appropriate wording.

In order for Nillumbik to 'care for' the tree canopy numbers/statistics count.

- There is no data collected by Council on tree removal carried out by either by Council or by permit applicant or illegally removed. - why has this remained the position despite being asked many times to count the statistical loss. How can Council be assured that it is complying with it's own planning policy and replacing trees unless tree removals are counted?

-Council receives annually 2500 requests for tree evaluation. Approximately 55% are actioned immediately without inspection-Officers report OCM.04/24 What does the word Actioned actually mean?

Council should also, immediately, set up a significant tree registry - other Councils have for years

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Yes:

Our Targets should to meet or exceed the target in the adjoining LGA's of Manningham and Banyule. 25% is not sufficient.

By driving along the streets in those LGA's, it is patently obvious that they have both been undertaking far greater Street Tree planting program over the past 5 years or more, than Nillumbik.

We should also be targeting our Urban parks for concerted planting programs as well as improving the street tree canopy, as parks will become essential safety reserves, almost a place of last resort, during heat waves together with possible power shortages, as housing becomes more dense.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I and many others who are actively or supportive of [REDACTED] are already involved in environmental volunteering and/or education initiatives.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

Yes:

PLEASE put page numbers on the document and numbers rather than dot points - trying to discuss this document with others, has been a nightmare !

Also have the Acronym page at the beginning rather than the end this makes it easier for understanding and conversation as people feel embarrassed at having to ask for clarification of jargon, and having to say it's at the end shows up that they have not read to the end.....

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How did you hear about this consultation?

Multi Choice

Word of mouth  
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11

Contribution ID: 24910

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 08:58 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

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Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
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Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Play
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Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email E-newsletter

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12

Contribution ID: 24909

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 07:45 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Regardless! Not due to any factors. If storm damage or anything, then plant more to balance that.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Make a community wide event day for alp individuals and businesses to get together. Like a Clean Up Australia. 1 or 2 times a year.

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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
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Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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13

Contribution ID: 24908

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 07:29 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I'd like to see a further increase in our urban canopy rather than just to maintain it as it is. Clearly, numerous people are illegally removing trees on their properties in Nillumbik, and in areas like Eltham, Eltham North, Diamond Creek, Research etc this is a regular occurrence. The fines for doing this are minimal and ineffective in deterring people to do this. Council rarely, if ever carries through on fines for this, and mostly this is carried out on weekends where it is impossible to contact council to stop it. I have had the experience in my street, where illegal tree removal was occurring on a week day, and I rang to report. By the time council arrived the tree was so far gone the rest of it needed to be chopped down. I also think we are losing sight of the valuable reason of us needing to leave dead trees for homes for native animals. Even kookaburras numbers are on the decline in Australia now, as a tree takes 100 years to form the type of hollows needed for their nest. If we keep going at the rate we are - we are going to lose what made this area unique and special.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

I feel like these surveys are just to rubber stamp what Council has already decided across the shire - and that is to increase development, and to loosely be able to say in future when trees are removed for this - we gave you the chance to give us feedback. The problem is, Nillumbik Council doesn't seem to listen anymore to feedback - and just goes full steam ahead in development without following up the laws that are in place to protect wildlife and what residents value. I am highly disappointed of late, that even when Council has properly made a decision to save our canopy from development on some blocks - VCAT just comes in and overrides it and destroys the tree canopy we all value and want. We chose to live here for that, and it is being eroded in front of our eyes. Precedents have now been set for further inappropriate development. We had an opportunity to be different. To stand out and promote a healthy, treed lifestyle - I hope Council enforces the protection of the canopy we all love - and stops this ridiculous over development here that we are now seeing! Even mudbrick houses are being demolished and trees chopped down on those blocks. These were once seen as part of what made Nillumbik unique and special.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

It's disappointing again to see question asking do we support your increase in areas only being to cover 25 per cent. Why is this not higher? Why is there not a question asking if people want it higher?

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Not sure  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Not sure  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

	Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	Asking a question like this is about new plantings. Whilst I am for this, I am more concerned about how you are removing or allowing to be removed trees that are 100s of years old - that takes decades to regrow into homes for wildlife and birds. There is no excuse for chopping down so many trees for development in this area. If people want a cleared block there are plenty of other areas they can live in. We all chose to live in Nillumbik because we embrace the trees, we want the trees around us and want to cohabitate with nature. I would be more inclined to be willing to get involved in planting and caring for new trees if you as a Council showed your commitment clearly in not destroying trees when they are on a block earmarked for development! So many blocks are barren now and totally absent of any tree canopy. I also would like council to enforce replantings of native gardens once new developments have been done. My neighbours built a unit in their backyard on the premise they would plant a native garden and new trees - as per the plans council approved. At the end - they planted five tube stock bushes and no trees. I had council come out and see how terrible it looked at the end of it, and was told Council couldn't enforce anything. So I live next to a house with no landscaping done ever, and the area that was supposed to be landscaped is just weeds with a car parked on it. They chopped down 8 trees that were protected for this development - none remain at all. I once looked out at trees, now I look out at a roof-top in the six foot drop they dug out for their unit.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
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Multi Choice	Email

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14

Contribution ID: 24907

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 07:17 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix


Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

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Contribution ID: 24906

Member ID: 947

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 06:29 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Not sure that this is appropriate. I and friends regularly ride the trail to Hurstbridge. The trail is great and very popular. Sometimes we see kangaroos and often stop to take photos. Is there any proposed areas beside the trail where kangaroos and other wildlife can live. This could have trees and undergrowth for them which would help keep the tree cover. Unfortunately at present houses are being built very close to the trail which changes the feeling of being on a lovely open space with nature. I realise additional land is difficult to acquire.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

When units are being designed developers should be encouraged to leave the trees where possible. Many clear the land of all trees, mature included. (This clearing of land may be a State Government issue.) It encourages people to think trees aren't valued when they see them destroyed.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow

Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

Q10	What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?
Long Text	I like growing trees and have done that from seed with a couple of groups some time ago. Being aware where trees etc are being planted.
Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
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Contribution ID: 24905

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2024, 06:25 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Go further, seek growth on the baseline. Be a leader in conservation growth.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Be more ambitious in this target. Be more granular and specific.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Seek more than the 25%, regulate and enforce to make sure it occurs.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

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Matrix

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Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

To see the council and its corporate arm be more aggressive in conservation GROWTH and enforcement. There is a history of white papering to the point of inaction. This is discouraging and disembodiment of hope. Provide leadership and hope through action on the ground. This will stir involvement.

<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>Council Culpability:          Undertake further professional learning across planning, administration, and service roles - setting professional standards for canopy conservation that are imbued within all levels of council and corporate arm. There is a disconnect between council framework and real world practices. Case in point, a new neighbour was coached by council planning division on how to get a significant mature tree removal approved through the system in order to undertake renovations, despite objections. This contradicts the council's own initiatives to maintain canopy.</p> <p>Address shortfalls in council enforcement of tree protection:          We have reported non-permitted tree removal in the area to the council many times with the hope that the council would take action to intervene. Not only has the council not intervened to our knowledge, but when following up on our report to understand whether any action was taken, no record of the report could be located. On this evidence, it is enormously dispiriting to discover a council body that is not prioritising an enforcement response, but is lacking in the operational precision to handle, track, and take action on reported violations. Trees are coming down without consequence. Also, make all tree removal service providers be registered and ensure they are clearly identified when conducting activities. Also, make it on the onus of the resident to notify all neighbours within 100 metres of the tree, of tree removal - in writing.</p> <p>Applicant responsibility and lack of oversight for revegetation:          Where vegetation has been removed under the provision that a program of replanting is conducted, it seems that the process is reliant on an honour system to ensure that the replanting is completed. There are no checks and balances by the council to ensure that the program of replanting has been conducted. Leaving the onus to the applicant without any follow-up leaves this process open to failure. Fallen trees may not be replaced.</p> <p>A repeated, patented, and multi-step developer strategy:          We have witnessed multi-step developer strategies where properties are purchased by new owners and then applications are made for tree removal (based on "risk"), space on the property is made and then development applications shortly follow. While I don't wish to brush the expertise of arborists in an adverse manner, I will also allude that arborists participate in a commercial transaction with the applicant that can influence the dynamic of this relationship and the outcomes it serves. I highlight this because it is a structural weakness that is undermining broader conservation efforts.</p>
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<p><b>Q15</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Prefer not to say</p>
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<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b></p> <p>Live</p>
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<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

Q20      How did you hear about this consultation?

Multi Choice

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Yes - Firstly, a much, much higher penalty for the illegal removal of canopy in the shire - currently woefully inadequate to the point that several neighbours and developers find it more than worth the measly fine to have their targeted trees removed, even if illegally. This would go a very significant ways to increasing the repercussions of residents and developers considering removing precious canopy.

Secondly, both Council and residents are aware that there is no measure in place to follow-up on the requirement of planting of replacement trees and/or canopy vegetation as part of permit approvals by council, for both tree removals and landscaping as part of both residential and commercial developments. Currently there appear to not be any resources for this, but it is an absolutely critical component of accountability in the community to ensure that this Goal is viable. Resources are critically needed to follow up on this.

Third, a modest and achievable target of not only retaining but increasing the urban canopy of the more densely populated and less canopy-covered areas of Nillumbik by 1-2% every 2-3(?) years until a new target is set for those particular pockets, which will help combat climate change and loss of indigenous flora and fauna species - a target that is measurably and demonstratively achievable as assessed by qualified environmental and supportive planning professionals. For example, Eltham at 34% canopy at present - target of 40% in 12 years. This target would flow through into immediate policy planning and culture through the teams responsible for making decisions regarding tree removal and destruction in the Shire.

Fourth and finally, more rigid standards by which arborists and planners can grant approval for the removal of significant trees/canopy, and/or to assess the acceptance of third party arborist reports for same purpose, appear required. Citing the approval of a very healthy approx. 12+ metre eucalypt in a neighbouring property recently granted permit for destruction and removal, on the grounds that a) the applicant remove all wording from their permit about wanting to take the tree down to renovate the property and resubmit with wording the planner gave them directly to ensure approval (as disclosed to me directly by the planner), and b) the cited arborist reasoning being that 'as it grows further, with proximity to building, the tree -MAY- develop dangerous properties'. This is totally unacceptable grounds for permit for a tree that is so healthy, utilised by many species including endangered Gang-Gang-Cockatoos, as the council was informed of, and in an area lacking diversity of mature gum canopy dominated by euc. polyanthemos, of which this significant indigenous tree is not. Absolutely no response or reasoning from council was provided for the very real concerns raised against this application, despite photographic evidence and support provided as to the tree's significance, and yet the apparent reasoning for granting approval of the tree destruction was dependant on future possibility rather than present reality. This kind of decision making, and allowing, by the relevant planning teams will continue to undermine the canopy protection to the further demise of Nillumbik's ecological resilience. Without changes, this proposed and sorely needed Urban Canopy Strategy will be unable to find success.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Yes - to target the 'engagement of values and cares' of the Nillumbik community, requires an educative proponent to engage community members to find their personal value in the canopy, and therefore to engage in the types of dialogues and behaviours that will create a culture within the community to advocate for and protect it. Simply planting more trees does not address the development of personal connection to the trees, the 'values and care' of them, which is what will ultimately protect them and ensure the success of the Urban Canopy Strategy ongoing. A campaign by Council to engage and educate the community in uplifting and informative ways would be a strong component for success of the Strategy.

Also believe a 'tree drive' would be very beneficial - free saplings (via Edendale?) of indigenous trees available to households over designated weekends to encourage the planting of them on private land. Coupled with education as to where (i.e. not under power lines, correct amount of space in the garden for each species etc.), making these available (one sapling per household for example, could be a voucher on rates notices like the green waste voucher) would be a very engaging activity for families and all in the community. Perhaps a QR sticker attached to the saplings to a Nillumbik webpage of 'which local wildlife species love this tree?' - something that educates, excites, and helps residents feel they are making a difference.

<b>Q5</b>	<b>Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?</b>
Matrix	Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive Target – An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q6</b>	<b>Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?</b>
Long Text	As mentioned above, an engaging educational component of outreach to the community seems an essential additional goal to grow awareness and care for HOW a 'healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community'. People will protect only what they care about, and will only care about what they have found reason to engage with. "In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught." "No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced." Sir David Attenborough
<b>Q7</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?</b>
Matrix	Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q8</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?</b>
Matrix	Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	Seeing that Council truly take permit applications for the removal of trees on private land seriously, would go a long way to feeling less hopeless about the pathways ahead, and give more confidence to get engaged and active. Seeing educational campaigns from Council as to why our canopy and trees are so vital, increased repercussions for illegal removal, the serious nature of applying for removal and why council take it so seriously... all things that are vital to building both community awareness but also confidence that Council are truly on side with environmental initiatives, in the face of so much development to the contrary. We can SEE the higher and denser buildings going up with no canopy replacement, we can SEE the very high success rate of tree removal permit approvals versus the very small percentage of denials via the planning website, but we cannot SEE any real-time action and advocacy of serious value for the canopy. If there is indeed serious advocacy, can Council educate via social media? How many canopy trees were planted this year? Where, is there an online map perhaps where we can see the progress? How are tree removal permits being revised and strengthened? How are fines being significantly increased for illegal removal? When? Which policies are being strengthened and officially put in place? Such educational messages are critical.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	Applaud the initiative of the much-needed Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy, without which the future does appear increasingly bleak for Nillumbik's Green Wedge, and hope to continue actively supporting its rollout, and seeing feedback taken on board to make it more robust and impactful from policy level through to community engagement plans.

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Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	E-newsletter Email Nilumbik News

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Contribution ID: 24903

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix


Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Multi Choice	Facebook

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Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

We'd actually like it slightly increased. The amount of vegetation removal going on currently 'due to road upgrades' is totally over the top. We've lived in Eltham North for 25 years and never have been so concerned for our local wildlife and the horrendous injuries/deaths that are occurring due to over the top land clearance. Removing healthy well established trees can't be replaced by simply planting new ones that take years to provide shelter.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Totally support the increase of planting trees as long as keeping what we already have

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Definitely support this.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

To feel that our local state was actually listening to our concerns about increasing vegetation removal.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Sounds very promising
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Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

An increase in the number of mature indigenous trees across time. The overall health of the trees should also be a focus.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

We should aim to increase the indigenous canopy since this is the most effective way to strengthen biodiversity. The health of trees can only be maximised if other vital factors are also considered, such as water availability, soil health and the presence of indigenous fauna in appropriate numbers. The strategy should have goals regarding factors such as these.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The target should reflect the need for increased indigenous canopy alongside strengthened indigenous biodiversity which is critical to indigenous tree health and all biological cycles and systems in our shire.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

Q10	What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?
Long Text	Availability of easily accesible education on tree ID, seed collection and cultivation.
Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Penalties for illegal tree removal and removal of understorey are far too low and do not reflect the value of what is lost.
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Multi Choice	Email

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Contribution ID: 24900

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I think it's important to reduce tree removal on private land - look at some shires such as Boroondara where so much tree canopy is being removed from private land to build massive houses with no yard, leading to loss of wildlife, loss of the cooling effect of trees and loss of neighbourhood amenity and beauty. Illegal removal of trees on private property needs to be pursued and heavily fined - fine the arborists as well as the owners and developers, and perhaps that will stop them.

Increase the number of indigenous trees on public land and nature strips to encourage local biodiversity of birds, mammals and insects.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

You need to specify what sort of trees - not specific species, but hopefully trees which are indigenous and local to the area to enable habitat for birds, insects and animals.

It's important to put effort into retaining existing trees, as well as planting new ones, especially trees with hollows which provide habitat.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

As the Green Wedge (or "lungs of Melbourne") Nillumbik has a responsibility to have more green cover than other shires. It would be ideal to work towards a greater percentage than 25%. It is thought that canopy cover of at least 30% is required for maximal environmental benefit.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**  
 Long Text  
 I am already a member of a local friends of group, have had a garden visit from your Gardens for Wildlife program and have planted many trees on our property. Perhaps more education around these programs for new residents to the area would be helpful? The more people can learn about the benefits of increased canopy cover, the more likely they are to comply with regulations and increase planting.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**  
 Long Text  
 My main concerns are 1) Stricter monitoring, enforcing and fines for illegal tree removal on private property  
 2) More local indigenous planting on public land including nature strips  
 3) Educating home owners on benefits of retaining and increasing tree canopy on their properties

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**Q16 Age**  
 Multi Choice  
 55 - 64

**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**  
 Multi Choice  
 Live

**Q18 Suburb**  
 Select Box  
 Nutfield

**Q19 Are you?**  
 Select Box  
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**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**  
 Multi Choice  
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Contribution ID: 24899

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I don't think it makes sense to MAINTAIN Nillumbik's overall canopy cover at 39% when only Diamond Creek, Greensborough, Plenty & Wattle Glen currently have less than 39% according to Table 2 in the draft Strategy. The target should be rephrased to increase canopy cover in the suburbs I have listed and to maintain the current levels of canopy cover in the remaining suburbs listed in Table 2.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I hope that the minimum cover of 25% is sufficient to counter the urban heat island effect (UHIE). Is the 25% based on research? To explain my concern I am referring to the following personal experience of UHIE in Eltham. Just before 3pm on 11th January 2024 I parked in the Coles car park on a sunny day. When I returned to my car at approximately 3:30pm the temperature gauge showed an external temperature of 39C. I then took between 5 and 8 minutes to drive to my home on the heavily treed Woodridge estate. By the time I reached home, the temperature gauge had dropped to 34C. I then checked the temperature on Weatherzone. Although my computer was set for Eltham, the temperature is actually at Viewbank. Using the sliding tool, I found that the outside temperature at 3:30pm was 25.8C. I would like to know the figures for tree cover in the Eltham Activity Centre (EAC) and the Woodridge estate so that the minimum urban canopy cover would be no less than that for Woodridge (with the possible exception of the centre of the EAC where planning policies favour higher density so that the UHIE has become inevitable, although I would hope that, even there, a minimum canopy cover that would stop that area becoming unliveable could be established).

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	<p>I am already heavily involved in caring for the environment where I live. Unfortunately I often hear anecdotes about people who want to cut down trees because they are providing too much shade or they are afraid of branches falling or think that they drop too many leaves and are messy. Most people are busy working and have family commitments in any spare time that they have so Council needs to inform them in a way that will get their attention as to the value of trees. Maybe Council could do something on YouTube or TikTok that would at least encourage people to value their existing trees and not want to remove them or plant new trees around their home. A joint project with local schools might also encourage more involvement.</p>
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>I am concerned that the first sentence at section 7 re "Key Focus Areas for action" states: "The actions below are aspirational and are currently not funded and their implementation will be dependent on future funding being available." I would like this to be reworded so that all actions are firm commitments (rather than just being "aspirational") with a separate list that identifies the actions that cannot be implemented unless funding is obtained.</p> <p>From my perusal of the list of actions it seemed that many are already part of Council's processes (such as supporting friends groups, as mentioned at 2.6 b, and providing indigenous plants at Edendale, as mentioned at 1.4 a) and should not be listed as ASPIRATIONAL. Also, some actions could easily become a new Council process with very little extra effort such as, in connection with item 2.1, Council could start its Tree Inventory by creating a register of trees permitted to be removed under its local law or a planning permit and those required to be planted under a planning permit. The advocacy to the State Government at item 1.3 should also be happening as a matter of course. The actions that depend on funding could hopefully be limited to: 1.2 c, 1.5 b, 2.1 d, 2.3 c, 3.1 c &amp; d and 3.2.</p> <p>I am also concerned by the definition of "Canopy Tree" in Appendix D that is: "For the purpose of this strategy, a canopy tree is defined any tree that is, or will reach, a height of over two metres." This goes against the definition of canopy tree in the "Nillumbik Shire Council Neighbourhood Character Strategy FINAL Prepared for Nillumbik Shire Council November 2023" that is: "An indigenous tree capable of growing to a minimum height of 16 metres at maturity."</p> <p>I was recently at a VCAT hearing in which there was a discussion about whether the trees proposed on a landscape plan were "canopy trees" as required by the planning scheme, the problem being that the scheme did not define a canopy tree and there were no other council documents that identified what a canopy tree should be. It would be most unfortunate if, before the definition of canopy tree in the Neighbourhood Character Strategy becomes part of an approved planning scheme amendment, the proposed definition in the urban tree strategy that refers to a height of over 2 metres were to be taken to establish a height for canopy trees when 2 metres is actually closer to the height of a tall shrub. In order to effectively counter the urban heat island problem I imagine that trees TALLER THAN 2 metres are essential. Therefore, I would like to see a revised definition of canopy tree in the urban tree strategy that has the same height as the definition in the Neighbourhood Character Strategy. If there is some reason why the height of 2 metres was chosen and will need to be referred to in a specific context, perhaps the solution would be to have a separate definition to address the circumstances in which this lower height applies such as:</p> <p>Definition of "Canopy vegetation": "All vegetation (including trees and shrubs) that is, or will reach, a height of over two metres."</p> <p>As it stands in the draft strategy I think there is a risk that the targets for urban canopy cover would allow e.g. 25% to be achieved by planting trees that need not grow higher than 2 metres.</p>
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Multi Choice		65 - 84
	<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice		Live
	<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box		Eltham
	<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
Select Box		
	<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice		E-newsletter Word of mouth Email

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23

Contribution ID: 24898

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Yes but also need to ensure common sense. Stopping trees being cut when diseased or dangerous is not useful. Also cost of arborist to assess trees is hard for home owners

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Not sure

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

As noted above and not supportive of private land as there seems to be no common sense when applying rules

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Not sure  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Not sure

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - No. I'm not supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	We need some balance in whatever strategy we adopt. Also things like solar are hindered by trees and being able to consider that in making decisions. Common sense and balance need to be part of any strategy and setting rules may restrict that
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Q16	Age
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Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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24

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text It would be best if the urban tree canopy could be increased in a measurable way(say percentages), with a focus on indigenous plants and trees, as well as maintaining the existing older growth trees and understorey. Accurate data collection is important.

The biodiversity benefits of keeping understorey and removal of dead indigenous plants and trees, must be carefully weighed up against human amenity.

Adequate annual budget allocation to survey and support council policy is essential.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text Connecting tree canopy and understory, is very important for all wildlife.  
Communicating with community how to increase urban tree canopy and policies that include encouraging planting & penalties for removal of tree canopy must be included in Council policy.  
Where possible regionally specific plantings should be used.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text Saving existing tree canopy is extremely important for all biodiversity and the community.

Developing guidelines for different sized properties/land lots could help owners, builders, developers, conform with Council priorities.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>More information, financial support for existing community groups, Friends groups, training and educational sessions.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Q12</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>	<p><b>First Name</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
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<p><b>Q16</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Age</b></p> <p>65 - 84</p>
<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b></p> <p>Play</p>
<p><b>Q18</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Suburb</b></p> <p>Other: St. Kilda 3182</p>
<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Q20</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b></p> <p>Word of mouth</p>

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

No

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

No

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

No

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Information on places to source native trees recommended for the area, including more established trees instead of tube stock.  
When council plants trees it would be good to have tags on them with the tree species details so residents can get ideas for the own houses of what to plant. Plus brochures with photos of trees and public locations where examples can be seen.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Greensborough
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Postcard

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26

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

\* Protect existing mature indigenous tree canopy. Ensure the health of these trees by insisting on deep soil zones for gardens and trees in new developments excluding the area taken by hard driveway surfaces, eaves and pergolas. Prevent the wholesale removal of every tree before build and/or sale of land for development.  
 Apply heavy fines for the illegal removal of trees on private land. Develop policy to determine responsibility when housing projects remove mature trees. Is it the relevant authorities, individuals, companies?  
 \* Tree canopy should be protected preserved, reinstated and increased broadly through all areas, not just in some areas, to maintain wildlife connectivity. Connected tree canopy contributes to the survival of diverse wildlife including gliders, phascogales and bats  
 \* Include plants indigenous to the Nillumbik area to maintain biodiversity. Increase indigenous plant biodiversity in public spaces and along nature strips. Identify existing and potential green corridor areas to extend connectivity and create links to wildlife corridors. Recognise and provide data on hollow-bearing trees.  
 \* Council should have responsibility for educating home owners and land holders about the value of the Nillumbik Shire's Green Wedge reputation. About the value of trees as being the 'lungs of Melbourne'. Trees are vital for wildlife shelter and habitat, shade, reducing the overall heat effect of climate change. There is a responsibility to keep a high level of vegetation cover.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

\* Council Budget should have measurable targets for planting and maintenance. Also a budget to reflect that climate change will create the need for more tree maintenance due to heat stress and pressure from pests.  
 \* Important benefits in retaining dead fallen and standing trees on private and public land wherever possible.  
 \* Retain trees that already exist in conjunction with an increase in planting site specific others and the indigenous supportive understorey. Hollow bearing trees should be identified and preserved. Dead fallen and standing trees play an important role different from canopy trees for fauna and should be retained.  
 \* Tree health needs a combination of factors like the natural flow and availability of water, supportive soil microbiome, balanced faunal presence and activity (eg small birds that reduce foliage-feeding insect load). For struggling trees funding for investigation and treatment should be sought as an alternative to removal.  
 \* Trees should not be so easily removed for driveways buildings sheds, or because they are blocking views or in the way.  
 \* Support large old trees as they are more beneficial than younger ones. Trees of 30yrs can struggle if damaged or stressed so may need added attention to age beyond.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

\* There is a need for an abundance of canopy created by mature indigenous trees and an increase in the overall indigenous biodiversity essential for trees' long-term health.  
 \* The target of 25% canopy cover in every suburb or township may actually be inadequate. 'To maximise the benefits that canopy can offer in terms of environmental services a canopy cover of or greater than 30% is required' The significance of urban tree canopy cover and climate change, talk given by Dr Greg Moore (arborist and urban tree canopy specialist from University of Melbourne Burnley Campus) at Nillumbik Climate Month, 16 March 2024.  
 \* Develop more effective and accurate database to reflect maturity of trees and species distinction.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
 Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
 Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
 Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
 Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

	<p><b>Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?</b></p> <p>Matrix</p> <p>Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive          Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive          Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive          Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive          Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive          Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p><b>Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b></p> <p>Matrix</p> <p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive          Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p><b>Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>Long Text</p> <p>* Council's ongoing support of Land Care and Friends Groups.          * Seeing council members modeling the behaviour by attending these groups.          * Encouraging school involvement. Perhaps establish planning between schools or community groups to see who can plant the most and document ongoing maintenance and development.          * Encourage intergenerational groups of citizen scientists to investigate and research their local area.          * Council support for public engagement in the way of public talks, by experts in the field of environment and all that entails.          * Regular information sharing on the Nillumbik Council websites about the value of tree canopy and indigenous planting to this environment. Site and locality specific information on relevant plants and trees for the protection of habitat for wildlife.          * Real Estate companies be required to explain the environmental value of this Green Wedge area</p> <p><b>Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>Long Text</p> <p>* Ensure adequate funding for tree maintenance; for training of staff in The Significant Landscape Overlay and the Amenity Trees local law, to enable these mechanisms to be applied rigorously and consistently; to enforce and follow-up non-compliance with tree laws. Penalties for illegal tree removal are commensurate with the full value of the tree/s that have been removed. Develop a robust tree valuing system that considers all that trees offer – economic benefit, social, mental health, environmental etc.          * The true value of trees needs to be factored into all council considerations. These include wildlife habitat, carbon storage, ability to mitigate urban heat island effect, erosion reduction, moisture retention in the soil, salinity reduction, increase in property values, reduction of emissions due to reduced need for air-conditioning, physical and mental health benefits and much more. When decisions are made around whether to remove a tree for utilities or infrastructure, a monetary value should be placed on the services that the tree provides and factored into any calculations.          * New developments could be required to make provisions for wildlife corridors across developments, and be sensitive to landscape/topographical features such as creeklines, wetlands and riparian corridors.          * Council is urged to develop and maintain a data base of all significant trees in the shire, including dead trees. This will provide a baseline from which certain retention rates can be measured.          * Council should lobby state government to include a Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design trigger in the ResCode.          * Council is urged to lobby state government for an amendment to the Bushfire Management Overlay, where the 10/30 rule applies in urban areas the local urban character is severely impacted when all canopy trees within ten metres of a dwelling are removed.          * Limit development if trees/vegetation need to be cleared in order to be deemed 'safe' for human inhabitation.          * Nillumbik Youth Council's Vision for Nillumbik's urban tree canopy should be acknowledged and supported.          * As stated by the Planning Institute Australia, 'Councils should encourage and increase the participation and input of planners in the development of strategies to combat urban heat. Climate resilience interventions should not be left alone in the care of planning-aligned professionals' <a href="https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/11820">https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/11820</a>          Planning Institute Australia, Resource Toolkit, Planning for urban vegetation in adapting to a changing climate and urban heat</p> <p><b>Q12 First Name</b></p> <p>Short Text</p> <p><b>Q13 Last Name</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>
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Multi Choice	Word of mouth E-newsletter Email Nillumbik News

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Contribution ID: 24892

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

The Goal to protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban tree canopy is worthwhile.

At least 1 local community group and a number of individuals have already suggested that Council develop a SIMPLE SPREADSHEET or DATABASE approach for recording known tree loss (legal and illegal!) on both private and public land. This should include date, location, Council Ward, tree type etc.

Similarly, tree gains (known Council plantings, known private land actual compensatory plantings etc.) should be recorded. Maintenance schedules should also be recorded.

Reporting annually would give residents some level of satisfaction regarding the state of our local environment in this regard.

- The Draft Strategy defines tree canopy as anything over 2metres. That is an absurd figure; a hedge can be of those dimensions! Preferably a minimum of 3 metre height should be applied. Benefits provided by mature trees include shade/mitigation of urban heat effect, water retention and cycling, animal use of canopy, spread and connectivity.

- There needs to be differentiation between trees measuring 3 metres height, and mature trees of 15+ metres height, due to the differences in their canopy and what they offer.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

I support Goal 2.

- The Target should be to increase indigenous canopy and overall indigenous (site-appropriate) biodiversity.

- Measurable targets for planting indigenous canopy trees and their supportive understorey should be clearly stated with annual outcomes included.

- The target should describe x % (or area) increase per year, leading to x % increase every 5 years.

- The Target should include an increase in the retention of trees, not only focus on an increase in planting.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I support Goal 3.

Re Target - minimum urban canopy cover of 25% in every suburb or township should be raised to 30%.

As mentioned in Target 1 - Develop a more effective and accurate database to reflect maturity of trees and species distinction.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.

- Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Not sure

	Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	<p>Increase Council's existing levels of involvement with Friends Groups to encourage e.g. talks or information sessions actually ON our Reserves. All locals can then be canvassed to attend and this also provides high visibility of the significant importance of tree growth, maintenance and establishment for future generations. This is highly likely to encourage locals to transfer and action this knowledge onto their own properties.</p>
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>Council is urged to develop and maintain a data base of all significant trees in the shire, including dead trees. This will provide a baseline from which certain retention rates can be measured.</p> <p>Council mechanisms should be SIGNIFICANTLY strengthened to ensure the protection of tree canopy. The Council currently has two mechanisms for protecting canopy trees in urban areas. The Significant Landscape Overlay and the Amenity Trees local law. The application of these mechanisms is variable. Adequate funding should be provided for all council staff and their training, to enable these mechanisms to be applied rigorously and consistently.</p> <p>Ensure that GREATER penalties for illegal tree removal are commensurate with the full value of the tree/s that have been removed. Develop a robust tree valuing system that considers all that trees offer – economic benefit, social, mental health, environmental etc.</p> <p>Ensure that sufficient funds and staff are available to enforce and follow-up non-compliance with tree laws.</p> <p>Develop and apply strategies to enable residents to plant indigenous trees on nature strips and road verges.</p>
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Multi Choice	Male
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	65 - 84
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Eltham
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
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Q20

Multi Choice

How did you hear about this consultation?

- E-newsletter
- Email
- Nilumbik News

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28

Contribution ID: 24891

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 27, 2024, 12:14 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

In my eyes there is not enough emphasize on the importance of canopy corridors for biodiversity and talk of prioritizing certain zones. I think both these points could be embedded in - Goal 1 - That Nillumbik's Urban Canopy is protected and enhanced.

In the blow article the authors talk about the importance of prioritizing planting/protection of canopy cover in the following urban zones for biodiversity - Already established healthy and wide canopy covers (increase plantings will reduce edge/core habitat ratio), zones with less traffic (many wildlife species do not like human activity, noise etc) and areas where fragmented canopy islands can be bridged together.

Peer reviewed Article - Yards increase forest connectivity in urban landscapes [REDACTED]

The below article talks about the importance of a connected urban canopy for gliders and bats. Considering humans have heavily reduced habitat for native Australian animals it seems providing a great canopy corridor is the least we can do.

Peer reviewed article - Using ecological studies to understand the conservation needs of the squirrel glider in Brisbane's urban forest-remnants [REDACTED]

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

More emphasis on indigenous plants. Without indigenous plants, our systems function less effectively and are less resilient. While we may not achieve fully functioning ecosystems in many urban areas, indigenous trees are more likely to survive and establish positive relationships with fauna to maintain their health. Naturalized plants and weeds are more susceptible to attacks from insects, for example.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I think a minimum target of 25 percent canopy cover across all urban areas is too low. The below article suggests that 30 percent cover should be a minimum.

Peer reviewed article - Evidence-based guidelines for greener, healthier, more resilient neighbourhoods: Introducing the 3-30-300 rule by [REDACTED]

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Not sure

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	Grants, and permissions to plant trees and support from the council.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>There seems to be a lack of emphasis on the importance of indigenous canopy cover. Indigenous plants are well known to provide better habitat for native fauna as opposed to tree/shrubs from other part of Australia and the world.</p> <p>Although Nillumbik's urban canopy cover sits at 39%, the average looks much better due to a 70 percent cover on private property. Would be good to aim for 30 plus canopy cover on council land and in more urban zones like Greensborough.</p> <p>1.1 - Stronger language than consider. I think prioritizing the protection of large indigenous trees and indigenous regeneration trees is a must in our current environmental situation with biodiversity decreasing and climate change a real threat.</p> <p>2.4 B - Stronger language/goals to try and protect canopy trees and trees that will grow to be mature and provide lots of shade from development on council land.</p> <p>3.1D - Stronger language to protect trees from developers. Whether this is through incentives for developers or other means. Make developers have to leave trees on a site.</p>
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Multi Choice	Male
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	35- 44
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Diamond Creek
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
Select Box	[REDACTED]
<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	<p>Word of mouth</p> <p>Nillumbik News</p>

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29

Contribution ID: 24890

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 27, 2024, 11:45 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

39% seems too low for an aspirational given it's already at 31%. I'd like to see 45% or higher as a target.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I would like to see much greater public education and encouragement to learn about and get involving in caring for and planting trees. For examples, informative flyers in letterboxes, social media campaigns, campaigns through schools such as giving out free small trees or seeds and information and planting and caring for them. Also providing information about caring for trees and planting in a way that minimises what some might find a nuisance e.g. lots of falling leaves into neighbouring properties, unwanted shade etc, as these things can sometimes cause

issues between neighbours.

Q11

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?

Long Text

I think there is a lot of room to increase public awareness in Nillumbik on all aspects of this issue. Information and education around the importance of the tree canopy needs to reach everyone in the area without them having to specifically look for information about it.

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Multi Choice

35- 44

Q17

Relationship to Nillumbik

Multi Choice

Live

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Select Box

Eltham

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Are you?

Select Box


Q20

How did you hear about this consultation?

Multi Choice

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Contribution ID: 24886

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 26, 2024, 04:55 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

If the trees and plants were for smaller native birds.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

**Q12 First Name**

Short Text

**Q13 Last Name**

Short Text

Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Instagram

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31

Contribution ID: 24881

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 25, 2024, 10:15 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Let's do better and aim for net gain and continue to improve and enhance our natural environment

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Focus on planting that right types/species of trees. Not all canopy is created equal. Prioritise local species that are resilient and likely to withstand pressures of climate change.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Free council mulch, like done in other municipalities  
Cheaper prices for local residents at Edendale  
Small grant opportunities for residential properties which are too small for getting Landcare support

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Should be clear about the type of tree canopy that is desired, there's been some pretty ordinary choices for tree planting council land in Nillumbik. Need to target resilient indigenous species and those with high ecological value
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Hurstbridge
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Instagram

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32

Contribution ID: 24877

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 25, 2024, 08:23 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Just a comment ... Regarding helping landowners to plant the right tree in the right place ... YES PLEASE! We had researched this ourselves to the best of our ability, and even then, our last attempts to revegetate our 1 acre block with new trees largely failed. The conditions seemed to be too harsh for the saplings, even though we watered and mulched. Further, we have now long noticed the decline in saplings popping up, and surviving the first years. We have also lost some of our oldest trees to drought -- presumably too little ground water where earlier there was sufficient. It will indeed be difficult to maintain canopy cover given changing climatic conditions. BUT WE'RE ALL FOR TRYING!

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

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Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

Q10	What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?
Long Text	Best current information and strategies for revegetation! (See the previous note ... I placed it in the wrong section. Sorry.)
Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

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33

Contribution ID: 24874

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 25, 2024, 04:34 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I would like to hear about specific action that council has taken to either prevent trees and native habitat being illegally removed and also about where indigenous trees and other plants have been planted. It may be that council didn't do the planting but maybe they helped by providing money or services. I'd like to hear about support given to local indigenous growers/seller eg. St Andrews Stringybark Nursery and or help for groups such as Landcare. It would also be nice to hear about what has been planted and how it could help the environment in the long term,

eg.planting Banksias to provide food for Gang Gang Cockatoos. The Nillumbik Bulletin would be a good communication tool.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**  
Long Text  
It is true that more tree cover will cool down the inner city areas, however, as well as trees, smaller bushes, creepers, grasses and sedges also cool areas. But more importantly, a complete grouping of indigenous plants eg. dry forest, grassy wetland etc, in the appropriate areas, helps provide food and habitat for the indigenous fauna that live in that environment. I would somehow like an acknowledgement of this somewhere eg. in the introduction, without the detail added in. I guess that the Biodiversity Strategy and Green Wedge Management Plan work with in the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy. I'd like there to be more focus on trees that are in smaller numbers since colonisation, such as Banksias, Hakeas and Casuarinas, these trees provide specific food for specific birds, which are often in decline. I wonder also if there could be a reference to other organisations in the Strategy, such as Ausnet, who do alot of pruning of trees in the Shire, often it seems, without discussions with the Shire. I wonder if there could be a reference to removing weedy trees, eg. Burgan, non indigenous acacias. We can't plant indigenous trees if there's no space for them.

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**Q16 Age**  
Multi Choice  
55 - 64

**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**  
Multi Choice  
Live

**Q18 Suburb**  
Select Box  
Hurstbridge

**Q19 Are you?**  
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**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**  
Multi Choice  
Other: Nillumbio

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Contribution ID: 24868

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 25, 2024, 10:21 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Enhancement should include an increase in health and abundance of the canopy created by mature indigenous trees.  
Tree canopy cover is protected and increased through all areas of the LGA.  
There needs to be differentiation between trees measuring 3 metres height, and mature trees of 15+ metres height, due to the differences in their canopy and what they offer.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The Target should be to increase indigenous canopy and overall indigenous (site-appropriate) biodiversity. Measurable targets for planting indigenous canopy trees and their supportive understorey should be clearly stated with annual outcomes included.  
The Target should include an increase in the retention of trees, not only focus on an increase in planting, because mature trees offer vastly greater benefits.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Research suggests such a target could be changed to 'minimum urban canopy cover of 30-40% in every suburb or township'.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>Our family loves trees and our aspiration is to have a mini-forest on our property. We would love more opportunities to be involved in planting trees and their supportive understorey plants on public land.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>Principles of good urban design for biodiversity could be incorporated into the Council's Planning Scheme. Planning applications should meet minimum biodiversity requirements, e.g. a contiguous area on any lot of sufficient 'deep soil' to support canopy trees and understorey.</p> <p>Tree canopy should be connected for wildlife survival.</p> <p>Ensure that recurrent expenses needed to maintain tree canopy (watering for several years after planting, and monitoring of tree health) are adequately funded to ensure tree growth and ongoing health. For example, many newly planted trees at the end of our street have already died.</p> <p>Ensure that penalties for illegal tree removal are commensurate with the full value of the tree/s that have been removed. Develop a robust tree valuing system that considers all that trees offer – economic benefit, social, mental health, environmental etc.</p>
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<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p> <p>██████████</p>
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Contribution ID: 24861

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 25, 2024, 06:58 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

I am supportive of more trees however we need to be sensible about the types and sizes of trees planted on smaller blocks. This can't be a one size fits all approach, so putting large trees in small areas is not smart.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

How does this work for agricultural areas? Do other residents have to compensate for farm land to achieve this? Nillumbik is approving lots of multi dwelling developments on sites that were once only one house, so how can this be applied fairly?

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I'm already involved

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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36

Contribution ID: 24852

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 24, 2024, 07:19 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix


Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Research
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email Facebook

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37

Contribution ID: 24849

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 24, 2024, 04:46 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Protecting and enhancing Nillumbik's urban canopy is an important worthy goal. The goal must be improved to include protection and enhancement of canopy connectivity.

The target statement has a negative connotation and suggests Goal 1 is a hopeless case and unachievable. The notation stating maintaining cover at 39% won't be easy due to storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing - should be removed. Otherwise, the goal has very little meaning. The target should state the 39% target and how this will be achieved otherwise the important message of protecting and enhancing urban canopy will be lost to the listed obstacles.

It is also disappointing priority will be given to increasing urban canopy tree protection in areas where there is less than 25 percent canopy cover. This target will only apply to Diamond Creek, Greensborough and Plenty. What about the other urban areas and townships where the Bushfire Management Overlay has the greatest affect and cause of significant urban tree loss.

In reality this Goal is highly unachievable due to the overarching Bushfire Management Overlay and the culture

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The target to increase planting trees across all land tenures is inconsistent with Goal 1 which states priority will be given to increasing tree canopy in Diamond Creek, Greensborough and Plenty areas where there is less than 25 percent canopy cover.

The target must emphasize retention of trees, not only focus on an increase in planting.

The target should clearly define what type of tree canopy is to be planted across all land tenures. The target should aim to achieve an increase in indigenous canopy cover and overall indigenous biodiversity.

The target should also contain a statement that tree health will be protected through all Council decision making processes and actions.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - No, I'm not supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

See previous comments.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

<b>Q8</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?</b>
Matrix	<p>Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
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Multi Choice	Female
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	55 - 64
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
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<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
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<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

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38

Contribution ID: 24848

Member ID: 2595

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Would be beneficial to have some element of canopy health included. Proposal as it stands includes invasive weed species including pinus radiata and pittosporum. . Suggest including 'and an increase in the health and abundance of the canopy created by mature indigenous trees.' I understand this may not be possible to measure until a tree inventory is established, but could be an aspirational target.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The target does not relate well to the goal, and an appropriate measurable target may be difficult to develop. Perhaps the results of community surveys could be used to assess how the community values and cares for the Urban Canopy. If the proposed target is retained, it should be more specific, and we suggest: "An increase in the planting of predominantly indigenous trees selected according to the 'right tree, right place' ethos across all land tenures".

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>I'm already taking significant action to plant indigenous trees and improve biodiversity on our property. I already volunteer with Parks Vic in the Warrandyte State Park.          Support from council to reduce invasive species on council land and road reserves, and support to neighbours to remove weeds and plant indigenous species would help.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>I support the strategy. It does need specific funding in the council budget otherwise it has no chance of meeting its objectives. Most important are the tree inventory and a prioritised Urban Tree Maintenance, Planting and Renewal Plan. I was aghast to find that neither of these exist to any degree at this stage, and that effectively council is not managing trees in parks, reserves and roadsides.</p>
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<p><b>Q16</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Age</b></p> <p>65 - 84</p>
<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b></p> <p>Live</p>
<p><b>Q18</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Suburb</b></p> <p>North Warrandyte</p>
<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p> <p>██████████</p>
<p><b>Q20</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b></p> <p>E-newsletter          Facebook          Nillumbik News</p>

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39

Contribution ID: 24847

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 24, 2024, 11:44 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Advice from the Shire on what trees to plant and how best to enhance the canopy. Also possible help with the work.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Some of the goals are more like statements about well being, etc.
Q12	First Name
Short Text	
Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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Contribution ID: 24844

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 24, 2024, 10:08 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Homeowners: I think rate payers should have access to an appointment with a qualified arborist or landscape architect who can visit their property and provide advice on the existing trees and how they might be able to increase their canopy cover appropriately.

Renters: Unfortunately rental properties are often very poorly maintained by the owners and renters are less likely to plant or care for trees as they may only be temporary residents. I think there should be a LEGAL requirement

under local law for the property owner to ensure a minimum canopy cover is retained on their rental property.

I would like to see more info on the species of canopy variation in the strategy and also a list of recommended species available for the public to access (if this does not already exist).

Q11

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?

Long Text

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Q15

Gender

Multi Choice

Female

Q16

Age

Multi Choice

35- 44

Q17

Relationship to Nillumbik

Multi Choice

Play

Q18

Suburb

Select Box

Research

Q19

Are you?

Select Box

Q20

How did you hear about this consultation?

Multi Choice

Nilumbik News

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41

Contribution ID: 24840

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 23, 2024, 11:01 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Net increase

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Give seedlings out to households

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Native/indigenous trees to be prioritised
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Work
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	North Warrandyte
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Other: Manningham and Nillumbik Bulletin

Response No:  
42

Contribution ID: 24839

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 23, 2024, 10:47 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Not sure  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Not sure  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Not sure

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

There is no direct mention of the largest aggregate landholding in roadside (nature strip) planting strategies. This is both significant in coverage and in decreasing temperatures or the effect of temperatures from road surfaces.  
Significantly, the strategy does not mention the degradation or depletion of canopy across the pi's landholding as a direct or targeted area. This is significant due to the landholding volume, distribution and the lack of any planting or replanting of this landholding in the last 10+ years, however its depletion would be at least double that from storms and tree growth and removal due to hazard or overhang and ageing.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Not sure

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Not sure  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Not sure

<div>Q10</div> <div>Long Text</div>	<div>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</div> <div>An ability to understand simply what trees are local and where they can be obtained. Programs that are open to all to participate in planting of trees on both public and private property to assist those who are unable to facilitate this themselves on their properties. Si,ilary in some cases assistance with product, solutions or financial to assist with plantings that need to be fenced from wildlife or domestic ani, Las during their establishment</div>
<div>Q11</div> <div>Long Text</div>	<div>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</div>
<div>Q12</div> <div>Short Text</div>	<div>First Name</div> <div></div>
<div>Q13</div> <div>Short Text</div>	<div>Last Name</div> <div></div>
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<div>Q15</div> <div>Multi Choice</div>	<div>Gender</div> <div>Male</div>
<div>Q16</div> <div>Multi Choice</div>	<div>Age</div> <div>45 - 54</div>
<div>Q17</div> <div>Multi Choice</div>	<div>Relationship to Nillumbik</div> <div>Live</div>
<div>Q18</div> <div>Select Box</div>	<div>Suburb</div>
<div>Q19</div> <div>Select Box</div>	<div>Are you?</div>
<div>Q20</div> <div>Multi Choice</div>	<div>How did you hear about this consultation?</div> <div>Word of mouth</div>

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Contribution ID: 24817

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 23, 2024, 12:10 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

This goal is too loose in meaning. Should include protection of already mature indigenous trees. Protection needs to be applied across all areas of the Shire, private land and public. Overall increase in indigenous biodiversity is needed including nature strips.  
A decrease in removal and damage to trees on private land is needed. An actual system of laws with heavy fines that are enforced for removal and damage to trees. Otherwise this is just an exercise in words. Developers are happy to clear everything for ease and include fines in their overall costs.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

An increase in planting of trees is admirable but needs to be heavily weighted by indigenous trees, and other indigenous biodiversity to go with the trees.  
I think Council should promote more education for trees than what they are already doing. General public are quite ignorant of the necessity and benefit of trees and how important they are in view of climate change and their, and their children's very own futures. They are not made aware of how an older tree is valuable and that it takes 15 to 30 years for a tree to reach maturity. And that there is a net loss if they are removed. Planting new trees does not make up for the loss quickly enough as Net Zero is only a few years away.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I would like some actual SUPPORT in view of this point from the Council. Instead of just words in a Strategy. I am surrounded by houses with black roofs and black concrete driveways. I have a 33 year old tree that has been maintained and is healthy. It is a structure used by more than a dozen different species of birds, fruit bats and insects. It stands strong in high winds and shelters the garden on hot days. It shows no sign of falling down. And yet I have constant threat from my neighbour that it should be cut down as it covers his black concrete path by a third of its canopy. Provides shade to his house on hot days. Absorbs water run off as their house is below mine. Has not caused any damage to structures by way of its roots. And yet I have no guarantee that it will survive, that its usefulness will be recognised.  
That Government and neighbourhood tree bigotry will prevail.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

	<p>Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	Would like to be part of a volunteer tree planting group.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>I would like to see more protection of native animals as they are all part of the biodiversity that surrounds and is needed by trees. I would like to see our remnant mobs of kangaroos protected and not shot by farmers and the State Government. Animal crossings of local roads need to be protected areas. Bridges or tunnels need to be built. More possum bridges than we have.</p>
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Short Text	<div></div>
<b>Q14</b>	<b>Email</b>
Email	<div></div>
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Multi Choice	Female
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	65 - 84
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Diamond Creek
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
Select Box	<div></div>
<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	<p>E-newsletter</p> <p>Nillumbik News</p>

Response No:  
44

Contribution ID: 24811

Member ID: 2395

Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2024, 06:44 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Local schools education for the urban tree canopy.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Sevreal trees have struggled during the hot summer months. More mulch is needed around the established trees to retain the moisture from the spring rains.
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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45

Contribution ID: 24810

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2024, 02:51 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

After developers have razed blocks of vegetation they then submit plans with too many buildings for any canopy tree planted to mature because root systems will affect footings, driveways, roofs and gutters so they are pulled out by the new owners.

How do we get VCAT to recognise that one less unit approved on a site would not only enhance the amenity of residents but the ability of canopy trees to mature and provide much needed shade in summer?

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

That the trees planted are 'policed' and fines issued to a significant value if deliberately removed.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

That appropriate trees are selected that will survive our new normal.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

My yard is now planted out because I understand the importance of having various forms of vegetation in my garden and I did a degree at Burnley so 'I get it'.

For others perhaps sessions at various sites around the shire to help folks select appropriate specimens for their sites with a reduction in purchase prices for attending?

Perhaps a low cost consultation by Council staff to provide a site inspection to provide advice in selecting specimens?  
 Here's one you won't like but perhaps a small deduction on rates for those who plant out trees to provide canopy and continue to water and maintain them?

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**  
 Long Text  
 We need to fine developers a lot more for clearing blocks and getting a slap on the wrist for removing mature trees that are the survivors of multiple droughts. My neighbourhood appears to be going through a period of renewal/renovation and many of the trees that were here 27 years ago when we moved in have been removed. They weren't all diseased - just illegally removed!

**Q12 First Name**  
 Short Text  
 [REDACTED]

**Q13 Last Name**  
 Short Text  
 [REDACTED]

**Q14 Email**  
 Email  
 [REDACTED]

**Q15 Gender**  
 Multi Choice  
 Female

**Q16 Age**  
 Multi Choice  
 65 - 84

**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**  
 Multi Choice  
 Live

**Q18 Suburb**  
 Select Box  
 Eltham

**Q19 Are you?**  
 Select Box  
 [REDACTED]

**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**  
 Multi Choice  
 Nillumbik News  
 E-newsletter  
 Word of mouth  
 Email

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46

Contribution ID: 24807

Member ID: 2573

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Not sure  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Not sure  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Not sure

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Not sure  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Plant and retain even more, in particular natives

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Publicise tree planting events, even outside of Nillumbik for people to join in planting.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Bravo! Keep the great work going. Encourage other councils to follow your example
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Short Text	
Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Play
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Other: Templestowe
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Other: Edendale drop in

Response No:  
47

Contribution ID: 24806

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2024, 09:41 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

It should not be enough to aim for no net loss, there should be a target of say 10-20% MORE tree cover each year. With climate change, trees are more likely to die, so we need to proactively aim for more than no net loss. Trees take many years to mature.  
Shrubs are also very important, not just canopies.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Need to be also clear that if people want to pulldown a house and rebuild, they need to keep ALL existing indigenous trees (over a certain height or a certain age depending on the tree species) on the block. We don't care if it adds \$ to the building costs, those trees are MORE important. Council Arborists need to review properties before they are pulled down to identify which trees and shrubs should be kept. Then inspect during and/or after building work is completed. Introduce fines to those who don't comply. Those signs at front of properties that inform people of planned changes should also clearly state which trees/shrubs will be kept.  
Edendale should be supported to grow tree seedlings to be made available for free and the council has a program to deliver and plant trees on private property on request from owners.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

While it is great that there is a focus on canopies from trees, the canopy from large shrubs is also important. Shrubs also help provide shade and is a haven for many different wildlife.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Q10

What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?

Long Text

Introduce fines or large fees for private landowners who want to cut down indigenous trees and large shrubs when they pulldown buildings and rebuild.  
Other councils allow blocks to be completely cleared when pulling down buildings, and this must NOT be allowed here.

Q11

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?

Long Text

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Gender

Multi Choice

Male

Q16

Age

Multi Choice

35- 44

Q17

Relationship to Nillumbik

Multi Choice

Live

Q18

Suburb

Select Box

Eltham North

Q19

Are you?

Select Box

Q20

How did you hear about this consultation?

Multi Choice

E-newsletter

Response No:  
48

Contribution ID: 24805

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 21, 2024, 07:29 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Community need education on the value of trees and to dispel myths about the danger of eucalypts in particular.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Not sure  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Not sure  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Already have many trees in our land and help look after local reserves.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	<p>Community education is important - lots of trees on private land are removed through ignorance or fear.</p> <p>There is no mention here of trees being indigenous. This is important, especially to choose trees that are likely to survive.</p> <p>Council plantings must be maintained Planting young trees rather than tube stock and then failing to water them until they are well established is a waste of resources.</p>
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
49

Contribution ID: 24803

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 21, 2024, 06:12 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Protection and enhancement are two different things. I would not like to see low quality vegetation protected when its removal could facilitate planting of better species.

30% canopy cover has been identified as optimal. Setting targets over that may be counter productive.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - No, I'm not supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Increased tree cover over some areas of Nillumbik may impact the biodiversity values or may be in conflict with other land uses. This goal is not nuanced enough.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

No.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

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Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I think the local law for protection of amenity trees will actually be counter productive as it holds residents in the

'less special' areas to a higher standard to justify removal of vegetation. People may not choose to plant trees if they become locked in. I'm also concerned that the assessment of tree removals on private land has been outsourced.

A major barrier to planting around new buildings is the slab. Warranties are voided on homes on waffle pod slabs where trees are planted near by (within the distance of the potential height of the tree). As there are some new builds in Nillumbik, it would be great if there could be better triggers for permits to ensure planting and retention of planting in conjunction with better foundations, ideally stumps.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

I think that street trees should be re-planted and caged if adjacent owners pull them out. Plus an embarrassing sign. We need mixed species avenues, particularly where the powerlines are under ground. Jacaranda Ave is a good example of opportunity. Street trees should include deciduous, broad canopied trees both for cooling and greening but also reduced bushfire risk. However, I don't think Nillumbik should follow Melbourne City Council and cap the % of any one genus or family. That is inappropriate.

I think you can get a lot more trees near to the edge of corners and signage than is indicated in the draft plan. I would like to see Nillumbik push hard on Vic Roads and just plant. If they pull them out it was worth a shot, Manningham did it well. The centre median parts of Diamond Creek are planted but the species mix is not great and there are gaps. Imagine from the big round about near your office to the ring road with huge Angophoras down the middle. Explore Forestree, even if just for tracking street trees that are newly planted. Not keen on the metric of canopy being over 2m but I understand the cost implications of doing otherwise.

**Q12 First Name**

Short Text

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**Q15 Gender**

Multi Choice

Female

**Q16 Age**

Multi Choice

45 - 54

**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**

Multi Choice

Live

**Q18 Suburb**

Select Box

Diamond Creek

**Q19 Are you?**

Select Box

**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**

Multi Choice

Email  
Facebook  
Nillumbik News  
Word of mouth  
E-newsletter

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50

Contribution ID: 24802

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 21, 2024, 04:56 PM

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Matrix

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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Trees over a certain size/height to have significant protections; requests to remove large trees near dwellings must demonstrate that the tree is unsafe by two independent environmental organisations and evidence as to why other management strategies are unsuitable.  
Builders/developers who remove trees without a permit to have their building/development permit revoked for the site and risk being blacklisted from future building permits being approved.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Focus on indigenous trees.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Grants for local schools to plant more trees

<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
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Multi Choice	Female
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	35- 44
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Eltham
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
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<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
51

Contribution ID: 24801

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 21, 2024, 01:16 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

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**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

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Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Not sure  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I already plant as much as I can on 800sqm

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

Q12	First Name
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Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
52

Contribution ID: 24800

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 20, 2024, 08:01 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

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Long Text

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Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

This is an excellent initiative! I particularly would like to see greater restrictions and enforcement of people cutting down trees on private land.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Very supportive. This should be expanded to Manningham Council and beyond. Great work.
Q12	First Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Play
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Other: Warrandyte
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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53

Contribution ID: 24798

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 20, 2024, 11:13 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I live in Eltham South and it seems so easy for blocks to be cleared ?

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

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**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix


Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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54

Contribution ID: 24797

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 20, 2024, 09:26 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	More oversight and monitoring by Nillumbik Council, instead of signing off permits and then letting the developers off when they don't follow the conditions set out in the permit.
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	25 - 34
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook
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55

Contribution ID: 24796

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 20, 2024, 08:07 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q12</b>	<b>First Name</b>
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<b>Q13</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Short Text	
<b>Q14</b>	<b>Email</b>
Email	
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Multi Choice	Female
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	55 - 64
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Eltham
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
Select Box	
<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	Facebook Nillumbik News

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56

Contribution ID: 24795

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 19, 2024, 09:37 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

That council aims to protect and enhance the urban tree canopy on public land.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - No, I'm not supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Nillumbik council are more focussed on looking after public land spaces rather than enforcement of private property issues.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

What is with the Urban Heat Island Effect? Have you found a new function on Near maps?

And why are you using 2021 data when newer statistics are available?

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - No. I'm not supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - No. I'm not supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - No. I'm not supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - No. I'm not supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - No. I'm not supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Not sure

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**


Long Text

Free trees.

Free tree removal for obvious trees that require removal. Paying absurdly high permit fees and arborist reports is unreasonable.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Questioning whether the urban tree canopy is a strategy to enhance Nillumbik Councils enforcement status?
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	

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57

Contribution ID: 24794

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 19, 2024, 03:04 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text No -I just want to see the "OUT " clause of it depending on storm drought and bushfire - this should be factored in to the strategy is it seems you need to aim for higher than 39 % to get it right

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text Define "Nillumbik community " - a lot of developers/builders would claim ownership in that group

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text My understanding that the accepted coverage level is and has been for a long time 30%. Is Nillumbik setting their own targets ignoring the experts - world wide?

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text We need to push for changes to State laws that enable VCAT to overturn Council decisions on Development of land.  
Free trees  
Community education on the sad state of our canopy( by definition Nillumbik has been cleared so much (mostly on private land) that we don't actually have a legitimate tree canopy ( may as well live in Bundoora) This is going to effect our property prices in the near future. ( once the secret is out )

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	I hope we get some real action out of this questionnaire not just another box ticked.
Q12	First Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	North Warrandyte
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

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58

Contribution ID: 24793

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 19, 2024, 01:10 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

One of the biggest threats at the moment as observed on our property and in the state park is that deer are doing more damage than all the other threats combined.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I have had great support from council to try and restore our property but unfortunately, because of deer we may have to fence our block, as the only solution. If I can find a way to fence and give access to our native wildlife it may be the only way to regenerate it.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	North Warrandyte
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email Nillumbik News Word of mouth

Response No:  
59

Contribution ID: 24790

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 19, 2024, 10:54 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Access to free (or cheap) trees

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Play
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Other: Lower Plenty
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	E-newsletter

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60

Contribution ID: 24787

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 18, 2024, 10:03 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I'd like to see an increase of the target for the tree canopy to 45 percent. Thus increasing the tree canopy after removal of dangerous or weed type trees etc

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

More tree canopy protection on foot/bike/horse trails, in town centres tree canopy is welcome, where practical. Also around ovals, and dog parks.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I want weed removal and control on the trails of Mistletoe, ivy, and morning glory etc, these are creepers that can get a stranglehold over mature canopy trees. My well being is affected when I see the above weeds unmanaged and sadly out of control.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Planting a native garden that includes a canopy tree.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Stronger laws against developers who have been getting away with illegal tree removal.
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
61

Contribution ID: 24785

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 18, 2024, 06:12 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

stop developments that don't support trees/ plants that help health wildlife/ people and address climate issues.  
change the way we use types of trees/ plant environments in specific areas to help combat storms/flooding, droughts, bushfires, climate change. (overall increase)

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Private landowners need to be reasonable for heritage trees on the land that they take ownership of instead of letting them die so as to be able to sell or develop the land. ( Bible & Luck St Cr vacant block)

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Cecil St Development covers the entire property. cannot support substantial trees.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

make people aware how beneficial trees are to our health as well as everything that excites on the planet.  
schools should be involved.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	plants and trees are a wonderful gift in nature that if used wisely could be used to solve many climate problems.
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Multi Choice	Other: nillumbio

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Contribution ID: 24784

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 18, 2024, 09:59 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I'd like to see funding/incentive for residents to contribute to this in their private properties

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Incentives for plants at discounted prices, guidance on what trees to plant. Partnership with local nurseries.  
Landscaping advice from Council, so that we can do things in line with the strategy.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
63

Contribution ID: 24783

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 18, 2024, 07:18 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Enable local residents to have free access to indigenous tube stock to rewild council land that backs onto their property.  
support mid story canopies not just large trees. There are too few small birds that need protection that is not afforded by large eucalypts

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Provide tube stock for locals to plant - those who request them at least.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham North
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Contribution ID: 24782

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

For Goal 1, I would like to see this enhancement including an increase in the health and abundance of the canopy created by mature indigenous trees, and an increase in overall indigenous biodiversity, as this is essential for trees' long-term health. I would also like these protections to be measurable and include targets such as: a decrease in the removal of trees by x % amount annually across private land, and an increase by x % amount annually of indigenous biodiversity along nature strips. In addition, existing and potential green corridor areas should be identified to inform decision making and prioritisation of resources to extend connectivity.

For the target, no overall net loss is not a high enough target. Nillumbik's tree canopy should be increased, reinstated and preserved through all areas. This is necessary for climate mitigation and adaptation, human health, and biodiversity. Mature trees give shade, mitigate the urban heat effect, retain water and are lived in and used by animals. Canopy connectivity must be protected and increased, and additional significance should be given to hollow-bearing trees. As Melbourne's Green Wedge Shire, and why many people love and live in the area, including myself, ensuring a very high level of urban canopy in Nillumbik is extremely important.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

With regards to the target, the trees that need to be planted and increased should be specifically named as indigenous canopy and there should be an increase in overall indigenous biodiversity and this should be site appropriate. There should be measurable targets for achieving this increase.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The target is not in line with research and should be higher. Research suggests this target should be a minimum urban canopy cover of 30-40%. According to [REDACTED] an arborist and urban tree canopy specialist from University of Melbourne, "to maximise the benefits that canopy can offer in terms of environmental services, a canopy cover of or greater than 30% is required.

And it should be specified that this canopy needs to be abundant and created by mature indigenous trees.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.

	- Yes, I'm supportive Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	A universal basic income and/or a four day work week would afford me the time to take more action and get more involved in caring for or planting trees.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>The true value of trees needs to be factored into all council considerations and needs to be communicated and taught to community members.</p> <p>Regarding bushfire management, as an alternative to removing all canopy trees within 10 m of a dwelling, residents should be encouraged to plant locally appropriate bushfire-resilient species around their house.</p> <p>Principles of good urban design for tree canopy and biodiversity could be incorporated into the Council's Planning Scheme. Planning applications should meet minimum biodiversity requirements, e.g. a contiguous area on any lot of sufficient 'deep soil' to support canopy trees and understorey, a minimum percentage of indigenous species, with a spread of plant types ranging from indigenous grasses and groundcovers to canopy trees.</p> <p>New developments should be required to make provisions for wildlife corridors and be sensitive to landscape/topographical features such as creeklines, wetlands and riparian corridors.</p> <p>Strategies to enable residents to plant indigenous trees on nature strips and road verges should be developed and applied.</p>
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Multi Choice	35- 44
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Multi Choice	Live
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Q20      How did you hear about this consultation?

Multi Choice      E-newsletter

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Contribution ID: 24781

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Not sure

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Not sure

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Not sure

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Not sure

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Free tube stock trees would be helpful
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Multi Choice	Female
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Multi Choice	65 - 84
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Contribution ID: 24780

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 17, 2024, 05:55 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would like this to be an increase in the urban canopy rather than no overall net loss. We need to have trees growing to ensure that dead/dying trees are able to be replaced.  
Would like this to be indigenous trees in order to provide food/shelter to local wildlife.  
Would like wildlife corridors to be boosted but a general increase in canopy overall so that all new developments are not allowed to cut down trees and must include trees on every block - there should be no gaps in the canopy.  
Large, old trees should be preserved and not sacrificed for young, new ones. Especially those with hollows for habitat. Even dead trees provide habitat for wildlife so should be left where possible.  
We are currently losing too many trees - to development and due to the supposed need to be bushfire safe. People living here must accept that living in Nillumbik means living with trees. We do not want to become yet another inner suburb.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Again, the target should be an increase in native/indigenous trees both through retention and new planting.  
Dead trees should be seen as beneficial to the environment and (where safe) left to provide habitat for fauna.  
Council should set an example in this.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Prefer that this is done by indigenous trees and preferably mature trees rather than new, non-native planting.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**  
 Long Text  
 I am already actively involved in planting indigenous trees on my property having previously removed Willows from the creek with the help of Melbourne Water.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**  
 Long Text  
 Subdivision of land for housing often means the removal of trees and little room for native trees in the new blocks. The need for more housing within Melbourne means that this demand is going to continue. It should be made that all new housing developments include native/indigenous trees. Current subdivision sizes are too small. It should be remembered that trees provide shade, something that is increasingly important with climate change. It is important that we provide shade not only in our own properties but in public areas. This would promote exercise and enhanced health outcomes, thereby saving costs from the health budget. Water features within housing developments would help provide water supplies for native wildlife. I do not agree with the 10/30 Bushfire Management Overlay which allows landowners to remove all trees without a permit. Having experienced a recent bushfire I do not believe that this will save a property if embers are blowing hundreds of yards in advance of the fire. Instead it would be better to plant locally appropriate bushfire resilient species around the house and incorporate appropriate building safety measures. Current penalties for removing trees are no deterrent to builders and need to be higher and policed.

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 Multi Choice  
 Female

**Q16 Age**  
 Multi Choice  
 55 - 64

**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**  
 Multi Choice  
 Live

**Q18 Suburb**  
 Select Box  
 Research

**Q19 Are you?**  
 Select Box  
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**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**  
 Multi Choice  
 Email

Response No:  
67

Contribution ID: 24779

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 17, 2024, 05:26 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

We need to be more selective with regard to the species selected.  
Where possible endemic species should be selected to enable the local ecosystem to be sustained. For example, non-endemic callistemonas have been planted as street trees. They attract Noisy Miners and Rainbow Lorikeets, both problem birds.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

More information regarding the species needed to create natural habitat

<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<div></div> <p>We need to locate our old significant trees and take care of them. The public needs to become more aware of how important trees are.</p>
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Multi Choice	<div><div>Female</div></div>
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Multi Choice	<div><div>65 - 84</div></div>
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Multi Choice	<div><div>Live</div></div>
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<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
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<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	<div><div>Email</div><div>E-newsletter</div><div>Nilumbik News</div></div>

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68

Contribution ID: 24777

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 17, 2024, 02:06 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Definition of enhanced? Does it refer to greater canopy cover ie planting of more trees r greater care of existing trees??

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Needs to state the percentage increase required.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The target needs to be higher to at least match or be higher than the 39% mentioned in Goal 1

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I am already very involved with help from Melbourne Water and Nillumbik Council . I think that more education on the importance of tree canopy is needed, starting with primary school children. Adults need to receive information about possibilities in Nillumbik for involvement in tree planting - Friends groups, gardens for wildlife, Australian Plants Society, U3A, etc

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

Response No:  
69

Contribution ID: 24769

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 17, 2024, 09:12 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would like the former Black Saturday rules that restrict removal of trees in suburban blocks reinstated.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

I would like to see a lot more tree planting around the old Fitzsimmons lane roundabout area behind the unsightly retaining wall which now has graffiti appearing on it.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I am already actively gardening, protecting tall trees in my property and adding more trees as time goes on.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook E-newsletter Nillumbik News

Response No:  
70

Contribution ID: 24768

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 17, 2024, 08:37 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

council should be leading / encourage planting of trees now in anticipation of future losses  
More explicit restrictions and penalties in local planning code to discourage removal of mature trees

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Any specification about the type of tree planted?

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Incentives to maintain existing trees e.g discounts or support for arborists to fix not cut down trees  
Registration / support / promotion for arborists that don't just cut down trees  
Cost penalty for cutting down a mature tree / requirement to replant

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
Short Text	
Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham North
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Nilumbik News Email

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71

Contribution ID: 24767

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 10:23 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Keen to see more trees everywhere but not keen on Council using Planning Regulations to restrict Land Owner choices even further.
Q12	First Name
Short Text	
Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
72

Contribution ID: 24766

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 05:57 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Target should be to increase tree canopy, through tough restrictions on development and revegetating private land that has had trees removed in the past.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Small grants for residents to plant native trees on their land.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Small grants for revegetating my block, along with education on what to plant where.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Tougher penalties for unauthorised removal of trees on private land.
Q12	First Name
Short Text	
Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Hurstbridge
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Other: Signs along creek path

Response No:  
73

Contribution ID: 24765

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 05:20 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

Response No:  
74

Contribution ID: 24762

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 02:17 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Not sure  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Wider social media reach

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

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75

Contribution ID: 24760

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 12:32 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I live in [REDACTED] which is a very treed area. We are also advanced in age and though we have a highly vegetated garden, maybe improvements are possible.  
Perhaps the Shire could provide gardening assistance to make the most out of private gardens

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	That's all
Q12	First Name
Short Text	
Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	85+
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

Response No:  
76

Contribution ID: 24759

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 11:30 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

The target of 39 percent is the average cover over all suburbs. An increase in the canopy in Greensborough would allow the canopy in Warrandyte to be decreased. We cannot lose canopy in Eltham with the justification that trees are added to Plenty.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

This is the key to driving change across the community and not only on Council/Crown land.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

There are only two suburbs with lower than 25% canopy cover. The 2nd Goal should allow us to be more ambitious. My suggestion is to make the average baseline in 2021 (39%) the target for low coverage suburbs.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

- strong community willingness to drive change.  
- Council requirement for land owners to increase their trees. We have to go beyond planning and approval

requirements. The businesses now have to report on their actions and adhere to sustainability goals. It is time to create mandates for individual land owners to take responsibility for their share of the challenge.

Q11

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?

Long Text

Q12

First Name

Short Text

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Last Name

Short Text

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Email

Email

Q15

Gender

Multi Choice

Male

Q16

Age

Multi Choice

35- 44

Q17

Relationship to Nillumbik

Multi Choice

Live

Q18

Suburb

Select Box

Eltham North

Q19

Are you?

Select Box

Q20

How did you hear about this consultation?

Multi Choice

Word of mouth

Response No:  
77

Contribution ID: 24758  
Member ID:  
Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 10:49 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would like the % of tree canopy to be increased. There are verge plantings that need constant renewal and support. Many of the plantings at the Fitzsimons roundabout need replacing. Too many private residents get away with illegal removal.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The heat islands being created with the new apartments proliferating in the area of the supermarkets need monitoring for tree canopy.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

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Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

Response No:  
78

Contribution ID: 24755

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 09:56 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

trees before development within reason, very substantial reason for cutting of any tree

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Education, there are a lot of new people coming to Eltham in particular and already you can see the shift. They are welcome.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Not sure  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

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Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Change of certain cultural attitudes amongst some owners of Nillumbik shire.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

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Q15	Gender
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Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
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Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

Response No:  
79

Contribution ID: 24754

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 09:21 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Increase canopy coverage

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Increase % of minimum canopy coverage

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Increased initiatives that increase awareness and support of protection and conservation of the local environment. Also more trees should be planted in public spaces (not only private land) as many trees have been removed during the Fitzsimon Lane and Eltham Lower Park upgrades.  
If you do not maintain the trees and tree canopy, Nillumbik will lose its soul. This is why locals live and love the area in which we live.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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Response No:  
80

Contribution ID: 24752

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 16, 2024, 07:26 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would like to see an increase in the target of 39%

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The increase in unit and townhouse building needs to include trees on the nature strip to mitigate the canopy loss of trees removed to build the dwellings.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I think the target should be increased to maintain and further develop our green, treed suburb.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Advice on what to plant to maintain and develop indigenous and climate surviving garden.  
Expand the environmental officers role to provide this as a subsidised service where they come, look at private property and provide a list of low medium and canopy plantings.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	I came here 5 years ago because of it leafy, treed character. I volunteer at the [redacted] and I would implore the council to keep its character. It is a treasure of Melbourne.
Q12	First Name
Short Text	[redacted]
Q13	Last Name
Short Text	[redacted]
Q14	Email
Email	[redacted]
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	[redacted]
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	E-newsletter

Response No:  
81

Contribution ID: 24751

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 15, 2024, 11:19 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Provide free and cheaper native trees  
Provide more forums and seminars on saving our precious environment, especially as we have newcomers to the area, who bring with them a background of conscious clearing of land

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
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Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

Response No:  
82

Contribution ID: 24749

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 15, 2024, 10:55 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

It should not just maintain - it should increase the coverage over 10 years by 15%.  
Council can then leave a legacy for the next generation.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Specify the percentage "an increase of X % in the planting of trees....."

Provide council support eg saplings to encourage this.

Plant more trees in public places eg. Roundabouts, Eltham multi modal interchange - station etc.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

No.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	Nature strip support - council provide tree saplings & residents provide the labour to plant them.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	No further feedback
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<b>Q13</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Short Text	
<b>Q14</b>	<b>Email</b>
Email	
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Multi Choice	Male
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	55 - 64
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Eltham
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
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<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	Nilumbik News E-newsletter

Response No:  
83

Contribution ID: 24748

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 13, 2024, 11:35 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

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Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Long Text

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Matrix

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Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Matrix

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Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix


Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Select Box	Hurstbridge
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Nilumbik News Facebook Word of mouth

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84

Contribution ID: 24747

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 13, 2024, 10:47 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	<div>We take action on our block.only planting natives We have a family of sugar gliders, and ring and brush tailed possums.. we are fearful of the over development and removal of large canopy trees in the area and the impacts.</div>
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Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	<div>Live</div>
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	<div>Eltham</div>
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	<div>Nilumbik News</div>

Response No:  
85

Contribution ID: 24746

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 12, 2024, 12:55 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I don't need encouragement but have lacked time; so having recently got regular garden help makes things much easier. However, good garden help is hard to find. Maybe Council could encourage more gardening courses and garden maintenance enterprises? Have sessions at Edendale on trees (ideally native trees, there are some) that don't increase bushfire risk? Talk to nurseries about how to increase tree sales?  
Do something about the deer problem...they do a lot of damage.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

Please: make sure that carparks have lots of shade trees (which may mean no eucalypts - their shade is usually meagre); especially railway station carparks.

And where shade can't be provided by trees, have roofs with solar panels in them - helps the climate action plan as well.

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65 - 84

Q17

Relationship to Nillumbik

Multi Choice

Live

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Suburb

Select Box

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Are you?

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How did you hear about this consultation?

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86

Contribution ID: 24745

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 12, 2024, 09:54 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Consider the loss of life before the loss of trees

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Not sure  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - No, I'm not supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - No, I'm not supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - No. I'm not supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - No. I'm not supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Not sure

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Not sure  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Not sure

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - No. I'm not supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Let the owners of the land decide what happens on there land

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Panton Hill
Q19	Are you?
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Contribution ID: 24744  
Member ID:  
Date Submitted: Apr 12, 2024, 09:44 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Perhaps Council could organise to go into local schools & get students to help plant more trees, that will teach kids horticulture & help the environment.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham North
Q19	Are you?
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Contribution ID: 24743

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 12, 2024, 07:22 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Actively plant more trees to increase canopy (enhance sounds like a softer word). We need strong and clear statements

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Need a much clearer target, what does increase really mean?

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Again need clear targets and actions for residents to take to increase canopy.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

When we were new to the area we were quickly judged 'assumed' to not know anything, I felt unwelcome to get involved. It is a learning for me that we need to consider how we communicate and gently partner existing and new residents as they learn and embrace the area. Information sheets from council will have been useful, providing information brochures about native plants and also which plants attract which insects, birds and animals.

Developing knowledge and connecting the dots to why is going to be very useful as new residents move in. A planting day or even planting targets. Information on alternatives for managing weeds, weed identification.

Q11

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?

Long Text

Clear targets that are actionable.

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Relationship to Nillumbik

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North Warrandyte

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Are you?

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89

Contribution ID: 24742

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 12, 2024, 06:29 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Target should be to increase urban canopy rather than maintain current canopy.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Not sure  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

The community seems to remove urban canopy and native vegetation without consideration or repercussion regardless of fines/ penalties or overlays. Stronger penalties are needed in line with better education and monitoring by council.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Should be greater than 25 percent

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Better education or assistance to monitor older trees with a professional arborist rather than a cowboy who wants to remove everything so they get paid.  
Annual free voucher for native plants for residents to ensure succession planting as tree naturally fall or suffer die

back.

Q11

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?

Long Text

Greater monitoring is needed multiple trees have been removed in our street, clearer guidelines around permits and overlays so resident respect these processes rather than ignore thrm. Council actually enforce the overlays for all residents not just developers.

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Relationship to Nillumbik

Multi Choice

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How did you hear about this consultation?

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Response No:  
90

Contribution ID: 24741

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 11, 2024, 08:18 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive


Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	North Warrandyte
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

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Contribution ID: 24740

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 11, 2024, 04:21 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would prefer to see increased canopy. Its difficult, but worth it.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

the development of local area educational units about caring for our canopy that fits with the state curriculum for all schools in the shire to access as a resource.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

I would like to see at least 30% canopy coverage as a minimum.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Days that were advertised and allocated to locals assisting council planting trees in certain areas. Maybe one weekend day per month.  
Have some of the people who are implementing the tree canopy goals come and speak at community events and groups such as the Eltham Climate Action Group's climate cafe, Rotary, schools etc.  
They could get feedback and see what ideas members of the community have. Positive relationships usually get better results for volunteering and support.

<div>Q11</div> <div>Long Text</div>	<div>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</div> <div>Some of the Implementations are a bit wishy washy. eg" Develop and promote citizen science projects which can involve the community in the collection of data that can be incorporated into Urban Canopy programs" What would the project's be? What data do we need? The clearer the goal - the more that gets achieved.  Also, thanks to those who are working on this. I like the consultation process. It's a big job, but worth doing well as this will impact us well into the future.</div>
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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Plant more trees on nature strips.  
Prevent property developers from removing all the trees on the land on which they build.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Mandate a minimum number of trees on every property based upon sqm

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Trees and shrubs are expensive to buy, even when quite small. Council should consider holding an annual "free tree" day when residents could select one or two native saplings to plant on their property.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Not sure  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

We had a situation where we had a *Fraxinus angustifolia* (desert ash) that we wanted to remove as part of a development application. The application also included a proposal to increase the number of indigenous canopy trees on the site. The planner assigned was fixated on this existing tree. We required two separate aborist reports to support removal. A situation that was frustrating for us as qualified forest scientists and damaging to the reputation of council and damaging to the environment. In the years that the tree remained numerous seedlings propagated. Our street has numerous more desert ash and they continue to multiply as they do in many other parts of Eltham. It would be great to encourage removal and replacement with more suitable species.  
In another example of strange behaviour by council - in the recent Eltham gateway project *Corymbia maculata* (spotted gum) was planted in the landscaping. This is a non-indigenous tree species that can at time become weedy. The location is contiguous to the diamond creek vegetation corridor. I think this species choice was completely inappropriate and indigenous tree species should have been used instead.  
I'm fearful that the wording of this goal will make it harder to remove weed tree species and promote a proliferation of non-indigenous trees. While non indigenous trees have their place the emphasis should be on indigenous trees. In Nillumbik species such as *Eucalyptus melliodora* (yellow box), *E. polyanthemos* (red box), *E. camaldulensis* (river red gum), *E. viminalis* (manna gum) are the dominant tree species in the EVCs of the area. The goal should specify that it's indigenous tree canopy be protected and enhanced. There may be specific situations where it is appropriate to enhance and protect non indigenous tree canopy but a blanket protection for all carries risk.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Not sure

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Similar to previous. An increase in indigenous tree planting should occur across all tree tenures. Non indigenous trees can be valuable close to structures and for aesthetics but the strategy should prioritise planting of indigenous trees first and non-weedy non-indigenous second. Avenues for removing weed species should be simplified to encourage removal.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.

	- Not sure Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	<p>1. Have a clearly defined lists of trees for Nillumbik urban areas that includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preferred tree species (i.e. indigenous trees)</li> <li>- neutral tree species (non indigenous native and exotic trees that are suitable for gardens and that don't have negative environmental impacts)</li> <li>- trees to avoid/remove (weeds)</li> </ul> <p>2. continue to support Edendale and the native nursery service it provides</p> <p>3. encourage/assist neighbourhoods [REDACTED] to remove groups of weed trees like desert ash that are on council and private land and replace with more suitable species. Assistance could be via collective tree removal services (shared costs) and subsidised collective design service and subdised bulk purchase from edendale.</p>
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	<p>I think many people have no idea how to identify weeds. I think council could assist greatly in having a far more comprehensive weed list and by offering more education to residents via newsletter and pehaps stickers on green bins.</p> <p>I also think the planning department have very poor plant ID and knowing about indigenous tree species. There are numerous developments that have non-indigenous gardens and it is such a wasted opertunity. Many natives and all exotics are not ingenous. Council could do far better in this regard.</p>
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Multi Choice	35- 44
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Multi Choice	Live
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Select Box	Eltham
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
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Contribution ID: 24737

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

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Multi Choice	Live
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Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Ensure the regulations for tree removal are consistently applied. Large developments for multi-residential blocks e.g. apartments, should be subject to the same rules as private landowners. Any removal of trees from private property should be replaced elsewhere in Nillumbik's tree canopy. There are plenty of blocks of underutilised land (around railways, shopping precincts) that would benefit from beautification. We also have a lot of open park space e.g. Bell Street reserve in Eltham, that is high maintenance grass (lots of mowing required) that could be used to increase the tree canopy. We also need to consider the types of trees grown. While native and indigenous trees seem to be the priority and main consideration, we need to plan for trees that will resist climate changes, and trees that will not contribute to raising Nillumbik's fire danger. Eucalyptus trees are highly flammable. Consideration should be given to non-native/no-indigenous trees that will survive increasing temperatures and that are fire retardant and still provide habitat for native animals. We should also consider trees that provide food (e.g. sweet chestnuts, pine nuts, fruit trees) that can make the Nillumbik community more resilient to supply chain issues and more self sufficient. It is worth consulting with tree experts to understand what trees should be planted for this.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

We need to consider the types of trees grown. While native and indigenous trees seem to be the priority and main consideration, we need to plan for trees that will resist climate changes, and trees that will not contribute to raising Nillumbik's fire danger. Eucalyptus trees are highly flammable. Consideration should be given to non-native/no-indigenous trees that will survive increasing temperatures and that are fire retardant and still provide habitat for native animals. We should also consider trees that provide food (e.g. sweet chestnuts, pine nuts, fruit trees) that can make the Nillumbik community more resilient to supply chain issues and more self sufficient. It is worth consulting with tree experts to understand what trees should be planted for this.  
Also see above about areas that are currently high maintenance for council that would be ideal locations for increasing the tree canopy.  
Rules for tree removal must be logical and consistently applied - if they reduce fire danger to property then removal makes sense. Replacement of trees elsewhere with something more fire retardant also makes sense.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

as per comments above. it's more about what is planted as much as we need to plant more trees and protect what we have.  
As an example, in Black Saturday bushfires, a stand of oak trees created a fantastic fire break. We should consider how Nillumbik can use fire retardant trees to minimise the risk of life threatening bush fires, while still increasing the tree canopy.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

<b>Q8</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?</b>
Matrix	<p>Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q9</b>	<b>Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?</b>
Matrix	<p>Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive</p> <p>Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive</p>
<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	The rules are currently applied inconsistently with large developments regularly removing trees and not replacing them. The types of trees planted (mainly yellowbox) are extremely high fire risk which is nonsensical. The strategy needs to consider non-native, non-indigenous trees.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	Wholeheartedly agree we need to preserve and increase the tree canopy in Nillumbik but mustn't be set in our ways about which trees are permissible and which aren't. The climate is already changing, fire danger has increased, and not all trees will survive increasing temperatures. Ensure Nillumbik consults widely on which trees including in the future canopy. live Blazey pf Diggers can provide some very educated information on this. Would council consider inviting him to speak or to comment on the proposed strategy?
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Multi Choice	Female
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Multi Choice	45 - 54
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I have concerns about "no net loss" which allows existing remnant vegetation to continue to be removed. Planting tube stock to replace remnant trees doesn't add up to no net loss. We are still seeing clearing of remnant trees to allow development in the green wedge. I've witnessed recent clearing in Panton Hill to allow new houses to be built. It seems crazy to be chipping away at the bush out there.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Yes, I'm supportive of this, but I think we also should be mindful of what is being planted. Council recently planted a *Corymbia* species in the nature strip outside my neighbour's place (she definitely didn't plant it). The surrounding area is filled with remnant red box and yellow box, so why plant a Western Australian tree?

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow

Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Not being allowed to manage your nearby road reserves is a barrier to public action. Council told me I need a permit

and public liability insurance to plant indigenous tube stock in the nature strip abutting my property. This is madness. Most of my neighbours' road verges are filled with Cotoneaster, broom, and Agapanthus - surely we should be encouraging active management of these areas to promote habitat for wildlife. Can you remove the regulatory barriers that prevent pro-environmental volunteer management of road reserves? Other councils allow volunteer roadside planting, can you look to them for models of success?

Q11

Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?

Long Text

I know this is about tree canopies specifically, but I think it needs to go hand in hand with management of understorey vegetation. Having canopy trees and no understorey is part of why we lose native bird diversity in favour of urban specialists like noisy mynahs and currawongs.

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Relationship to Nillumbik

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

can some trees be planted along the Main Road on the railway side that is after the Grilled restaurant towards Railways Pde street. This long stretch of little to no trees makes it hard to walk my children to school to childcare when there is no respite from the heat through the provision a trees for shade.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

information for residences on how to help a tree seedling grow

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q12	First Name
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

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Contribution ID: 24733

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 09, 2024, 10:03 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Council needs to be more vigilant w development and tree clearing. The mount of significant large trees that "mysteriously die" is staggering.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Walk the talk. 35,000 trees were cut down during stage 1 of the Yan Yean Rd duplication. Where's their replacements? Grasses will not provide canopies.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

A revitalised plan for the old CFA site in Plenty. Some replacement red boxes and stringy barks would provide excellent shade in that community hub.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Council donating or subsidising tree purchases from places like Edendale or Nillumbik nurseries.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Rabbit control is imperative. Councils need to investigate and implement ways of controlling the rabbit plague.
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Plenty
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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99

Contribution ID: 24732

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 09, 2024, 09:05 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Residents on Collins St would like to see trees installed along Collins Street, Diamond Creek, as part of this strategy.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Residents on Collins St would like to see trees installed along Collins Street, Diamond Creek, as part of this strategy.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Not sure  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Not sure

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Initiatives like free trees or discounted trees from local nurseries for residents in Nillumbik.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

Residents on Collins St would like to see trees installed along Collins Street, Diamond Creek, as part of this strategy.

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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	25 - 34
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

Response No:  
100

Contribution ID: 24731

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 08, 2024, 10:21 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I assume this will include changes to how easy it is for people to knock down all the trees on their block (ie within 10m of house in Eltham) and then develop multiple dwellings with no consideration of maintaining established trees or replanting anything bigger than shrubs. Also higher penalties for damaging/ killing trees during the building/ development process.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Look at more nature strip trees and allowing planting of alternatives to grass on nature strip

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I feel we need much tighter restrictions on people cutting down trees on their land, especially in the suburbs with smaller blocks sizes such as Eltham and diamond creek.

Also more people need education around the view that if everyone cuts down 'only one or two' trees on their property/ new development then the whole area loses its feel/ appeal. We can't simply believe we can cut down our trees and rely on being surrounded by other peoples trees. It will start to feel like Doreen or similar area.

Education days at Edendale (or similar) about planting suitable endemic trees and caring for already established trees.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**  
 Long Text  
 No, but I think it's absolutely imperative this is being done. Thanks!

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**Q13 Last Name**  
 Short Text  
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**Q14 Email**  
 Email  
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**Q15 Gender**  
 Multi Choice  
 Female

**Q16 Age**  
 Multi Choice  
 35- 44

**Q17 Relationship to Nillumbik**  
 Multi Choice  
 Live

**Q18 Suburb**  
 Select Box  
 Eltham

**Q19 Are you?**  
 Select Box  
 [REDACTED]

**Q20 How did you hear about this consultation?**  
 Multi Choice  
 Word of mouth

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101

Contribution ID: 24730

Member ID: 2633

Date Submitted: Apr 08, 2024, 10:14 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I would happily care for trees on council land if they were planted on council land along our road (Collins Street, Diamond Creek). Both Collins Street and Broad Gully Road are busy thoroughfares for car and foot traffic, as well as school and public bus routes. There is no tree canopy or shade for pedestrians on either road. This is an opportunity for a planting trees on council land. I know the residents of Collins Street would appreciate the shade and happily care for them.

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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Instagram

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102

Contribution ID: 24729

Member ID: 2632

Date Submitted: Apr 08, 2024, 09:04 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Free Tubestocks for own garden  
More community planting events

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Hurstbridge
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

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103

Contribution ID: 24728

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 08, 2024, 03:24 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix


Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Hurstbridge
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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104

Contribution ID: 24727

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 08, 2024, 11:17 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Already quite proactive in tree care and planting.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Possible subsidies for established tree care and pruning on private land. Education for residents on the value of their trees on their properties.
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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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Contribution ID: 24726

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Date Submitted: Apr 08, 2024, 08:54 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

free plants once per year

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

Response No:  
106

Contribution ID: 24725

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 07, 2024, 07:57 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

I fully support this goal. It would be great for more support for home owners to maintain and increase native vegetation in their local area and have knowledge to support street trees that are planted by council (or allow local residents to plant indigenous plants on verges).

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

This is a commendable goal but can only be achieved by strong planning decision making that doesn't allow excessive vegetation removal. There also needs to be enhanced enforcement activities to provide a strong disincentive to landowners illegally removing vegetation on their properties.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Free / cheap tube stock combined with information about where / when to plant particular species.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	It's great! Thank you for taking a strong stance to protect and enhance our council's urban tree canopy.
Q12	First Name
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham North
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Word of mouth

Response No:  
107

Contribution ID: 24724

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 07, 2024, 07:50 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Free saplings options from council

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

Incorporate the program across all schools. Recruit kids to become spokespersons...

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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Greensborough
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
108

Contribution ID: 24723

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 07, 2024, 07:28 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

More aggressive targets are needed. This will need to be supported by more active enforcement activities to stop unlawful removal of native vegetation.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Expert advice on transitioning to native trees.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham North
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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Contribution ID: 24722

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 07, 2024, 12:56 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would support not only the maintaining of canopy but in particular an emphasis on maintaining trees containing hollows due to the important role they play in providing habitat to native animals. An increase in the 39 percent target would be welcome.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow

Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.

- Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I would happily assist in tree planting/caring, more widely advertised opportunities to do this would help.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	20 -24
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Instagram

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Contribution ID: 24721

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

We should be aiming for a higher percentage of tree canopy overall with a minimum of 35% or greater.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

To see council doing more to protect larger trees on both council and private land.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Automatic removal of planning permission if trees are cleared from private or adjacent public land illegally. Greatly increase value of fines to deter property developers from illegally removing trees, up to the value of the land cleared.
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Diamond Creek
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

Response No:  
111

Contribution ID: 24720

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 07, 2024, 09:33 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would like to see the target percentage increased, nit maintained at a level already greatly reduced by over development, illegal tree removals and lack of monitoring and enforcement of replacement plantings. We should be aiming higher...we are the 'green wedge shire' do the proposed target of maintaining 39 per cent is too low.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Encouragement of canopy tree planting in suburban backyards as well as in the public realm, on roundabouts, nature trips and riad reserves.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The target of 25pc is too low.  
Developers should be made more accountable and responsible for planting suitable tree species and maintaining them to a survivable level, for at least 12 months. Any planning permit for multiple dwellings on a site where previous vegetation has been removed to accommodate should include a condition that is enforced to replace lost canopy and vegetation.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

Q10	What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?
Long Text	I am happy to be involved in advocacy or community based action group.
Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	No
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
112

Contribution ID: 24719

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 07, 2024, 12:09 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Wildfire plan implementation should rank highest in all management of vegetation including tree canopies.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - No, I'm not supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

This statement is too fluffy. Yes, tree canopies are important but so is human life and wildfire management. Needs to be a greater priority.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Should be based around non flammable tree canopies. It's no good inviting wildfire into communities by having highly combustible eucalyptus canopies prevailing.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Not sure

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - No. I'm not supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - No. I'm not supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - No. I'm not supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - No. I'm not supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - No. I'm not supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	<div>1. Don't add to council responsibilities. Rates are already too high and this will cost more money to implement. 2. Put human life first. Tree canopies need to be carefully managed. Our townships are in wildfire areas and they will burn in wildfire events. Excessive vegetation including tree canopies makes communities more dangerous.</div>
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Multi Choice	<div>Male</div>
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	<div>45 - 54</div>
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	<div>Live</div>
Q18	Suburb
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Q19	Are you?
Select Box	<div></div>
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	<div>Facebook</div>
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Contribution ID: 24718

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 06, 2024, 05:19 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - No, I'm not supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - No, I'm not supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - No, I'm not supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - No. I'm not supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - No. I'm not supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - No. I'm not supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - No. I'm not supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - No. I'm not supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - No. I'm not supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

Q12	First Name
Short Text	
Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Prefer not to say
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Cottles Bridge
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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114

Contribution ID: 24717

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 06, 2024, 12:53 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Canopy cover across the urban area of the municipality isn't uniform, there are areas that need more canopy to reduce issues of urban heat and enhance biodiversity. Having a broad target like that will likely perpetuate the lack of canopy in certain areas.

The target does not address the aspect of 'enhancement'. How does maintaining canopy cover enhance the urban canopy? I suggest enhancement would likely constitute improved health of trees (eg use of passive irrigation, use of subterranean powerlines to allow additional plantings, and increased planting of native species that will also support biodiversity).

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - No, I'm not supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Reduction in permitted and unpermitted tree removal. Planted trees take decades to contribute to the canopy coverage. The primary focus should be retaining what we've got.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - No, I'm not supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

The goal is more a statement of fact rather than an actual goal. Goal could be re worded to something like, The Nillumbik Community has an urban environment that is resilient to extreme heat events/climate change.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow

Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works.

- Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<b>Q10</b>	<b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b>
Long Text	Understanding the value of trees to our wildlife, seeing birds in trees, encouraging urban nest box planting, gardens for wildlife.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b>
Long Text	Planning controls are important to retaining canopy trees. Also developer planting standards, integrating biodiversity sensitive urban design into developments.
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Short Text	
<b>Q14</b>	<b>Email</b>
Email	
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Multi Choice	Female
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Age</b>
Multi Choice	35- 44
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b>
Multi Choice	Live
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Suburb</b>
Select Box	Eltham
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Are you?</b>
Select Box	
<b>Q20</b>	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b>
Multi Choice	Other: Edendale community farm poster

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115

Contribution ID: 24716

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 06, 2024, 03:06 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Definitely replant where trees that have been removed for development, or natural events eg tree dieback.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Protect residential areas from clearing blocks for development.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Provision of and regular publicity on community planting and weed control days.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Good work!
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham North
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Nilumbik News

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Contribution ID: 24715

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Not sure  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Not sure  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Volunteering opportunities and a Mechanism to report tree removals.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	25 - 34
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Instagram

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Contribution ID: 24714  
Member ID:  
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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Provide free trees to plant  
Continue supporting the eradication of pests such as rabbits and deer as they make it difficult to grow trees successfully

<div>Q11</div> <div>Long Text</div>	<div>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</div>
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<div>Q15</div> <div>Multi Choice</div>	<div>Gender</div> <div>Female</div>
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<div>Q17</div> <div>Multi Choice</div>	<div>Relationship to Nillumbik</div> <div>Live</div>
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<div>Q19</div> <div>Select Box</div>	<div>Are you?</div> <div></div>
<div>Q20</div> <div>Multi Choice</div>	<div>How did you hear about this consultation?</div> <div>Facebook</div>

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Contribution ID: 24713

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Increase and enhance diversity of the existing canopy and environmental protection for the existing canopy.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

more community tree planting events supported and organised by Council outside of standard work hours.  
Would like to get involved just don't know what and how.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Q12	First Name
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Hurstbridge
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Instagram

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Contribution ID: 24712

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2024, 03:37 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I wish it was a bit more aggressive and we aimed for an even higher canopy cover!

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I feel I've put my name down for groups a few times and never heard back!

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q13	Last Name
Short Text	
Q14	Email
Email	
Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Hurstbridge
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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120

Contribution ID: 24711

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2024, 10:18 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

My street is already quite treed but I can't see how most current property developments elsewhere can fit in anything more than grasses or shrubs. Planting hasn't worked so I don't feel encouraged at a community level unless councils made developers leave room for tree canopies on all blocks.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	If developers create subdivisions too small for a tree canopy then the responsibility for maintaining the existing residential canopy at the current rate will fall upon fewer & fewer residents. Not sure how this is supposed to work.
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Multi Choice	Female
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Multi Choice	Live
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Multi Choice	Email

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121

Contribution ID: 24710

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2024, 10:06 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Not sure  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Inability of council to direct a resident to enhance or maintain a tree on private property.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Not sure  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Not sure  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix


Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Not sure

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Greensborough
Q19	Are you?
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Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

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Contribution ID: 24709

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2024, 09:53 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I would love to see a higher %.  
Also, density levels. No good to have 39% but all the canopy is in a few places and the rest has very little canopy.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

I would like definition of "Nillumbik Community". Residents, visitors, businesses? Developers should / must have to be part of this as they are external users coming in for a short time and causing great damage to canopy with little regard.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Goal is a bit flakey - doesn't really say anything.  
The canopy does not "support" wellbeing rather it enhances, contributes etc.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Not sure  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Not sure  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Vouchers to collect free local native species from Edendale.  
"How to" information for looking after local native trees when establishing them including how little water they need one established.

	<p>Education to the community on the benefits of having trees on properties ie cooling effect, habitat.          List of preferred arborists/tree loppers that align with the councils goals that can advise and assist residents maintain trees that may be unhealthy or dangerous (rather than default cut them down).          Provision or discounts for possum guards/plastics to assist maintain healthy trees (we saved 3 trees protecting them from possums eating all new growth).          Get schools involved in planting of trees in local reserves - they can decorate their own "guards" or put a little plaque there so they then are connected and "looking out" for the tree, take family to go and see etc.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>There needs to be harsher penalties for people that wrongly cut trees down. The bigger the tree, the more valuable, the harsher the penalty should be.          Debunk/ outweigh positives of ridiculous sentiments such as - chopping trees down as they drop leaves and make yard messy....</p>
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123

Contribution ID: 24708

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2024, 09:50 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - No, I'm not supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Need to challenge ourselves with a target to increase urban canopy. The target as worded is defeatist.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - No, I'm not supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Target is only one aspect. Tree canopy maintenance and protection is equally important.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Seeing Council take some leadership in relation to tree canopy on public land.  
I have lived next to a Nillumbik park for forty years and in that time have seen a significant decline in tree canopy and minimal tree planting despite numerous requests to Council.  
When a woefully few trees were planted a year or so ago it was up to us to try to get water to them to keep them alive and to repair their staking etc.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	It is all very well having a strategy but if Council does not allocate sufficient resources to its delivery it will remain just another commitment to be broken.
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Contribution ID: 24707

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 04, 2024, 11:12 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Hopefully we will achieve what science tells us we need to achieve?

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

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**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

We really need to deal with our deer problem. We have tried to re-store what was a healthy block of land but due to ongoing damage from deer, it is too difficult. Our only solution at this stage is to fence our property which is something we would rather avoid.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Please don't consider planting Japanese elms in places like Hurstbridge, as was previously attempted. □□□□
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Q16	Age
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Contribution ID: 24706

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

A target set to increase coverage to 43%. Sub divisions are a risk that should be acknowledged

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

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Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Matrix

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Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive


**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Free trees

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	25 - 34
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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Contribution ID: 24705

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 04, 2024, 08:08 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Harsher and more eyes on the amount of trees being cut down and replaced. I have heard before that people will plant a small tree and rip it out once assessed. There should be a randomised follow up period.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Not sure  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
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Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Not sure

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Small grants for free, ideally established trees which are endemic and are not known limb droppers.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Clearly the rate of removal is getting out of hand. I live in Research and I hear chainsaws every other day. If the tree is dangerous, absolutely, but there should be a 1 for 1 (with a random follow up in the future to ensure the tree hasn't been ripped out after sign off.)
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Q16	Age
Multi Choice	25 - 34
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
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127

Contribution ID: 24704

Member ID:

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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
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**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

The goal should be to increase the canopy.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

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Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Having community tree planting days would encourage involvement in the community.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	We need to do more to protect and increase the tree canopy of Eltham. Fines need to be much much higher for developers as they factor in the fine when they remove trees from blocks.
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	45 - 54
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
128

Contribution ID: 24702

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 03, 2024, 11:22 AM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Not sure

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Personal responsibility and education should be the method of implementing this rather than regulation.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Not sure  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Not sure  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Not sure  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Not sure

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

- Education campaigns on benefits of trees and simple ways to plant and care for them
- Targeted financial incentives or rebates for tree planting (whilst avoiding ongoing subsidies or dependence)
- Streamlining regulations and approvals for tree planting on private land

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing free or low-cost plants to residents</li> <li>- Recognition programs for tree stewardships</li> <li>- Encouraging community group projects and volunteer efforts</li> </ul>
<b>Q11</b> Long Text	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure urban canopy goals are balanced with bushfire risk mitigation needs, need for more housing and property rights</li> <li>- Focus efforts on partnerships, voluntary action and incentives before regulations</li> <li>- Allow flexibility in tree species selection based on location suitability, climate adaptation needs, and landholder preferences</li> <li>- Consider opportunities to streamline regulations and approvals for tree planting and maintenance</li> </ul> <p>Overall, urban canopy goals should be achieved through positive incentives and community action rather than top-down regulation. Voluntary participation and education are preferred over expanded rules which will likely be opposed by the public and have a negative impact on the overall goals.</p>
<b>Q12</b> Short Text	<b>First Name</b> [Redacted]
<b>Q13</b> Short Text	<b>Last Name</b> [Redacted]
<b>Q14</b> Email	<b>Email</b> [Redacted]
<b>Q15</b> Multi Choice	<b>Gender</b> Male
<b>Q16</b> Multi Choice	<b>Age</b> 35- 44
<b>Q17</b> Multi Choice	<b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b> Live
<b>Q18</b> Select Box	<b>Suburb</b> Eltham
<b>Q19</b> Select Box	<b>Are you?</b> [Redacted]
<b>Q20</b> Multi Choice	<b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b> Email

Response No:  
129

Contribution ID: 24701

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Apr 02, 2024, 12:01 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

Agree education and awareness raising to improve Community attitudes is desirable, but.....  
a) Penalties for illegal tree removal appear inadequate and should be reviewed.  
b) Maybe Council should publicise instances and outcomes where enforcement actions have been successful ..... if there are any???  
c) Even if an offender undertakes restoration actions - does Council monitor the position into the future?

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Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	North Warrandyte
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Nilumbik News

Response No:  
130

Contribution ID: 24700

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Mar 29, 2024, 08:18 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Yes. Target should be to increase canopy, not just maintain.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive

Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive

Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive

Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive

Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive

Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive

Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Greater number of street tree plantings and importantly tree species that actually provide a canopy. Not just 'large shrubs'.
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	35- 44
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	

Response No:  
131

Contribution ID: 24699

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Mar 29, 2024, 04:50 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

I am concerned that residential sub division associated with increased density as advocated by the State Government is not listed as a major issue for maintaining the tree canopy. In the area of Eltham in which I lived increasing sub division is clearly happening and the evidence for this is the level of subdivision planning applications. Another major land use issue is likely to be so-called small houses (e.g. granny flats). These are allowed as of right and being up to 60 square metres in footprint are not really small in an urban context. 60 square metres equates to approximately the footprint of two shipping containers. As with subdivision, construction of small houses will inevitably lead to further removal of tree canopy.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Large mature canopy trees that are removed for new dwellings will probably be replaced with tubed stock or young stock. So while I support an increase, I suspect the actual canopy cover will reduce in the short to medium term and possibly increase over a much longer period, possibly generations. So while there may be an increase in trees planted there may be a long lag period where the urban heat island effect increases.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

See previous comments.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?</b></p> <p>I think the council needs to provide advice to landholders on what they can do to maintain tree cover. In the case of subdivision I guess this would need to be at the stage for the planning permit application for the subdivision. For so-called small houses it would need to be at the building permit stage if the use is as of right. I doubt the council would be able to afford the dedication of full time resources for such advice. I think the council should advocate to the state government for support for a horticultural garden design service. There used to be a State Government garden advisory service.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p>Long Text</p>	<p><b>Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?</b></p> <p>I fully support the council in tackling the issue of maintaining the urban canopy cover. I would suggest a lot of thought needs to be given to what is a canopy tree. At the moment the canopy cover is largely mature Yellow Gums and the like. These are very tall trees and maybe the canopy trees of the future could be smaller (say the equivalent of two stories at maturity) as long as they can provide effective shade for dwellings. Provided they are indigenous species replacing indigenous species.</p>
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<p><b>Q13</b></p> <p>Short Text</p>	<p><b>Last Name</b></p> <p>██████</p>
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<p><b>Q15</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Gender</b></p> <p>Male</p>
<p><b>Q16</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Age</b></p> <p>65 - 84</p>
<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>Relationship to Nillumbik</b></p> <p>Play</p>
<p><b>Q18</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Suburb</b></p> <p>Other: Ivanhoe</p>
<p><b>Q19</b></p> <p>Select Box</p>	<p><b>Are you?</b></p> <p>████████████████</p>
<p><b>Q20</b></p> <p>Multi Choice</p>	<p><b>How did you hear about this consultation?</b></p> <p>Nilumbik News</p>

Response No:  
132

Contribution ID: 24698

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Mar 28, 2024, 10:52 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Monitor existing canopy on private and public land and enforce penalties for illegal tree removal.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Promote the benefits of the canopy in a warming environment..  
Look at the maturity of trees and add new plantings to provide cover when older trees die. Have a long horizon.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

Publicly recognise good canopies.

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Cheaper access to post hole digger for older people to plant trees.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	Missing is a plan for removal of weed trees.
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Q14	Email
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Male
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	65 - 84
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Kangaroo Ground
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Email

Response No:  
133

Contribution ID: 24697

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Mar 28, 2024, 06:14 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

I already value our trees and wildlife tremendously and care for those on our own property.  
The recent event at Edendale was valuable in informing me about local environmental volunteer groups and I'm planning to join a local group to help care for our open spaces (including trees). If Council can keep up the impetus and continue to inform residents and promote the work of these groups, it may encourage others to also join and become more involved in caring for our wonderful trees and habitat.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	
Q12	First Name
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Q15	Gender
Multi Choice	Female
Q16	Age
Multi Choice	55 - 64
Q17	Relationship to Nillumbik
Multi Choice	Live
Q18	Suburb
Select Box	Eltham North
Q19	Are you?
Select Box	
Q20	How did you hear about this consultation?
Multi Choice	Facebook

Response No:  
134

Contribution ID: 24696

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Mar 28, 2024, 05:28 PM

**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Rather than no overall net loss the target should be to increase cover, especially in suburbs that had lower cover. Greensborough, Plenty and Diamond Creek

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Yes, I'm supportive  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

If arborist work was covered by council for remnant trees, this would encourage people to keep existing trees in their backyards

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	<div>Building to block size ratio restrictions would be a way to prevent bad development. Tougher fines for clearing remnant trees, currently fines are seen as a cost of doing business, consider cancellation or significant hold on planning permits to deter practice. More nature strip plantings</div>
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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - No, I'm not supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Not sure

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

The problem is that this goal is for all trees, including invasive species such as pine trees. Lamorna Reserve is full of giant pine trees that have out-competed all the gum trees and it doesn't feel in-keeping with the area. All the neighbours hate them and we prefer they be replaced with natives.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Not sure

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

Consider urban canopy impacts and opportunities in conducting Council business - Yes, I'm supportive  
Foster partnerships to achieve landscape scale urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Advocate for action by state government that will facilitate positive urban canopy outcomes - Yes, I'm supportive  
Help to adapt Nillumbik's Urban Canopy to a changing climate - Yes, I'm supportive  
Encourage the community to help protect and grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

Collect data that will enable Council to strategically plan and optimise its annual tree planting and maintenance works - Yes, I'm supportive  
Have a multi-year horizon when planning tree maintenance, planting and renewal works to care for and grow Nillumbik's urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Maximise opportunities for tree planting and supportive action on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Minimise loss of trees on Council land that is caused by private and public sector development / maintenance works. - Not sure  
Reduce and eliminate non-permitted clearing / removal of trees from Council land - Yes, I'm supportive  
Support the community to value and care for trees on Council land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Apply planning controls and other regulatory tools to help protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban canopy - No. I'm not supportive  
Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

Free tube stock, free compost and gardening lessons.

Q11	Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?
Long Text	The protection of pine trees in the significant landscape overlay is what bothers me as does the hoops that need to be jumped through to get a permit for clearly problematic trees pine trees overhanging houses (I speak from experience). The council needs to implement common sense in these matters.
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**Q1 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 1?**

Matrix

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.) - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q2 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 1 or target?**

Long Text

Yes, I feel the goal should be an improvement/increase in canopy, not a no net loss.

**Q3 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 2?**

Matrix

Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q4 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 2 or target?**

Long Text

Yes, I would like to see only native trees/vegetation planted.

**Q5 Do you support the following goal and target for Goal 3?**

Matrix

Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community - Yes, I'm supportive  
Target - An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect (Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township). - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q6 Are there any changes you would like to see for the proposed goal 3 or target?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 1?**

Matrix

**Q8 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 2?**

Matrix

**Q9 Do you support the following objectives for Focus Area 3?**

Matrix

Increase landholder action in maintaining and growing urban canopy on private land - Yes, I'm supportive

**Q10 What would help or encourage you to take more action and get involved (or more involved) in caring for or planting trees?**

Long Text

The draft plan doesnt include enough incentives for private landholders to actively plant more trees. While education is never a bad thing, who living in Eltham really isnt aware of the multiple benefits of trees. Presumably they picked Eltham to live in largely because of its greenness. Regulations that prevent trees being destroyed are OK, but this can act as a deterrent to people ever planting more. A better approach would be incentives/funding/subsidies to encourage new plantings.

**Q11 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy that you haven't already told us?**

Long Text

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## Comments on Nillumbik Draft Urban Tree Canopy

I and my family have resided in urban Nillumbik (Eltham “central” and Diamond Creek/St Helena) for forty years. We were attracted to this area by a number of aspects but high on our considerations was its leafiness. That is its high Urban Tree Canopy coverage. Our current block has tree coverage of over 50% both from retained indigenous trees which have expanded their coverage over the years, and planted native trees. We are firm believers in the benefits both for us personally, but also for the neighbourhood and the broader community, of maintaining and developing tree coverage

Hence we wholeheartedly support a Strategy which recognises the benefits of Urban Tree Canopy and aims to maintain and increase the Canopy. We consider that the Draft Strategy generally achieves these outcomes. It also provides very interesting and informative data re various aspects of the current position with respect to Urban Nillumbik’s Tree Canopy Coverage.

However we do have some comments and recommendations below on some aspects of the Draft Strategy. Note is some cases we have focussed our comments on the larger Urban area around Eltham, Diamond Creek, etc (rather than the smaller Urban areas to Nillumbik’s north and west) as this is the area we know best, and which is the poorest with respect to tree canopy.

### 1)      **Complicated and overlapping “regulatory” documents**

This is a difficult subject to provide clear comment on as there appears to be a wide range of Nillumbik and State “regimes” and documents which cover related and potentially overlapping local and State plans, strategies, guidelines, local laws, State planning schemes, etc.

I have identified the following referred to in the strategy document (no particular order):

- i.      Biodiversity Strategy (Draft)
- ii.     Green Wedge Management Plan
- iii.    Urban Growth Boundary definition
- iv.    Tree Management Policy and Guidelines
- v.     Tree Planting Guidelines (Planned)
- vi.    Neighbourhood Character Strategy
- vii.   Victorian Planning Schemes
- viii.  Nillumbik Planning Scheme including multiple overlays eg Significant Landscape Overlays
- ix.    Bushfire Prone Area and Bushfire Management Overlay documentation
- x.     Fire Prone Area documentation including Rule 52
- xi.    General Local Law 52 (re tree removal, pruning etc)
- xii.   Municipal Planning Strategy
- xiii.  State Future Homes Initiative/Housing Statement
- xiv.   Residential Framework Plan (under development)
- xv.    Nillumbik Housing Strategy
- xvi.   Melbourne Councils’ Tree diversity target (commonly accepted??)
- xvii.  Eltham Major Activity Centre Structural Plan
- xviii. Diamond Creek Major Activity Centre Structural Plan

Many of these documents appear to potentially overlap with the proposed Urban Canopy Strategy. There is no way that I or the average Nillumbik resident can be across all these 18 (and more?) documents! In fact it is uncertain to me how most people involved in tree and landscape matters as part of their daily work can be across all these documents.

My comments are based on a limited understanding of a limited number of these documents.

### **Recommendation 1:**

It would seem at the very least that a document must be developed which defines the broad coverage of each of these and how the overlaps are handled. This would also facilitate the identification of inconsistencies, and the removal of these from the regulatory framework, including coordination of the Council and State strategies, rules, etc. .

## **2)      Goal 1 Target**

The Strategy states:

Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced

Proposed Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy (The target is to maintain canopy cover at 39 percent (2021 baseline), noting this won't be easy due to factors such as: storms, drought and bushfire; and permitted bushfire mitigation vegetation clearing.)

Whilst the Goal is to protect and ENHANCE urban canopy, the Proposed Target is to MAINTAIN a broad average of 39 percent. The target as documented is somewhat limited to putting into place plans to just carry out and encourage planting to replace overall coverage lost through factors outside the Shire's control.

The data in the draft Strategy identifies in Figure 1 p5, areas within Nillumbik with low Tree Canopy. This diagram provides details of percentage canopy coverage to an accuracy of maybe 100 to 150 metre squares (actually hexagons). Whilst there are some areas of urban Nillumbik with mostly coverage of 30% and above, there are also large areas with 10 to 20% or Less than 10% coverage. Some of these are within commercial areas, but most seem to be residential, or private and public open space. A key standout is the large area of less than 10% coverage hexagons across the northern most area of the Diamond Creek UGB; in particular the area between Broad Gully Road and Scrubby Creek.

### **Recommendation 2:**

A better, more focussed Target, would be one based around the use of this data.

For example X % of hexagons with less than 10% coverage moved to 20% coverage by 2040, and Y % of 10 to 20% coverage moved to 20 to 30% coverage.

This sought of target could be made more achievable and pragmatic by the identification of low coverage hexagons resulting from commercial development etc, where achieving significant increases in coverage would be difficult.

### **3)      Improved information re tree coverage and its focused distribution**

The Draft Strategy makes a very reasonable statement of the benefits of Urban Canopy. However there would appear to be some broad community reluctance to plant trees in their property and to maintain trees already there. In our subdivision quite a number of established native trees have been removed over the years and in new adjacent subdivisions (mostly on previously cleared land) planting of significant trees has been minimal. It would seem that people are moving to the green wedge urban areas without the commitment to maintain and enhance the area's leafy image.

The Council (all Councils) should be strongly promoting the broad benefits of Urban Canopy and focus on understanding and overcoming the reasons that significant trees are being planted less now than in the earlier days of Nillumbik.

We have had some issues with neighbours removing trees on their properties and/or pushing for us to significantly cut back our significant trees. Further we recently had some dead and damaged trees removed by a tree removal company. Hence as tree lovers and tree "owners" we should have been aware of the Council's and other authorities' positions and rules re tree ownership. Yet it is only recently that we "discovered" Local Law Rule 52, and only very recently, as part of research for this submission, that I found that most of our block (surprisingly to us) is in fact within the Bushfire Prone Area overlay.

If we, as owners interested in maintaining tree coverage, have not been aware of the available documentation re tree coverage and related matters, then others less interested are presumably very unlikely to have knowledge of, and access to, this documentation.

In the strategy document the Council identify that they have developed some documents and actions to make people aware of the benefits of Tree Canopy and the desired actions and responsibility of owners. There is an old saying "You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make it drink". This could be extended to "You can provide water, lead a horse to it, but you cannot make it drink". I think that the Council is providing water (ie documents etc) but is missing the second required action ie bringing the horse (owners) to water (documentation etc). There needs to be more active PUSHING by Council of the documents and explanatory material re Tree Cover benefits and protection to residents. Information on the Council web site, or brochures on a counter, are not enough to ensure the messages are getting to owners.

#### **Recommendation 3:**

Development and promulgation directly to owners of documentation regarding the benefits of Tree Canopy and the desired actions and responsibility of owners. Making this "available" is obviously NOT enough.

### **4)      Potential improved tree canopy on non-Council non-residential land**

There are land holdings in Nillumbik urban area which are in private hands but are non-residential which have poor Tree Canopy. Some of these are large enough to stand out in the Tree Canopy Overview diagram Figure 1 p5 of the draft Strategy. Examples include The St Thomas school and Village in Diamond Creek Road, and the St John of God Accord facility also in Diamond Creek Road.

Also there are land holdings by State government bodies where tree canopy is very sparse. These include the pipe track linear park through St Helena and the wide strip of land which was a proposed route for the outer ring road also through St Helena.

#### **Recommendation 4**

Council should actively work with these land owners and the State government to develop and implement plantings to increase Nillumbik overall tree canopy coverage and specifically provide canopy benefits to residential properties backing onto these land holdings.

#### **4) More tree planting by Council**

The Council can do more to set the standard for tree canopy by improving the canopy in public land they own or control.

Some of these are large enough to stand out in the Tree Canopy Overview diagram Figure 1 p5 of the draft Strategy. An example is the Diamond Hills reserve in Greensborough. A smaller example is the small park on the corner of David Hockney Drive and Monomeath Avenue in Diamond Creek.

A further example are the gaps in street trees in some residential streets. Street trees enhance the urban canopy but are also important in setting the “tone” for residential areas. The Council a few years ago to their credit had a program to fill “holes” in the street plantings in the through street in our estate. These plantings are well advanced and contributing to the leafy “vibe”. One stretch of this road through our estate is largely void of trees in front yards and had no street trees. It was decidedly low tree canopy!

However no street trees were planted in the stretch in the Council’s program. We were told that the residents rejected the offer of the Council to plant street trees. Apparently Council trees are sometimes destroyed by residents not wanting trees. Street trees are an enhancement for ALL residents of an estate, and allowing residents to veto their planting is wrong.

#### **Recommendation 4**

Council establish a program to identify their land with poor tree coverage and put in place planting plans and a planting program to overcome these tree canopy issues.

#### **Recommendation 5**

That planting of street trees be removed from resident choice and is made compulsory with fines made available to the Council if street trees are damaged. Maybe a two step process: warning for first instance of damage, and then a fine for damage of a second planting.

#### **5) Bushfire mitigation conflict with maintaining and enhanced urban canopy:**

Very large areas of the Nillumbik within the UGB is designated as Bushfire Prone Area as shown in Appendix B Figure 4 p25 of the Draft Strategy. The Council’s strategy and action of protecting and enhancing Tree Canopy in these BPAs appears to introduce a large degree of “conflict” with the fire protection concepts and rules which apply to these BPAs.

Whilst:

- the Council's aims are clearly embodied in General Local Law Clause 52 which requires a Permit to remove or interfere with a significant tree(s), and in other Council strategies and rules,
- the State Government rules and documents which apply to BPAs through Councils' planning schemes "overwrite" Clause 52 and allow owners to clear 10m trees around their homes and 4m around fence-lines without reference to any authorities.

According to Appendix C p26 of the Draft Strategy the State Bushfire Planning is based on "prioritising the protection of human life over all other policy considerations". The definition of a BPA by Planning Victoria is an area "subject to or **LIKELY TO BE SUBJECT TO** bushfires." Hence logically together these statements would result in a BPA regime which rather than to ALLOW residents to without permit remove trees within 10m of their house and 4 m of a fence, would MANDATE for their own and their neighbours' sakes the removal of such trees. This is a nonsense and entirely out of step with many of Nillumbik residents' desires.

For people who have moved to a treed area and/or planted trees (including ourselves) this would be a major issue and politically it would be a disaster. Most North and South Eltham residents would march on the State and local government offices! And we would join them.

Further we would be devastated that when we in the future move from our house that a new owner without permit could remove virtually all the trees on our block. Many owners in Nillumbik would feel the same.

Hence a regime which balances the bushfire safety issues and lifestyle choices of people within urban BPAs, including their support for high tree coverage, and recognising the wide benefits of tree canopy coverage, would be more appropriate.

### **Recommendation 6**

That the Council seek to develop an approach to tree canopy strategy negotiated with the State government which provides a balance of risk and benefits which aligns more closely with the "default" accepted balance by many (most?) residents in our urban BPA areas.

### **Bushfire Prone Area classification**

When I did my homework for this submission I "discovered" not only that our property was largely within a BPA, but I was surprised by the classification having been given to a number of other areas.

Our estate is an urban subdivision backing onto a transmission line easement which is reasonably well managed grassland.

The wide strip of land which was a proposed route for the outer ring road through St Helena, which I suggested in 4) above would be a good location for additional tree canopy, is also reasonably well managed grassland and is however classified as BPA.

### **Recommendation 7**

That classification of some BPA areas in Nillumbik be reviewed with the aim of reconsidering their BPA classification including if necessary imposition of controls on owners, private or State, to allow their reclassification from BPA.

## Written Submission # 2

Personal submission on the draft Urban Tree Canopy

### **Are targets ambitious enough? :**

On pages 1 to 3 draft targets are stated for overall canopy cover, and that for “higher urban heat island” areas. The 39% canopy cover figure is accepted as, “the second highest in all of urban Melbourne”, which presumably justifies the “no overall net loss of Nillumbik’s urban canopy” as a target for 2040. Regrettably no other reasons or arguments are offered for 39% being an acceptable target by 2040. Similarly, no reasons or argument is given for 25% cover being acceptable for the higher heat island areas. To work for the next sixteen years to achieve ‘no net loss’ overall, and 25% for areas most in need is a minimal goal. Is council taking the issue seriously enough?

### **Tree species:**

There is a reference on page 3 to “the original tree canopy” in Nillumbik:

**“.....fortunately, even with urbanisation, significant original/remnant tree canopy persists in Nillumbik’s urban areas.”**

This observation is important, but not enough is made of it.

In 2007 Nillumbik Council planted one hundred locally indigenous trees around the residential streets of central Eltham. They were all Eucalyptus Polyanthemus, (Red Box) a remnant species which is very common in streets and backyards of our region. The presence of this long-established species is a legacy of a distant past way beyond European settlement. These native trees contribute significantly to the landscape character of Nillumbik’s urban areas.

The great majority of the new plantings have been successful and after sixteen years of growth their canopies are helping shade local streets and bringing back some lost streetscape character.

However, on page 11 it is suggested we should adopt a tree diversity target common for Metropolitan Melbourne councils.

**“• No more than 30 percent of any one family; • No more than 20 percent of any one genus; • No more than 10 percent of any one species”**

No information is given about whether ‘family’; ‘genus’ and ‘species’ will include exotic trees species or trees not native to Victoria or trees which are not part of a local Ecological Vegetation Class.

If the stated tree diversity target becomes the rule our residential areas will lose their landscape character and the link with the past. From a landscape character point of view, Nillumbik’s urban areas should not be compared with “Metropolitan Melbourne’. We are quite distinct and that should be retained. The difference derives from our local indigenous trees.

Because Red Box trees are a remnant species common in Nillumbik's bushland and residential areas, planting success would be guaranteed. Everything about Nillumbik's climate and soil suits the species. Red Box trees are a moderate size, have a compact growth form, are not known for dropping branches, have a dense canopy and are ecologically appropriate for Nillumbik, therefore highly suitable street trees.

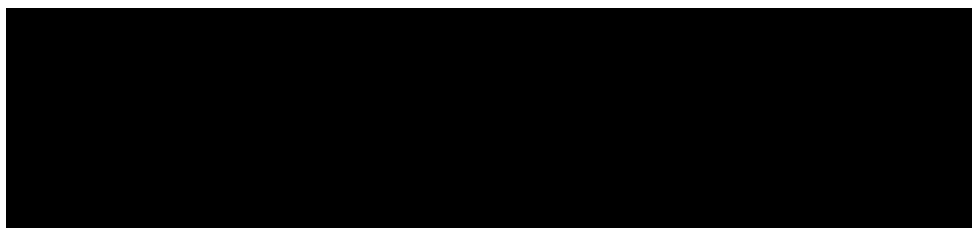
This is a strong argument for this species to be predominantly used for enhancing Nillumbik's urban tree canopy. With the spread of more dense dwelling forms such as dual-occupancy, townhouses and units, many of these mature backyard Red Box trees will be lost. Planting new stock in street reserves will compensate for this loss of canopy.

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**Written Submission # 3**



Attention: [REDACTED]

**Submission to Participate Nillumbik in response to  
draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy 2024-2040**

April, 2024

[REDACTED] provides this written submission in response to the release of the draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy 2024-2040 (UTCS) by Nillumbik Shire Council (NSC). This response seeks to be constructive in improving the UTCS and we urge Council to commit adequate funding to its implementation.

**Summary Response**

In broad terms, [REDACTED] supports the intent and direction of the draft UTCS.

This strategy is important to protect and enhance the urban tree canopy to maintain NSC's role as a Green Wedge Shire; operate in concert with the Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034, the Climate Action Plan 2022-2032 and the Neighbourhood Character Strategy 2023; and support other NSC policies and the Planning Scheme. It is unfortunate, however, that the State provisions seeking to facilitate higher density development work somewhat against the objectives of the UTCS and will necessitate additional actions by Council to maintain the urban tree canopy over time.

We are heartened by, commend, and support, the Nillumbik Youth Council's vision for the urban tree canopy.

Given the beneficial role of trees and canopy vegetation in the urban environment, as described in the draft UCTS and recognised globally, they must be regarded by Council as critical infrastructure – at least as critical as other infrastructure like roads and footpaths – and need active management. The role of trees becomes more important

under our current climate change scenario and increasing threats to the urban tree canopy and environmental biodiversity in Nillumbik. The UCTS itself says *“It is important that we do all we can to protect – and enhance – the extent, health and resilience of canopy across Nillumbik’s urban areas.”* Green infrastructure is widely recognised as one of the most efficient tools to ensure cities remain healthy, robust and liveable, and can be readily justified on economic benefits.

Consequently, trees and biodiversity should rank as a higher priority for funding by Council than they have in the past. The proposed goals will not be met without a reasonable commitment to funding, so, as a minimum, Council should:

- commit to developing its Tree Inventory as part of its asset database, and use this database alongside site assessments for planning and prioritising sites for planting or maintenance, particularly those sites where tree canopy is missing or much depleted.
- Commit to develop the Urban Tree Maintenance, Planting and Renewal Plan along with an appropriate budget.
- Ensure appropriate funding from developers for the preservation of trees on development sites, or where trees are removed, for replacement plantings and their maintenance (perhaps via a present value contribution).
- Fund and deliver its existing obligations under the Planning Scheme and State legislation to enforce provisions relating to illegal indigenous vegetation clearing.

### Specific Comments

Specific comments on the draft UCTS are as follows:

On pages 9 to 11 there are many references to the need for diversity when choosing tree species suitable for an urban canopy in Nillumbik. However, the document does not adequately explain exactly what diversity encompasses. Does it include exotic tree species, or species which are not indigenous to Nillumbik, or Victoria?

While we understand the argument for diversity, an important consideration is being ignored. The Youth Council’s statement, which we support, makes clear what this omission is:

“Nillumbik’s young people envision a healthy and resilient urban tree canopy in our suburbs and townships. Our urban canopy with its many indigenous species, is a link to the land's traditional owners and our cultural heritage”.

The remnant indigenous tree canopy in Nillumbik’s towns and townships provides the unique landscape character which is distinctive and recognised across Melbourne. This

strategy must acknowledge the landscape value of having these tree species as a prominent and continuing feature of Nillumbik's urban tree canopy. Indigenous tree species also make more sense from a vital habitat/ecosystem viewpoint. It's important that the defined Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) of the area to be planted guides the selection of tree species, and contractors must be trained in this matter.

The existing indigenous canopy is acknowledged on page 3 however, it is not considered in the recommendations about tree species diversity (page 9) or the discussion about tree diversity targets for Metropolitan Melbourne (page 11).

We can see no reason why the choice of tree species for canopy planting shouldn't be guided by the booklet, "Live Local Plant Local".

Regarding landscape character, urban areas of Nillumbik are obviously not typical of Metropolitan Melbourne. They have a distinctive character derived from the many indigenous remnant trees lining many of our streets and in backyards. This character deserves recognition and enhancement in any target set for canopy species selection.

#### **Section 6.**

- Goal 1. The goal is appropriate, however the measure of no overall net loss needs a measure of the canopy health to support the 'enhanced' component of the goal. We suggest the target include (perhaps as a future extension):
  - an increase in the health and abundance of the canopy created by mature indigenous trees, and
  - the tree diversity target described in Section 5 along with an appropriate estimate of tree age ranges.

Tree canopy measures should, at some time in the strategy period, be developed to include a leaf area index or other measure of shade density, as shade density estimates the cooling effect of trees and is most applicable in high urban heat island areas. Improving AI technology should enable this capability in the near future.

- Goal 2. The goal is appropriate. The target does not relate well to this goal, and we recognise an appropriate measurable target is difficult to develop. Perhaps the results of community surveys could be used to assess how the community values and cares for the Urban Canopy. If the proposed target is retained, it should be more specific, and we suggest: *"An increase in the planting of predominantly indigenous trees selected according to the 'right tree, right place' ethos across all land tenures"*.

- Goal 3. The goal is appropriate. The target should be more specific to include minimum shade density in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect. In addition, a target should recognise that wellbeing of Nillumbik's community goes well beyond reducing Heat Island effects. This might derive from community surveys or other data that assesses human health and amenity from the existence of Nillumbik's tree canopy, such as enhanced outdoor activity, social connection, exercise, mental wellbeing, and connection with nature.

### **Section 7.**

This section leads with the advice that "The actions below are aspirational and currently are not funded..." The tables also specifically label some actions in relation to timing as "*currently no allocated budget*" while for others this is absent and some are shown as "*Ongoing*". This section would be clearer if it indicated which actions are proposed to be implemented as business-as-usual under current budgets or forecast allocations (including current obligations under the Planning Scheme and Local Law), and those requiring new budget allocations or projects. Surely there are current budgets for the actions already undertaken by Council as described in Section 5.

#### Focus Area 1. Leadership

We consider the objectives and proposed actions are appropriate. All actions are fundamental to delivery of the strategy and should be funded through ongoing budgets.

#### Focus Area 2. Grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy on Council land.

We support these objectives and actions, with the following specific comments:

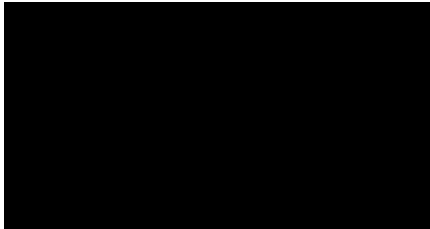
- Objective 2 1. The Nillumbik Tree Inventory should be a firm commitment as a necessary input to tree canopy management, and be incorporated into Council's asset database. We understand such an inventory and its data collection has considerable cost, and suggest that progressive development commencing with existing data would be reasonable. A focus on 'significant' or mature trees and other tree populations, rather than all trees, is also appropriate. The inventory should also include relevant information relating to biodiversity (including habitat trees) and habitat connectivity / green corridors to support the implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034. Assessments for known priority sites should also be funded in the short term to enable initial investment to be appropriately directed.
- Objective 2 2. The Urban Tree Maintenance, Planting and Renewal Plan should be a firm funding commitment. It is critical to delivery of the UTCS as well as elements of the Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034, the Climate Action Plan 2022-2032 and the Neighbourhood Character Strategy 2023. As part of the Plan, consideration needs to be given to protecting and enhancing habitat connectivity

through urban areas. We understand there is no current Plan and expect it will need development in maturity over time.

Focus area 3. Grow Nillumbik's Urban Canopy on private land.

We support these objectives and actions, with the following specific comments:

- Implementing and enforcing existing planning controls and local laws should not be subject to discretionary budgets. Council currently has various mechanisms for protecting canopy trees in urban areas including the Significant Landscape Overlay and the Amenity Trees local law. Our experience is that the application of these mechanisms is variable. Adequate funding should be provided for all council staff and their training, to enable these mechanisms to be applied rigorously and consistently.



Written Submission # 4

**Nillumbik Draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy Submission**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback for the above strategy. The development of this strategy is warmly welcomed in Nillumbik. The following comments are offered in the hope that the above strategy can be strengthened.

*Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced.*

*Target: No overall net loss of Nillumbik's urban canopy*

Comments:

- The goal to protect and enhance Nillumbik's urban tree canopy is worthwhile, though enhancement should include an **increase in health and abundance** of the canopy created by **mature indigenous trees**.
- It should also include an increase in **overall indigenous biodiversity**, as this is essential for trees' long-term health. There is considerable evidence to show that a richly biodiverse ecosystem is more resilient to climate changes, due to the vast web of interconnectedness of various ecosystem elements. Therefore, the focus needs to be on indigenous biodiversity, rather than simply on the health of canopy trees.
- These protections should be measurable and include targets such as:
  - a. The removal of trees decreases by x % annually across private land
  - b. There is an increase by x % (or area) annually of indigenous biodiversity along nature strips
- Other measurables could include the collection of data focused on hollow-bearing trees; increases of indigenous biodiversity in public spaces; illegal removal of trees is pursued and heavy fines applied; an increase in resourcing
- The Urban Tree Canopy Strategy needs to reference the Biodiversity Strategy's priorities and processes
- Identification of existing and potential green corridor areas to inform decision making and prioritisation of resources to extend connectivity
- The Target 'No overall net loss' does not ensure tree canopy cover is protected and increased through all areas. It allows some places to have dense tree cover while others could have none or very little. It implies that this would be a sufficient balance. For the benefit of biodiversity, human health, economy, climate mitigation and adaptation, tree canopy should be preserved, reinstated and increased, broadly through all areas.
- What is the type of tree canopy and the quality of the tree canopy that will meet the objectives?
- The Draft Strategy defines tree canopy as anything over 2metres. Preferably a minimum of 3 metre height should be applied. Benefits provided by mature trees include shade/mitigation of urban heat effect, water retention and cycling, animal use of canopy, spread and connectivity.
- There needs to be differentiation between trees measuring 3 metres height, and mature trees of 15+ metres height, due to the differences in their canopy and what they offer.
- It is also critical that canopy connectivity is protected and increased.

- Design and methodology for replanting must align with sound ecological principles.
- Additional significance should be given to hollow-bearing trees.
- Policy should be developed and applied to ensure responsibility is taken by relevant authorities/individuals/companies. For example: Who pays when housing projects remove mature trees? Where are plantings located and how is their ongoing health to maturity ensured? This should be embedded in the Planning Scheme.
- The Draft Strategy states that Nillumbik's tree canopy cover is second highest in all of Melbourne. It also compares Nillumbik with areas such as Wyndham/Melton. These comparisons and measures are not true indicators as:
  - a. While Nillumbik's canopy cover (and that of eastern and southern suburbs in general) is higher than the average for Melbourne, the rate of canopy loss is also higher than in those suburbs with lower base-line canopy cover. The document, *Melbourne's vegetation, heat and land-use data* states, 'Tree canopy cover loss is concentrated in areas where there is significant existing vegetation and urban redevelopment activity, i.e. particularly in the Eastern region. The loss is most evident on residential land and parkland, which provide the largest areas of tree cover.'  
<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/data-and-insights/melbournes-vegetation-heat-and-land-use-data>
  - b. Wyndham/Melton are naturally grassland areas (ie they naturally do not have high occurrence of trees).
  - c. Nillumbik has hard-won policy protections as a Green Wedge Shire, the 'lungs of Melbourne', with conservation as a strategic focus. As such, it holds an important responsibility to maintain a high level of vegetation cover.

*Goal 2: Nillumbik's community values and cares for the urban canopy*  
*Target: An increase in the planting of trees across all land tenures*

Comments:

- The Target should be to increase indigenous canopy and overall indigenous (site-appropriate) biodiversity.
- Measurable targets for planting indigenous canopy trees and their supportive understorey should be clearly stated with annual outcomes included.
- The target should describe x % (or area) increase per year, leading to x % increase every 5 years.
- The Target should include an increase in the retention of trees, not only focus on an increase in planting.
- Mature trees offer vastly greater benefits than recent plantings. This must be defined and utilised in policy frameworks and reflected in action across the Shire.
- Trees with hollows should be identified and preserved.
- Nillumbik Council should allocate budget to ensure Goals and Targets are met.  
<https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/budget-2024>

- Tree health is affected by its surroundings including the natural flow and availability of water, supportive soil microbiome, balanced faunal presence and activity (eg small birds that reduce foliage-feeding insect load).
- A target should ensure these elements are supported through all Council decision-making processes and actions.
- If a tree is in poor health, alternatives to removal must be investigated and health restoration works pursued/funded.
- Given increased pressures from pests, heat stress etc., the budget must reflect the need for more tree maintenance.
- The target could include the retention of dead fallen and standing trees on private and public land wherever possible. These 'stags' provide important services that differ to canopy trees and are important for many species of local fauna. Council should lead by example and also encourage residents to take similar protective action.
- Increase the retention of trees older than 30 years. Many trees die at around 30 years of age if stressed by factors in their environment. Because large old trees deliver more benefits than younger trees, it is important to do everything possible to help these trees over that 30 year hump.
- Council should encourage landowners to consider alternatives to removing trees for non-essential purposes. A measurable target could be a reduction in the number of trees removed for sheds, other infrastructure, or simply because they are deemed a 'nuisance'.

*Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of Nillumbik's community*  
*Target: An overall increase in canopy in areas with higher Urban Heat Island Effect*  
*(Minimum urban canopy cover of 25 percent in every suburb and township)*

Comments:

- The goal is worthwhile but could be amended to reflect the need for an abundance of canopy created by mature indigenous trees.
- It should also reference an increase in overall indigenous biodiversity as this is essential for trees' long-term health.
- Re target of minimum urban canopy cover of 25% in every suburb or township, research suggests such a target could be changed to 'minimum urban canopy cover of 30-40% in every suburb or township'. Dr Greg Moore states, 'To maximise the benefits that canopy can offer in terms of environmental services a canopy cover of or greater than 30% is required' *The significance of urban tree canopy cover and climate change*, talk given by Dr Greg Moore (arborist and urban tree canopy specialist from University of Melbourne, Burnley Campus) at Nillumbik Climate Month, 16 March 2024.
- Develop a more effective and accurate database to reflect maturity of trees and species distinction.

*Some other points to consider:*

- Building resilience in our indigenous biodiversity must be prioritised. The draft states: 'Identify opportunities to investigate "climate-ready" revegetation

options for urban Nillumbik'. This needs clarification of meaning and associated processes. Is it the same as climate-adaptive planting where one out of countless climate prediction models are used by land managers to choose plant species? These are often from areas far from Nillumbik, where the qualities of local provenance/evolution are lost. There is extremely limited research on the implications of such decisions and their impact on the interconnections of indigenous (ie local to the area) plants, animals, insects, soil microbiome and fungi.

- Residential development is a key threat to the loss of urban canopy and other vegetation (70% of land within the urban boundary is private land). With the new [state housing initiatives](#) which came into effect late last year, this threat is certain to increase.
- Council needs to lobby state government for change to definition of a 'garden'. [Victorian Planning Provisions](#) (state planning laws) prescribe a minimum garden area for the Neighbourhood Residential Zone. This varies with the size of the block, between 25% and 35%. A garden is defined as including a pergola, unroofed terraces, patios and decks. (see ResCode standards A5 and B8). Outdoor paving, driveways, footpaths or building eaves are considered part of the outdoor space. There is no limit to the area of garden that these structures can occupy.
- Canopy trees need deep soil, so a 'garden' should not include pergolas, patios and decks. Council needs to lobby state government for inclusion of 'deep soil' for the planting and establishment of canopy trees. A schedule to the VPP Neighbourhood Residential Zone in these laws can change the state planning laws.
- Council should lobby state government to include a Biodiversity Sensitive Urban Design trigger in the ResCode.
- Principles of good urban design for biodiversity could be incorporated into the Council's Planning Scheme. Planning applications should meet minimum biodiversity requirements, e.g. a contiguous area on any lot of sufficient 'deep soil' to support canopy trees and understorey.
- Council should develop templates to assist planners in ensuring applications meet minimum biodiversity requirements. (e.g. for different sized lots). These would include a minimum percentage of indigenous species, with a spread of plant types ranging from indigenous grasses and groundcovers to canopy trees.
- This could be extended to landscape-scale considerations. New developments could be required to make provisions for wildlife corridors across developments, and be sensitive to landscape/topographical features such as creeklines, wetlands and riparian corridors. Groups of houses could be designed to maximise the amount of land available for canopy planting/retention by ensuring that the garden areas of these plots were abutting each other.
- Council mechanisms should be strengthened to ensure the protection of tree canopy. The Council currently has two mechanisms for protecting canopy trees in urban areas. The Significant Landscape Overlay and the Amenity Trees local law. The application of these mechanisms is variable. Adequate funding should be provided for all council staff and their training, to enable these mechanisms to be applied rigorously and consistently.

- While mature trees are wonderful in their beauty and presence, lighting them at night as 'features' is disruptive to many native animals. An Urban Tree Canopy Strategy should enable education of the community about these issues and encourage less impactful behaviour.
- Connected tree canopy contributes to the survival of diverse wildlife including gliders, phascogales and bats.
- The true value of trees needs to be factored into all council considerations. These include wildlife habitat, carbon storage, ability to mitigate urban heat island effect, erosion reduction, moisture retention in the soil, salinity reduction, increase in property values, reduction of emissions due to reduced need for air-conditioning, physical and mental health benefits and much more. When decisions are made around whether to remove a tree for utilities or infrastructure, a monetary value should be placed on the services that the tree provides, and factored into any calculations.
- Council is urged to develop and maintain a data base of all significant trees in the shire, including dead trees. This will provide a baseline from which certain retention rates can be measured.
- In urban areas that are subject to a Bushfire Management Overlay, where the 10/30 rule applies, Council is urged to lobby state government for an amendment to this overlay which would remove the as-of-right permission for landowners to remove any canopy trees within ten metres of a dwelling without a permit. In urban areas, this severely impacts local neighbourhood character, and restricts the council's ability to protect residents from urban heat island impacts due to a lack of tree canopy. It also compromises Council and community emissions reduction targets.
- As an alternative to removing all canopy trees within ten metres of a dwelling, residents can be encouraged to plant locally appropriate bushfire-resilient species around their house (for an example with some cross-over of species, see: <https://lakesentrancelandcare.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SHELTERBELT-design-Green-Fire-Walls.pdf>)
- Ensure that recurrent expenses needed to maintain tree canopy (watering for several years after planting, and monitoring of tree health) are adequately funded to ensure tree growth and ongoing health.
- Ensure that urban tree canopy strategy provisions (as well as neighbourhood character strategy and biodiversity strategy provisions) are embedded in the Planning Scheme by adding schedules to amend the Scheme accordingly.
- Ensure that penalties for illegal tree removal are commensurate with the full value of the tree/s that have been removed. Develop a robust tree valuing system that considers all that trees offer – economic benefit, social, mental health, environmental etc.
- Ensure that sufficient funds and staff are available to enforce and follow-up non-compliance with tree laws.
- Develop and apply strategies to enable residents to plant indigenous trees on nature strips and road verges.
- Different tree canopy targets and strategies need to be developed for different land uses, e.g. public and private land, commercial and industrial zones. For

example, a higher target for roadsides (e.g. 45% canopy target, as in the [Banyule Urban Forest Strategy](#)) would ease urban heat and support pedestrians.

Commercial precincts are particularly vulnerable to heat island impacts and should have a higher target as well.

- Limit development if trees/vegetation need to be cleared in order to be deemed 'safe' for human habitation.
- Nillumbik Youth Council's Vision for Nillumbik's urban tree canopy should be acknowledged and supported as it demonstrates a good understanding of the significance, values, and functions of Nillumbik's urban tree canopy. It demonstrates an understanding of the pressures applied to urban trees and broader biodiversity, and the urgent need to address and reduce these pressures.
- Council must develop procedures to ensure communications and learning across planning/environment to ensure best-practice outcomes for biodiversity, tree canopy, climate, human health and the economy. As stated by the Planning Institute Australia, 'Councils should encourage and increase the participation and input of planners in the development of strategies to combat urban heat. Climate resilience interventions should not be left alone in the care of planning-aligned professionals <https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/11820> Planning Institute Australia, Resource Toolkit, Planning for urban vegetation in adapting to a changing climate and urban heat

Written Submission # 5

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 April 2024 10:35 AM  
**To:** Environment  
**Subject:** Nillumbik tree canopy

I live in Nth Warrandyte, right on the edge of the Nillumbik boundary. The area is heavily treed - mostly red Box - and every summer is a potential catastrophic fire season.

I love living here. BUT. I'm appalled at how few people/businesses/authorities take real precautions against bushfires. I have very expensive roof sprinklers and an underground water supply, amongst other things. As far as I know, none of the neighbours do. Even the CFA and childcare centre have no visible fire protection.

We cannot live in this area and bury our heads in the sand, year after year after year. We either face up to the dangers inherent in the 'Green Wedge' and create bulldozed, tree-free zones around our urban developments, or...we mandate a ring of fire retardant, exotic vegetation around our *homes* and *townships*.

Oaks and other deciduous exotics do not burn the way eucalypts do, yet the Green Wedge is defined ONLY as native trees.

This is insane. Exotics in the canopy provide the same benefits as eucalypts but without the volatile gases that lead to crown fires. Exotics can also provide a refuge for native fauna by providing a moister micro climate when bushfires rage.

Any tree will burn if the fire is hot enough, but eucalypts have EVOLVED to burn. Fire is how they reproduce. Eucalypts and exotics can co-exist. A dense canopy and human habitation can also co-exist, but only if adequate precautions are taken to save the lives of the people living in those houses. Despite the horrors of Black Saturday, that is still not happening.

Ideology has resulted in an either-or argument where the only way we can have a green wedge is if ONLY eucalypts are allowed to predominate.

Exotics are trees too you know!

This sly argument has to stop before more people lose their lives on the alter of ideology.

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Written Submission # 6

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 April 2024 5:50 PM  
**To:** Environment  
**Subject:** Participate: Urban Tree Canopy

**From** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Support:**

I comprehensively support the intent and contents of the draft Strategy; I have a single comment based on my VCAT experience with a case involving a site which included a BMO overlay control.

**Background.**

I joined the VCAT case as a resident-objector because of my interest in planning for conservation values and also as I am a member of the management committee of the [REDACTED]

We are long-time residents who elect to allow some vegetation coverage at a greater density than BMO regulation now requires so we understand the tensions between objectives like *increasing tree canopy* and *adhering to post Black Saturday practices*.

**Submission**

Section 5 Managing Nillumbik's Urban Tree Canopy

p.12 - Identifying where new planting can be

add to the list:

"Where BMO guidelines apply:

1. The canopy of trees must be separated by at least 5 metres.
2. There must be a clearance of at least 2 metres between the lowest tree branches and ground level."

Under the Maintenance section there could be mentions of "thinning out" over time to meet standards and having regard to these requirements where a project site requires.

I attach the reference document I referred to during the VCAT hearing.

Regards

[REDACTED]



# Defendable Space

Note: These requirements are contained in Table 6 of Clause 53.02-5 and must not be changed unless agreed in writing by CFA

Defendable space for a distance of X metres around the proposed building (or to the property boundary, whichever is the lesser distance) must be provided where vegetation (and other flammable materials) will be modified and managed in accordance with the following requirements:

- Grass must be short cropped and maintained during the declared fire danger period.
- All leaves and vegetation debris must be removed at regular intervals during the declared fire danger period.
- Within 10 metres of a building, flammable objects must not be located close to the vulnerable parts of the building.
- Plants greater than 10 centimetres in height must not be placed within 3m of a window or glass feature of the building.
- Shrubs must not be located under the canopy of trees.
- Individual and clumps of shrubs must not exceed 5 sq. metres in area and must be separated by at least 5 metres.
- Trees must not overhang or touch any elements of the building.
- The canopy of trees must be separated by at least 5 metres.
- There must be a clearance of at least 2 metres between the lowest tree branches and ground level.

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Environment

Urban Tree Canopy Strategy 2024-40, Feedback

Follow up

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Firstly I’m delighted as a ratepayer and resident that Nillumbik is working towards an urban tree strategy, with enquiry, homework and forward thinking. All towards this strategy.  
Well done.

Urban canopy is to our benefit as outlined in the document.

I have just one pointed comment regarding new plantings, related to roadsides of **bushfire exit routes** or transit routes for the greater Eltham urban area.  
Domestic fire evacuation plans should discourage late evacuation. But last minute evacuation will happen, and trees fallen across the few roadways to the south are quite likely. A grim prospect.

On. P. 8 the need is recognised under ‘Challenge: Bushfire threat’  
On P. 12 ‘Where to Plant’ the dot points are silent on fire evacuation.  
Right tree, right place. Absolutely.

A talk with the fire authorities would be wise.

Regards

**Written Submission # 8**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 April 2024 9:20 PM  
**To:** Environment  
**Subject:** Filed: Fwd: [EXT] Draft strategy to help protect urban tree canopy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Environment Officer

We are residents and fully support the protection and where needed also the regeneration of tree cover in Nillumbik.

We would like to encourage you, however, to also consider fire safety, especially at the northern edge. Steps should be taken to protect Nillumbik from incursions by larger bushfires from the north, as on Black Saturday. We narrowly escaped that day due to a change in wind direction, and may not be so lucky next time. By contrast, fires originating within Nillumbik are likely to be smaller and containable.

It thus would seem wise to create a fire break along the northern edge of the shire. This should be wide enough for the fire fighters to stop a fire front.

We are not experts in fire safety measures, but suitable advice is no doubt available from CFA and elsewhere, if you choose to consider this step. This may entail sacrificing some trees to protect all other trees.

Please add this submission to the public consultation records.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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Thought you might be interested in this!

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Do you love trees? Help us care for and enhance the tree canopy in Nillumbik's suburbs and townships by providing feedback on our draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy 2024-2040, which is out now for community consultation at [Participate Nillumbik](#).

As the Green Wedge Shire, Nillumbik is fortunate to have the second-highest urban tree canopy cover in metropolitan Melbourne.

Trees provide the green and leafy environment that is a highly valued part of living in the Shire, habitat for local wildlife, and shade and cooling that is important for our health and wellbeing.

However, challenges including extreme weather, changing average temperatures and rainfall patterns, bushfires and urban development continue to put pressure on our trees.

This draft strategy seeks to protect and maintain our existing tree canopy as well as identify opportunities to enhance the canopy in areas where there are less trees.

The strategy applies to woody vegetation more than two metres in height. It includes trees indigenous to Nillumbik, native to Australia as well as exotic species on public and private land within the Urban Growth Boundary of the Shire. While it does not cover rural areas, it does include the townships of Hurstbridge, Panton Hill, St Andrews and Wattle Glen.

The strategy provides a 15-year framework and has three overarching goals:

- Goal 1: That Nillumbik's urban canopy is protected and enhanced
- Goal 2: That the Nillumbik community value and care for our urban canopy
- Goal 3: That a healthy urban canopy supports the wellbeing of the Nillumbik community.

The draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy is now available to read at Council's community engagement portal [Participate Nillumbik](#).

There are a number of ways community members can provide feedback:

- Complete the feedback survey at Participate Nillumbik
- Make a written submission via email to [environment@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)
- Attend a drop-in session at Edendale Community Environment Farm on Sunday 14 April, any time between 10am and 1pm. Free kids activities and plants for attendees.
- Attend an online webinar on 16 April 7pm to 8.30pm. Register via [Participate Nillumbik](#).
- Attend a drop-in session at the Hurstbridge Community Hub on Thursday 18 April, 10am to 12pm. Register via [Participate Nillumbik](#).
- Speak at a [Planning and Consultation Committee](#) meeting on 11 June.

**Feedback closes on Sunday 28 April 2024.**



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**Written Submission # 9**

**Submission: Urban Tree Canopy Strategy**

28 April 2024

Dear Councillors,

I support adoption and implementation of the Nillumbik draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy and wish to make a few comments.

State of the art measurement methodology should be adopted to ensure credibility and wider acceptance of the strategy.

Why is it not known as the Green Wedge Tree Canopy Strategy? Rural properties form the majority of the land area of Nillumbik and are extensively impacted by loss of tree canopy. Private landowners could be rewarded for maintaining and increasing tree cover on their properties through incentives such as reductions in council rates for properties meeting specific canopy targets.

The natural treed landscape for which Nillumbik is widely known is rapidly becoming a novelty in the sprawling metropolis of Melbourne suburbs. Substantial tree canopy is known to mitigate heat islands, a phenomenon manifested in heat waves which arrive with increasing frequency and intensity in developed areas due to prolonged inaction and denial of climate change by politicians and corporations with vested interests.

As well as enduring unacceptably high temperatures, vulnerable people perish in heat waves, and wildlife numbers are massively impacted. Nillumbik's rich biodiversity is one of its most valuable assets. The tree canopy strategy should prioritize planting and protection of native tree species that provide habitat for birds, mammals, and insects, enhancing green wedge corridors and slowing habitat loss and consequently, species loss.

Involving communities in educational programs will increase public support for the initiative and annual reports should be made publicly available to ensure transparency and to keep the community informed of progress and challenges.

On-going maintenance, regular pruning, pest management, and disease control will ensure the health and longevity of trees and engaging with local businesses, schools, and community groups will develop partnerships to support the funding and implementation of tree planting initiatives.

I am particularly encouraged to see that the Tree Canopy Strategy will compliment and strengthen Council's Bio-Diversity Plan and Council's Climate Change Plan and I appreciate the opportunity to add my voice to this vital initiative.

Sincerely,



## Written Submission # 10

### Submission on Draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy 2024-2040



The Draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy is a commendable response to the need to address the effects of climate change on the Nillumbik community. This submission puts forward a number of suggestions for further strengthening what is therefore already a substantial document, but first it offers some comments on the purpose of the document.

The primary function of a strategy document is to respond to set out a way forward in an area of strategic importance. It defines goals and identifies specific ways of achieving them. It gives timelines for reaching targets, and it identifies areas of responsibility.

However, there is another function that such documents can serve. This is to secure stakeholder engagement with and support for the strategy. This is particularly important in a context where it is going to be necessary to draw on different stakeholders to implement the strategy or to marshal community support for resourcing implementation of the strategy. To serve this second function, the document needs to not only provide information but to do so in a way that both educates those who will be affected by what is being proposed and enrolls them in add addressing the need that is being addressed.

Some of the suggestions in this submission relate this second function. They anticipate that over the life of the document it will be used by range of people and organisations and for different purposes.

#### **The meaning of the term “urban” for the purposes of the document**

The purpose of the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy is to protect and improve the tree canopy in Nillumbik’s urban areas. It is not concerned with improving the tree canopy throughout the whole of the shire. As explained in the introduction of draft strategy document, the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy concerns the collection of suburbs and townships that lie along the north-eastern edge of the urban growth boundary in Nillumbik. They cover only nine percent of the area of Nillumbik but they house 75 percent of the shire’s residents. Nillumbik is therefore largely a rural shire but with a substantial urban population.

Most residents of Nillumbik would have a commonsense understanding of what is meant by “urban”. However, what constitutes urban areas for the purposes of the Urban Canopy Strategy relies on a technical understanding of the term “urban”. As the document explains, the parts of Nillumbik that are considered urban for the purposes of the Urban Growth Strategy are defined by the Victorian Government’s Urban Growth Boundary. However, most residents would understand the Urban Growth Boundary as continuous boundary between urban Melbourne and rural Victoria and would not see the townships of Hurstbridge, Pantmon Hill and St Andrews as lying within the Urban Growth Boundary.

An explanation of the meaning of urban is given as part of point 3 under “Scope of the document” on page 2, but the map showing the urban areas does not appear until page 5. It is suggested that, because of the importance of understanding what constitutes an urban area for the purposes of the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy, the explanation of the meaning of “urban” should be given in a

paragraph on its own in the Introduction. Point 3 under “Scope of the document” would then be shortened to the first sentence.

### **Relationship of targets to goals**

The Draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy sets out three goals and below each goal a target. There is no question that the three goals are appropriate. The targets are also worthy. However, there seems to a mismatch between the targets and their corresponding goals.

If Goal 1 said simply “That Nillumbik’s urban canopy is protected”, then the target would match. However, the target doesn’t provide for enhancement of the urban canopy. The target set against Goal 3 matches that part of Goal 1.

The target set against Goal 2 does not match that goal. Goal 3 concerns the attitudes that the community holds towards the tree canopy and the actions that follow as a result.

While it is easy to point out and explain the mismatches it has not been possible in the time available to offer alternatives. However, it would be appropriate to combine the targets under goals 1 and 3 under Goal 1.

### **Increasing the minimum canopy cover target**

Table 2 sets out the current levels of canopy cover in the urban areas across Nillumbik. It can be seen from the figures in the table that most urban areas have a very high level of canopy cover, while three areas have much lower cover: Plenty (20%, Greensborough (22%) and Diamond Creek (25%).

The draft strategy document proposes a minimum canopy cover for each urban area by 2040 of 25%. If this level were adopted then only two urban areas would not already meet or exceed the target: Plenty and Greensborough. Both these areas are quite small. A minimum target of 25% is could not be considered at all ambitious, especially when one considers the already high levels of canopy cover across the municipality.

Konijnendijk (2023), having considered the targets that have been set by a range of cities around the world has recommended a minimum canopy target 30% but emphasises that this target should be applied at the neighbourhood level.

Looking across Melbourne, municipalities have not all set the same target. While 30% has been a commonly set target, Dandenong has set a target of 15%, Maribynong 20%, and Yarra Ranges 25%. However, the target date that has been set depends, to some extent, on the date by which it is expected that the target will be reached. Reaching a target of 30% by 2040 will be more challenging than reaching a target of 30% to be by 2050. Banyule has set a target of 30% but has allowed itself until 2050 to reach this target. Hobsons Bay, on the other hand, while also setting a target 30%, has given itself only until 2040 to reach the target.

Given the widespread international acceptance of 30% as a minimum target for canopy cover at the neighbourhood level, Nillumbik should adopt this target. The issue then becomes: is reaching this target by 2040 feasible?

As the draft Strategy points out, the urban canopy cover across Nillumbik is relatively high at 39%, In fact, the urban canopy cover is the second highest in Melbourne. In view of the small number of

urban areas that fall below 30% level and the small size of these areas, the a target of 30% could by no means be considered ambitious and should be adopted.

#### **Giving consideration to the possibility of setting intermediate targets**

The Draft Urban Tree Canopy Strategy proposes a single target to be attained by the end of the period covered by the strategy. However, there can be advantages, when setting targets of this sort, to setting a small number of intermediate targets as well. Setting intermediate targets can help to keep projects on track to meeting the final target. However, setting intermediate targets can also help to direct resources where they are most needed, at least in the early years. In the case of the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy, if intermediate targets were set they would have to take into account that that trees planted to achieve an increase in canopy cover would take time to grow before their presence would register as an increase in canopy cover.

Intermediate targets of 22% cover by 2030 and 25% cover by 2035 would be consistent with achieving a 30% target by 3040, assuming that lessons learnt early in the project would speed up the rate of increase in canopy cover as work progresses.

Setting an intermediate target of 22% by 2030 would serve to focus resources on actions to lift the canopy cover in Plenty is the only urban area that has not reached that level, while the setting a target of 25% by 2035 would extend the focus of resourcing to Greensborough, Setting intermediate targets would not imply that progress would be limited to the outcomes indicated by the targets.

#### **Slowing down damage to the urban tree canopy**

In general terms, the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy has to address two needs: the need to increase the tree canopy cover in urban areas where it is too low and the need to slow down or halt damage to the canopy cover as a result of deliberate action, disease or bushfire.

Beyond the issues that are already covered in the Draft Strategy, there are two that perhaps ought to receive particular mention in the Strategy.

#### **Loss of canopy cover as a result of major infrastructure projects**

In recent years the greatest destruction of the urban tree canopy has been as a result of the two major roads projects: the widening of the Yan Yean Rd and the removal of the roundabout leading to the Fitzsimons Lane Bridge. Together, these two project removed hundreds of large mature trees — a setback from which the tree canopy will never fully recover in any resident't lifetime, in spite of the trees that were removed being replaced.

Growing to the size of the trees that were removed will take the trees that were planted forty years or more. However, a large proportion of the trees that were planted will not survive. Indeed, Several of the trees planted at the intersection of Main Rd and Plenty Rd have already died in the last summer season through lack of care.

These won't be the last major road projects in Nillumbik from nor to 2040. So it will be important to find a way to mitigate the risk to the tree canopy posed by these projects.

It is evident that Council is currently powerless to implement policy that will avoid such situations recurring in future. However, this does not mean that there is nothing that Council can do. It can make representations to the state government about the impact of such projects on the environment. It can join with other municipalities to seek improvements to the execution of major projects.

It is not necessary for the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy to specify particular actions to be taken. However, it would be worthwhile for the Strategy to foreshadow the investigation of possible courses of action.

#### **The actions of rogue developers**

It is widely recognised that the urban tree canopy is constantly under threat from the actions of developers. However, it is one thing for real estate development to claim significant trees. It is something completely different for developers to remove significant trees illegally. When trees are removed illegally, the only redress is to take the offender to court. However, in that case the penalties are generally so low that they don't act as a disincentive and are instead regarded as simply the cost of doing business.

A particularly serious case in recent years occurred in Diamond Street, Eltham where a developer illegally cut down several mature trees in order to increase the number of town houses that could be built on the block.

The penalties imposed on developers who illegally remove mature trees have to be such that they serve as a strong disincentive against such activities. Punishing a developer after the event cannot replace the trees that are lost.

It is suggested that the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy include a review of known cases of this type of wonton destruction of mature trees that have occurred in the past ten years and of the actions taken in response, including their effectiveness at discouraging repeat offences.

#### **The impact power lines on canopy cover**

Many municipalities in Melbourne see the planting of street trees as one of the most important ways of increasing canopy cover. This option may not be able to make as significant a contribution to reaching whatever target is set in Nillumbik as it would in some other municipalities because many urban streets already have street trees and the scope for increasing the number of street trees will therefore not be as great. However, increasing the number of street will nevertheless be able to make some contribution.

The range of species from which trees can be selected for planting on nature strips is limited by the presence of overhead power lines in the street. Nillumbik is fortunate in that in many of its streets in urban areas power lines have been put underground. This is the case, for example, in the Woodridge Estate in Eltham, the Apollo Parkways Estate in Greensborough, and the relatively new estate in Plenty. However, it is also the case in a number of smaller subdivisions such as in Renshaw Drive, Keswick Court, Culgoa Court in Eltham. Where power lines are most prevalent is in the older parts of the shire such as in Central Eltham, in Diamond Creek and in Hurstbridge.

Of the three urban areas where the canopy cover falls below 30%, the one that is most affected by power lines is Diamond Creek. In Greensborough, overhead power lines are present in the small area across the Plenty River adjacent to the Ring Road. In this area, the power lines are likely to have a disproportionate impact on the tree canopy compared with other areas of Nillumbik that have overhead power lines because the houses are tightly packed and the possibilities for more trees to be planted on private land appears to be limited. Undergrounding the power lines in this area could make a significant contribution to reaching a 30% target.

In Plenty, most of the streets already have underground power, The only overhead power lines appear to be along the original roads in the area, particularly Memorial Drive. Undergrounding these power lines would make negligible contribution to the canopy cover. The limited canopy cover in Plenty appears to be accounted for by the fact that this area has only recently been developed and that the house sizes are larger than in older areas,

Diamond Creek is the largest of the three urban areas that has a canopy cover of less than 30% and which has power lines, However, Diamond Creek has large areas that are newly developed as well as large areas that are very old and it is not known what the impact power lines is in this area.

While the benefits of putting power lines underground is widely recognised, and most new estate developments make provision for power lines to be put underground, finding a way to underground existing power lines that is acceptable to the community has so far proven difficult.

Bayside Council recently attempted to adopt a policy of undergrounding power lines throughout the municipality. As part of its investigation of this possibility, Bayside Council conducted a survey of a sample of 390 Bayside residents. The survey found that 81% of those surveyed would like their power lines to be underground, 5.5% were unsure, and only 15.5% were opposed. However, opinions were mixed on how the undergrounding of power lines should be funded, with 87% favouring government grants, 84% Council-funded works, and 74% being willing to consider a Special Charge Scheme. However, the majority (64%) said they would not consider agreeing if they had to pay for the full cost themselves upfront. As a result of the difficulty in reaching agreement on how the undergrounding of power lines would be funded, the Council abandoned the initiative. It has advised ratepayers that it will facilitate negotiations between residents and relevant authorities on undergrounding of power lines in a street if there is sufficient interest in the street.

The experience of Bayside Council might be taken to indicate that undergrounding of power lines in areas where overhead power lines are already in place is so difficult as to be impractical, this may be too negative an interpretation of the reasons for failure of the Bayside initiative. A different result might have been obtained had the survey been delayed until more work had been undertaken on the proposal. It is not surprising that when asked how costs should be covered landowners would prefer not to have to cover the costs themselves. To be willing to contemplate a major expense of this sort, ratepayers need to be put in possession of the full information on costs and benefits.

It is evident from the experience of Bayside Council that promoting undergrounding of power lines is fraught with difficulty. However, given the impact of power lines on the urban tree canopy it would seem to be a major omission to ignore the issue of power lines completely. The document should at least identify the impacts of power lines on the tree canopy and the advantages of undergrounding. However, it could also propose investigation of options for incremental undergrounding of power lines in locations where this could enable a significant improvement to be made to the tree canopy.

## **Reference**

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Written Submission # 11

Further response to the Nillumbik Urban Canopy Strategy Draft

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Could this please be added to my formal form response that I completed online.

Regards, [REDACTED]

The first point I would like to address here is that the document ...

"Defines urban canopy as being any woody vegetation that is over **two metres in height**. This includes trees and other tall plants/shrubs, including those that are indigenous to Nillumbik, native to Australia and exotic species. (Two meters+ is the height that data is most readily available for)."

**Regarding the definition:** This is a poor definition of a canopy tree. Trees are defined as greater than 3-5 metres in the Oxford Companion to Australian Gardening so **canopy** trees would be more than that. Especially in the context of Nillumbik. Also, when we talk about Canopy in Nillumbik, we need to be adding the indigenous canopy trees and make sure that is where the main aim is. These are needed to maintain our biodiversity.

**Regarding the stages of growing and caring for the canopy:** There is a difference between established canopy trees and a growing canopy tree. Both need protection as do the established 2 metre trees that are not canopy. But they are all different.

I would argue that the protection and regrowth of canopy trees need to be treated with different approaches.

1. From the planning stage of new developments, there needs to be space allowed for a canopy tree that is planted to mature and have longevity. Council needs to hire people to give researched advice about appropriate planting conditions.
2. A growing canopy tree needs to be protected so it can grow to maturity. Protocols need to be put in place to track new plantings for at least 10 years (an excel chart with people on the ground) so that the trees are able to grow to maturity.
3. Established canopy trees need to have extra protection around the trunk and the roots when development is nearby. This means a serious and transparent response to developers who do not comply to the full tree protection protocols.
4. As many trees as possible need to be native to the Nillumbik area to ensure our biodiversity.

If any of these points are ignored, then we will not have a sustainable canopy.

In this light, I think these points should be included in the final document.

**Regarding the target:** The overall target of canopy trees should increase from the 39%. Eltham had 40% in 2021. We should be still aiming to get that percentage up and at least maintain the 40% - no less by 2040. The same for Eltham North at 44%. Only Greensborough and Plenty have less than 25 % tree canopy. The minimum goal (Goal 3) needs to be higher. These are the hottest spots and should at least be able to get to 30-40% canopy by 2040 with good planning. 25% is not enough.

**Regarding the time frame of the strategy:** There needs to be defined time frames put into the strategy. Every suburb should be gaining canopy each year. "Ongoing" is too general. We need yearly targets in all the goals so we know that we can achieve the goals by 2040.

**Regarding details of the document:** I think more questions should be addressed in the strategy  
Eg. What exactly are we going to need to achieve each goal? How are we going to achieve each part?  
Who is going to help us achieve this? We are going to need help because there are no allocated funds and the State Government has nothing much to offer given the amount of debt it has. This information is vital to complete the document. If we need to access more resources, we need to look for where they can be sourced. The more details we have in the plan, the more likely we can get partners to help us do them.  
E.g. There may be companies who want to get green credit by funding some of our trees and the planting. There might be a university that can partner with us to do a tree inventory.

In other words, what are the concrete actions that are going to make this happen? A strategy is not complete without this sort of detail. In my opinion it is all too vague. Is there someone driving this that is passionate about making it happen in this role on council staff? These things would be good to know.

It is fabulous that we are going to have such a document and I am thankful to have the opportunity to be involved. Thank you for the work on it thus far. I would like to see a lot more forethought go into this strategy that will actually make it happen. We need to get the biggest impact out of such an important document for the future of where we are living. I hope that it can be achieved.

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## Governance and Property Leasing and Licensing Policy 2024

Purpose	<p>This Policy aims to establish a consistent, transparent, equitable and fair process for the administration of leases and licenses for properties owned and managed by the Council.</p> <p>The overall goal is to responsibly maximise the use of community assets in alignment with the Council's vision, policies, and Council Plan.</p>
Scope	<p>This Policy is applicable to all Council owned land and buildings and where Council acts as Committee of Management for Crown land.</p> <p>It does not apply to premises that are managed on behalf of Council under contract management arrangements; seasonal sports arrangements; event permits; council managed or operated buildings such as community hall network, living and learning centres and maternal child health centres; and facilities under service agreements such as libraries.</p>
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### Acknowledgement of Country

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri people's history as essential to the unique character of the Shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations People in both Nillumbik and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.




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### Inclusion statement

Nillumbik Shire Council is committed to creating a fair, equitable and inclusive community where human rights are respected, participation is facilitated, barriers are addressed and diversity is celebrated. We support the rights of all people regardless of age, gender, ability or background. We value the diverse and changing nature of our community and understand that some groups and individuals experience more barriers than others.

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Council can be contacted through the National Relay Service (NRS). The NRS is available as a phone solution for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment.

All calls are confidential. Users must be registered via [www.relayservice.gov.au](http://www.relayservice.gov.au) to make and receive calls:

- TTY users phone 133 677, then ask for Council on 9433 3111.
- Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech) users phone 1300 555 727, then ask for Council on 9433 3111.
- A Hearing loop is located at the Customer Service Counter, Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
- Communication boards are available at the Civic Drive Customer Service Counter, Civic Centre, Civic Drive Greensborough.
- Interpreting services are available.

**If you require the Leasing and Licensing Policy in an alternative format, please email [nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or call 9433 3111.**

Please contact Council's Property Team on 9433 3111 if you need to discuss any leasing and licensing matter or require assistance understanding this policy.

## 1. Policy Statement

Nillumbik Shire Council recognises its role as the custodian of land and buildings on behalf of the Nillumbik Shire community.

The Council's property portfolio encompasses a diverse range of lease and license agreements,

Nillumbik's property portfolio has a wide variety of lease and licence agreements, reflecting our commitment to fostering community well-being, cultural enrichment, and sustainable development.

These agreements relate mostly to land with buildings or vacant land owned by Council, as well as Crown land where Council is the delegated Committee of Management appointed by the State Government.

This Policy reflects our commitment to responsible and community-driven property management, ensuring that our assets are utilised for the benefit of all residents of Nillumbik Shire.

## 2. Objectives

This Policy aims to establish a consistent, transparent, equitable and fair process for the administration of leases and licenses for properties owned and managed by the Council.

It outlines clear objectives for developing agreements, specifying the roles and responsibilities of both the Council and tenants.

The overall goal is to responsibly maximise the use of community assets in alignment with the Council's vision, policies, and Council Plan.

## 3. Guiding Principles

The guiding principles of this Policy encompass:

Community benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing efficient use of Council facilities that supports a diverse range of community groups to provide benefit for the Nillumbik community.</li></ul>
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Return to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the commercial return to Council of its commercial and residential properties and provide a fair and reasonable rate for community groups and not for profit entities.</li> </ul>
Good governance and accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivering an equitable, transparent process for leasing and licensing of Council properties to a diverse range of organisations, businesses, agencies and community groups that is consistent with the Council Plan and other Council policies and strategies.</li> </ul>
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting sustainable practices and encouraging lessees to take an active role in environmental initiatives.</li> </ul>

## 4. Definitions

In this Policy, the following definitions apply:

Reference term	Definition
<b>Property officer</b>	the Council Officer who is responsible for negotiating the terms and conditions of the lease or licence with the community group. They are also responsible for the management of the tenant for the duration of the lease or licence.
<b>DEECA</b>	the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.
<b>Fittings</b>	also known as chattels, are items that are freestanding and retain their independence from the building or land and are capable of being removed. Examples include refrigerators, microwaves, furniture etc.
<b>Fixtures</b>	are items that are attached to the building or land and cannot easily be removed from the Premises. Examples include central heating systems, air conditioning units affixed to the wall, kitchen units, stoves, dishwashers, solar panels and water tanks.
<b>Incorporated Association</b>	a club or community group, operating not-for-profit, whose members have decided to give their organisation a formal legal structure.
<b>LGA</b>	the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>
<b>Licensee</b>	the occupier of a facility under a licence agreement.
<b>Not for Profit (NFP)</b>	an organisation that does not operate for the profit, personal gain or other benefit of particular people. They can vary in size, from small groups who may rely on volunteers and the receipt of grants, donations or fundraising, to larger

	organisations who are well funded by membership fees and programs as the principal source of income and may supplement this income with trading activities. Large and successful NFPs comprise paid employees and other staff including managers and executives.
<b>Outgoings</b>	Council rates, taxes, building and public liability insurance, utility supply and usage charges, and other levies (eg Fire Levy) assessed against the property.
<b>Premises or Property</b>	the land or land and building leased or licensed to the tenant.
<b>RLA</b>	the <i>Retail Leases Act 2003</i> .
<b>Services</b>	all services in connection with the property, including electricity, gas, water and telephone charges.
<b>TCA</b>	the <i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i> .
<b>Tenant</b>	is an authorised person or incorporated body that has entered into a lease or licence with Council for the use of a Council owned or Council managed property.
<b>Lessee</b>	the authorised person or incorporated body that has entered into a Lease with Council for the use of Council property.

## 5. Types of Tenure

In determining the appropriate occupancy agreement for Council owned and managed assets, including Crown land where the Council is the designated Committee of Management and any other assets the Council has control over requiring occupancy or usage arrangement, the choice of tenure for the circumstances will be at Council's sole discretion.

Nillumbik Shire Council has two main forms of tenure which are used to grant the use of Council land holdings. They are as follows:

### 5.1 Licence agreement

A licence agreement gives the tenant permission to enter and use a property for a specific purpose over an allocated time, but it does not grant exclusive occupancy.

A licence agreement does not create an interest in the land and cannot be assigned or transferred to a third party.

A licence may be granted for either vacant land or land and buildings.

## 5.2 Lease agreement

A lease is a contract which permits sole occupancy or “exclusive use” of an Asset that Council owns or controls for a specific purpose and time period (Term), usually in return for rent. A property may be leased under the provisions of:

- Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*
- Section 17D of the *Crown Land (Reserve) Act 1978*, if the property is Crown land of which the Council is Committee of Management
- The *Retail Leases Act 2003*

## 6. Policy and Legislation

All agreements will have regard to, and consideration of, other Council adopted Policies and Statutory requirements, applicable acts and Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Any agreement will be negotiated with the tenant and all rights and responsibilities will be included in that agreement.

A comprehensive list of Council Policies and relevant Legislation has been included at the end of this Policy for reference.

## 7. Categories and fee structure

Tenants have been grouped into categories which determine the fee structure and obligations which will apply to the tenant when entering into an agreement.

Rent or licence fees charge for the premises will be set at the discretion of the Council in line with one of the categorised rental categories:

- Category A - Community Service Providers
- Category B - Community Partnerships
- Category C - Other Organisations ‘Not for Profit’
- Category D - Commercial and Private Use

The eligibility for a tenancy agreement with Council is determined by an assessment against eligibility requirements, tenant structure, the broader community benefit, alignment with the Council Plan, and the organisation's capacity to occupy a leased facility. Once eligibility is established the assessment criteria is used to determine tenant categories.

Refer to **Schedule A** - Tenant categories

## 8. Tenant selection, negotiations and over-holdings

The assessment and selection of suitable tenants underpins Council's long term Strategic Plan associated Policies and Strategies, Stakeholder expectations and DEECA guidelines, for the provision of services and other benefits for the Nillumbik community.

The Council promotes inclusion and diverse representation within Council facilities. Use of a Council facility or asset by tenants must align with Council's Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

If tenants are not managing or utilising the Council asset or facility in line with Council's Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy, this will be treated as a breach of the agreement. Council will give notice to the tenant to remedy the breach.

The current condition of the building and Council's future requirements will be taken into consideration before selecting a tenant to operate from a Council facility.

The Council recognises some tenants have historical affiliations with assets they currently have agreements for however do not guarantee that current or historical tenants will be offered new agreements.

Groups or organisations wishing to occupy Council facilities will be assessed against the eligibility criteria contained in Council's Leasing and Licensing Procedure.

Selection of a tenant may be required if a Council building or part of a building becomes vacant, or there is a requirement to assess an existing tenant whose lease or licence has expired before offering a renewal of the agreement.

Where the property is Crown land and only managed by Council, Council will be required to follow the guidelines as set down by DEECA. This may require Council to advertise the lease or licence or undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) process and tenant selection will then be in line with those guidelines.

### 8.1 Over-holding

All lease and licence agreements are to remain in a current status. Under certain circumstances, agreements may be allowed to enter into over-holding. The over-holding period will be at Council's discretion depending on the specific circumstances.

Capital works will not occur or be approved to occur at a Property which has an agreement in over-holding or an existing tenant with no agreement in place. Capital works associated with safety or compliance are exempt and in circumstances where

short term funding for works is available, capital works may proceed provided the leasing process has commenced and there is a low risk to Council.

## 8.2 Expression of Interest (EOI) to use Council property

In the event that a significant Council asset becomes available for use, either on a shared or exclusive basis, then Council will consider the *Local Government Best Practice Guideline for the Sale and Exchange of Land* dated June 2009 which can extend to cover leasing. This guideline outlines a public process be conducted unless Council can justify a public treaty negotiation.

As part of the ongoing management of Council's assets, all general leasing and licensing enquiries can be submitted via the Nillumbik Shire Council's website - Enquire about leasing or licensing Council land or via email to [nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au).

## 8.3 Council as tenant

Council may require the use of a building and/or land which is owned by another organisation, should the type of facility required be unavailable in the current asset pool, or vacant buildings or land are not deemed suitable for the intended purpose.

# 9. Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions of all Council tenure will be assessed on the nature of the agreement. Additional provisions will be included when necessary to meet specific requirements of Council or the other party involved.

Council has a suite of standard documents used for occupancy agreements under this Policy.

The standard terms and conditions are set and agreements can be tailored for individual groups through the use of specific Special Conditions.

# 10. Insurance

As a minimum, all tenants are required to hold the following insurance:

- At least \$20,000,000 public liability insurance;
- Contents insurance for the tenant's own property; and
- Building insurance, where the tenant has constructed the building or other infrastructure on Council land.

Tenants must provide Council with a Certificate of Currency on or before the commencement date of the agreement and annually thereafter if requested.

## 11. Reporting and Inspections

All tenants must provide to Council as requested annually a certificate of currency for their public liability insurance policy.

Community groups may be required to provide various reports as a condition of their agreement on a regular basis or upon request by Council, which may include (but is not limited to) the following information:

- a. proof of the tenant's current registration with Consumer Affairs Victoria as an Incorporated Association in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic);
- b. a copy of the tenant's current licence or permit under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* (Vic) (if held);
- c. a copy of the tenant's Annual Financial Statement or a copy of the Lessee's Annual Statement lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria;
- d. a list of its current committee members, including names and contact details for after hours and emergency situations;
- e. the number of current registered members of the tenant (if applicable); and
- f. the tenant's current child safe policies.

### 11.1 Entry by Council

The authorised Council Officer or contractor may enter the facility at any reasonable time after giving the tenant reasonable notification where practical to inspect the condition of the building, undertake repairs, maintenance, works or alterations in the building which Council decides to undertake or is required to carry out by any law or authority or in accordance with the use agreement.

Council will use all reasonable endeavours to cause as little disruption as possible to the tenant's use of the facility in exercising this right. However notice will not be provided for cyclic and routine maintenance and inspections undertaken by Council's contractors that involve multiple buildings in the following situations:

- The carrying out of routine essential safety measures and building condition audits; and
- Inspections for the purpose of valuation

Contractors will be required to provide suitable identification before entering the facility.

## 12. Maintenance and repair obligations and costs

A maintenance schedule is included in the standard community lease and licence to ensure a consistent approach to maintaining Council's facilities, which specifies the level of maintenance responsibility for the tenant and Council. Some of the items of responsibility include structural repairs, essential safety measures, maintenance and repairs of fittings and fixtures, cleaning of the interior and exterior and damage to the building.

The level of maintenance required of the tenant is determined by the tenants ability to maintain the premises, the category of the tenant, and if the tenant has constructed all or part of the premises.

Any assets, fixtures or fittings purchased and installed by the tenant, after seeking Council's prior written consent, is to be repaired and maintained by the tenant at their cost and will become Council's property at the end of the agreement, unless agreed otherwise.

Any planning permit required will be the responsibility of the tenant including the cost of obtaining the permit. The tenant must also obtain Council's consent to use its own contractors to install any assets, fixtures or fittings. Council's preference is to use its own contractors and recover this cost from the tenant.

Should Council undertake the repair and maintenance of the asset, fixture or fitting on behalf of the tenant, then Council will seek reimbursement of this cost from the tenant.

The tenant is liable for the cost of repair or replacement of any item that is damaged as a result of misuse or vandalism by the tenant or the tenant's guests, invitees and contractors.

## 13. Financial hardship

In the case of demonstrable financial hardship by the tenant, Council may at its discretion waive the requirement of the tenant to pay the Rent and/or other charges required under the lease or licence for a period of the Term, to be determined by Council.

## 14. Gambling

A tenant is not permitted to apply for any licence under the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003* for the installation of electronic gaming machines in any of Council's

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Land will only be leased to residents for grazing, agricultural purposes, private residential use and leisure, not for permanent structures.

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## 17. Residential leases

Council has a small number of residential properties that are leased under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*.

These residences are managed by a commercial property agent and are leased at a market rental.

These residential properties each form part of a larger parcel of land which is reserved as Public Park and Recreation (PPRZ).

Council benefits from the leasing of this land as the lessee maintains the property.

## 18. Related legislation, regulations, policies, procedures and/or guidelines

A number of laws, regulations, policies and plans apply to Council's implementation and management of leases and licences. The following are of relevance:

- *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*
- *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic)*
- *Leasing policy for Victorian Crown land 2023*
- *Crown Land Leasing Guidelines 2012*
- *Local Government Act 2020*
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2004*
- *Land Act 1958*
- *Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)*
- *Property Law Act 1958*
- *Retail Leases Act 2003*
- *Leasing Policy for Victorian Crown Land 2023*
- *Committee of Management Guidelines dated December 2021*
- *Local Government Best Practice Guideline for the Sale and Exchange of Land dated June 2009*
- *Child Safe Standards*

### Nillumbik's relevant Plans and Strategies

- *Access Equity and Inclusion Policy*
- *Climate Action Plan 2022-2032*
- *Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040*
- *Nillumbik Council Plan & Budget*
- *Nillumbik Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021-25*
- *Nillumbik Shire Council's Local Laws*
- *Nillumbik Shire Council - Leasing and Licensing Procedure 2024*

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This Policy must be reviewed within 5 years of the authorised date or as legislation requires or as determined by Council.

This Policy has been reviewed for Human Rights Charter compliance.

## Schedule A - Tenant categories

Category A – Community Service Providers
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Category B – Community Partnerships
<p><b>Eligibility Indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Benefit:</b> Provides significant community benefit of which is in demand by the local community in the form of recreational, learning services for adults, sporting or club based activities. Promotes and supports volunteerism. The type of community benefit provided could not be delivered unless supported by Council.</li> </ul>

- **Use:** Aligns with a Council service and the Council Plan. Proposed use will increase social inclusion, equity and promote health and wellbeing for the Nillumbik Shire Council community.
- **Funding:** Receives limited funding other than Council.
- **Fit for Purpose:** The proposed use of the Property is appropriate taking into account the land, building and planning requirements.
- **Revenue:** Limited capacity to generate revenue from use of the Property (i.e. memberships or hiring) or activities consistent with the organisational purpose. The tenant must not use the Premises wholly or predominantly for the sale or hire of goods by retail or the retail provision of services within the meaning of the *Retail Leases Act 2003* (Vic).
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- **Compliance:** Not for profit organisation, registered legal entity (incorporated, legitimate body or under the auspice of an incorporated body), financially viable, complies with all relevant legislation governing its activities, holds all relevant certificates including certificate of currency of insurance (public liability or others as required), and governance capability.

#### Category C – Other Organisations ‘Not for Profit’

##### Eligibility Indicators

- **Community Benefit:** There is evidence base that the proposed use is in strong demand and will provide a significant community benefit and service which is in high demand by the Nillumbik Shire community.
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- **Operational:** Tenancy by a State/Nation Wide organisation that is registered 'Not for Profit', however, may operate with more than one branch or service (unit) and have the option of treating their units as if they were separate entities for 'Not for Profit' purposes, that are predominately run by paid employees. For example Country Fire Authority.
- **Compliance:** Not for profit organisation, registered legal entity, financially viable, complies with all relevant legislation governing its activities, holds all relevant certificates including certificate of currency of insurance (public liability or others as required), have a management committee or board with appropriate governance arrangements.

#### Category D – Commercial and Private Use

##### Eligibility Indicators

- **Community Benefit:** Desirable to provide community benefit.
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- **Funding:** Receives significant funding other than Council or is a profit based organisation.
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- **Compliance:** Registered legal entity, professional capacity and experience, financially viable, complies with all relevant legislation governing its activities, and holds all relevant certificates including certificate of currency of insurance (public liability or others as required). This excludes residential which are managed by the Real Estate Agent and generally require:
  - The Financial capacity to pay ongoing rent
  - Undertaken a 100 point check for identification
  - A proven rental history and are reference checked.


Response No:  
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Submission 1

Q1	Do you have any feedback on the draft Leasing and Licensing Policy?
Long Text	Draft policy looks good and thanks for opportunity to review
Q2	Do you belong to a group or organisation that lease or licence land or land & building from Nillumbik Shire Council?
Select Box	Yes
Q3	Your group or organisation?
Short Text	
Q4	First Name
Short Text	
Q5	Last Name
Short Text	
Q6	Email
Email	
Q7	What is your connection to Nillumbik?
Multi Choice	Work
Q8	How did you hear about this consultation?
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**Natalie Campion**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 April 2024 1:44 PM  
**To:** Property  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Nillumbik Shire Council - Draft Leasing and Licensing Policy

Dear Sirs

I was distracted by our heavy involvement in Anzac Day ceremonies and missed your deadline for feedback on the Draft Leasing Policy. Notwithstanding, I hope this feedback is accepted.

Whilst we accept the overall thrust and objectives of the Draft Policy, the Committee of the Nillumbik Historical Society is particularly concerned with the requirements for Insurance of the Society's Building and Assets.

Of course, we hold the Public Liability and Association insurances required of the Draft Policy through the Royal Historical Society of Victoria schemes. We have found in the past however, that policies that can provide adequate cover for our tangible assets are not available to us due to the very high premiums. The limitation of co-insurance contained in common insurance policies means that full insurance of key building and non fixed tangible assets is beyond the financial means of our Society's members.

Few of our historical records and artefacts have any commercial value taht may be insured for damage or theft. The historic items in our custody located in our building or the Council's are the property of the community and not Society's. Hence, provision should be made to agree on which items are insurable, what hazards are they to be insured against (e.g, damage, theft of total loss) and who is responsible for insurance costs (community or Society).

With respect to our own buildings and non fixed tangible assets we believe that it is our prerogative to take any approach that does not impinge on Council's liabilities. In the past we have mostly self insured for damage and theft.

Should our alternative approach not be acceptable to Council the financial and liability implications of the Draft Policy could lead to cessation of our custodianship of Ellis Cottage, abandonment, sale or relocation of our building, serious curtailment of our community service, or all of the foregoing.

We expect our situation is not unique and application of the insurance policy alone could make many community groups unviable. We suggest that it be reviewed having regard for the above.

yours respectfully

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From: **Property** <[Property@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:Property@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)>  
Date: Thu, 4 Apr 2024 at 11:10 am

## Governance and Property Leasing and Licensing Policy 2024

Purpose	<p>This Policy aims to establish a consistent, transparent, equitable and fair process for the administration of leases and licenses for properties owned and managed by the Council.</p> <p>The overall goal is to responsibly maximise the use of community assets in alignment with the Council's vision, policies, and Council Plan.</p>
Scope	<p>This Policy is applicable to all Council owned land and buildings and where Council acts as Committee of Management for Crown land.</p> <p>It does not apply to premises that are managed on behalf of Council under contract management arrangements; seasonal sports arrangements; event permits; council managed or operated buildings such as community hall network, living and learning centres and maternal child health centres; and facilities under service agreements such as libraries.</p>
Version Number	Version Number: 2.0

Policy Owner	Governance and Property Department
Authorised by	
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Date of next review*	

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### Acknowledgement of Country

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri people's history as essential to the unique character of the Shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations People in both Nillumbik and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.




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### Inclusion statement

Nillumbik Shire Council is committed to creating a fair, equitable and inclusive community where human rights are respected, participation is facilitated, barriers are addressed and diversity is celebrated. We support the rights of all people regardless of age, gender, ability or background. We value the diverse and changing nature of our community and understand that some groups and individuals experience more barriers than others.

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Council can be contacted through the National Relay Service (NRS). The NRS is available as a phone solution for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment.

All calls are confidential. Users must be registered via [www.relayservice.gov.au](http://www.relayservice.gov.au) to make and receive calls:

- TTY users phone 133 677, then ask for Council on 9433 3111.
- Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech) users phone 1300 555 727, then ask for Council on 9433 3111.
- A Hearing loop is located at the Customer Service Counter, Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
- Communication boards are available at the Civic Drive Customer Service Counter, Civic Centre, Civic Drive Greensborough.
- Interpreting services are available.

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Please contact Council's Property Team on 9433 3111 if you need to discuss any leasing and licensing matter or require assistance understanding this policy.

## 1. Policy Statement

Nillumbik Shire Council recognises its role as the custodian of land and buildings on behalf of the Nillumbik Shire community.

The Council's property portfolio encompasses a diverse range of lease and license agreements,

Nillumbik's property portfolio has a wide variety of lease and licence agreements, reflecting our commitment to fostering community well-being, cultural enrichment, and sustainable development.

These agreements relate mostly to land with buildings or vacant land owned by Council, as well as Crown land where Council is the delegated Committee of Management appointed by the State Government.

This Policy reflects our commitment to responsible and community-driven property management, ensuring that our assets are utilised for the benefit of all residents of Nillumbik Shire.

## 2. Objectives

This Policy aims to establish a consistent, transparent, equitable and fair process for the administration of leases and licenses for properties owned and managed by the Council.

It outlines clear objectives for developing agreements, specifying the roles and responsibilities of both the Council and tenants.

The overall goal is to responsibly maximise the use of community assets in alignment with the Council's vision, policies, and Council Plan.

## 3. Guiding Principles

The guiding principles of this Policy encompass:

Community benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing efficient use of Council facilities that supports a diverse range of community groups to provide benefit for the Nillumbik community.</li></ul>
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Return to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise the commercial return to Council of its commercial and residential properties and provide a fair and reasonable rate for community groups and not for profit entities.</li> </ul>
Good governance and accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivering an equitable, transparent process for leasing and licensing of Council properties to a diverse range of organisations, businesses, agencies and community groups that is consistent with the Council Plan and other Council policies and strategies.</li> </ul>
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting sustainable practices and encouraging lessees to take an active role in environmental initiatives.</li> </ul>

## 4. Definitions

In this Policy, the following definitions apply:

Reference term	Definition
<b>Property officer</b>	the Council Officer who is responsible for negotiating the terms and conditions of the lease or licence with the community group. They are also responsible for the management of the tenant for the duration of the lease or licence.
<b>DEECA</b>	the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.
<b>Fittings</b>	also known as chattels, are items that are freestanding and retain their independence from the building or land and are capable of being removed. Examples include refrigerators, microwaves, furniture etc.
<b>Fixtures</b>	are items that are attached to the building or land and cannot easily be removed from the Premises. Examples include central heating systems, air conditioning units affixed to the wall, kitchen units, stoves, dishwashers, solar panels and water tanks.
<b>Incorporated Association</b>	a club or community group, operating not-for-profit, whose members have decided to give their organisation a formal legal structure.
<b>LGA</b>	the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>
<b>Licensee</b>	the occupier of a facility under a licence agreement.
<b>Not for Profit (NFP)</b>	an organisation that does not operate for the profit, personal gain or other benefit of particular people. They can vary in size, from small groups who may rely on volunteers and the receipt of grants, donations or fundraising, to larger

	organisations who are well funded by membership fees and programs as the principal source of income and may supplement this income with trading activities. Large and successful NFPs comprise of paid employees and other staff including managers and executives.
<b>Outgoings</b>	Council rates, taxes, building and public liability insurance, utility supply and usage charges, and other levies (eg Fire Levy) assessed against the property.
<b>Premises or Property</b>	the land or land and building leased or licensed to the tenant.
<b>RLA</b>	the <i>Retail Leases Act 2003</i> .
<b>Services</b>	all services in connection with the property, including electricity, gas, water and telephone charges.
<b>TCA</b>	the <i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i> .
<b>Tenant</b>	is an authorised person or incorporated body that has entered into a lease or licence with Council for the use of a Council owned or Council managed property.
<b>Lessee</b>	the authorised person or incorporated body that has entered into a Lease with Council for the use of Council property.

## 5. Types of Tenure

In determining the appropriate occupancy agreement for Council owned and managed assets, including Crown land where the Council is the designated Committee of Management and any other assets the Council has control over requiring occupancy or usage arrangement, the choice of tenure for the circumstances will be at Council's sole discretion.

Nillumbik Shire Council has two main forms of tenure which are used to grant the use of Council land holdings. They are as follows:

### 5.1 Licence agreement

A licence agreement gives the tenant permission to enter and use a property for a specific purpose over an allocated time, but it does not grant exclusive occupancy.

A licence agreement does not create an interest in the land and cannot be assigned or transferred to a third party.

A licence may be granted for either vacant land or land and buildings.

## 5.2 Lease agreement

A lease is a contract which permits sole occupancy or “exclusive use” of an Asset that Council owns or controls for a specific purpose and time period (Term), usually in return for rent. A property may be leased under the provisions of:

- Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*
- Section 17D of the *Crown Land (Reserve) Act 1978*, if the property is Crown land of which the Council is Committee of Management
- *The Residential Tenancies Act 1997*
- *The Retail Leases Act 2003*

## 6. Policy and Legislation

All agreements will have regard to, and consideration of, other Council adopted Policies and Statutory requirements, applicable acts and Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Any agreement will be negotiated with the tenant and all rights and responsibilities will be included in that agreement.

A comprehensive list of Council Policies and relevant Legislation has been included at the end of this Policy for reference.

## 7. Categories and fee structure

Tenants have been grouped into categories which determine the fee structure and obligations which will apply to the tenant when entering into an agreement.

Rent or licence fees charge for the premises will be set at the discretion of the Council in line with one of the categorised rental categories:

- Category A - Community Service Providers
- Category B - Community Partnerships
- Category C - Other Organisations 'Not for Profit'
- Category D - Commercial and Private Use

The eligibility for a tenancy agreement with Council is determined by an assessment against eligibility requirements, tenant structure, the broader community benefit, alignment with the Council Plan, and the organisation's capacity to occupy a leased facility. Once eligibility is established the assessment criteria is used to determine tenant categories.

Refer to **Schedule A** - Tenant categories

## **8. Tenant selection, negotiations and over-holdings**

The assessment and selection of suitable tenants underpins Council's long term Strategic Plan associated Policies and Strategies, Stakeholder expectations and DEECA guidelines, for the provision of services and other benefits for the Nillumbik community.

The Council promotes inclusion and diverse representation within Council facilities. Use of a Council facility or asset by tenants must align with Council's Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

If tenants are not managing or utilising the Council asset or facility in line with Council's Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy, this will be treated as a breach of the agreement. Council will give notice to the tenant to remedy the breach.

The current condition of the building and Council's future requirements will be taken into consideration before selecting a tenant to operate from a Council facility.

The Council recognises some tenants have historical affiliations with assets they currently have agreements for however do not guarantee that current or historical tenants will be offered new agreements.

Groups or organisations wishing to occupy Council facilities will be assessed against the eligibility criteria contained in Council's Leasing and Licensing Procedure.

Selection of a tenant may be required if a Council building or part of a building becomes vacant, or there is a requirement to assess an existing tenant whose lease or licence has expired before offering a renewal of the agreement.

Where the property is Crown land and only managed by Council, Council will be required to follow the guidelines as set down by DEECA. This may require Council to advertise the lease or licence or undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) process and tenant selection will then be in line with those guidelines.

### **8.1 Over-holding**

All lease and licence agreements are to remain in a current status. Under certain circumstances, agreements may be allowed to enter into over-holding. The over-holding period will be at Council's discretion depending on the specific circumstances.

Capital works will not occur or be approved to occur at a Property which has an agreement in over-holding or an existing tenant with no agreement in place. Capital

works associated with safety or compliance are exempt and in circumstances where short term funding for works is available, capital works may proceed provided the leasing process has commenced and there is a low risk to Council.

## 8.2 Expression of Interest (EOI) to use Council property

In the event that a significant Council asset becomes available for use, either on a shared or exclusive basis, then Council will consider the *Local Government Best Practice Guideline for the Sale and Exchange of Land* dated June 2009 which can extend to cover leasing. This guideline outlines a public process be conducted unless Council can justify a public treaty negotiation.

As part of the ongoing management of Council's assets, all general leasing and licensing enquiries can be submitted via the Nillumbik Shire Council's website - Enquire about leasing or licensing Council land or via email to [nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au).

## 8.3 Council as tenant

Council may require the use of a building and/or land which is owned by another organisation, should the type of facility required be unavailable in the current asset pool, or vacant buildings or land are not deemed suitable for the intended purpose.

# 9. Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions of all Council tenure will be assessed on the nature of the agreement. Additional provisions will be included when necessary to meet specific requirements of Council or the other party involved.

Council has a suite of standard documents used for occupancy agreements under this Policy.

The standard terms and conditions are set and agreements can be tailored for individual groups through the use of specific Special Conditions.

# 10. Insurance

As a minimum, all tenants are required to hold the following insurance:

- ~~At least \$20,000,000 public liability insurance;~~ Public liability insurance for a value determined by Council;
- Contents insurance for the tenant's own property; and

- Building insurance, where the tenant has constructed the building or other infrastructure on Council land, **unless agreed otherwise with Council.**

Tenants must provide Council with a Certificate of Currency on or before the commencement date of the agreement and annually thereafter if requested.

## 11. Reporting and Inspections

All tenants must provide to Council as requested annually a certificate of currency for their public liability insurance policy.

Community groups may be required to provide various reports as a condition of their agreement on a regular basis or upon request by Council, which may include (but is not limited to) the following information:

- proof of the tenant's current registration with Consumer Affairs Victoria as an Incorporated Association in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic);
- a copy of the tenant's current licence or permit under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* (Vic) (if held);
- a copy of the tenant's Annual Financial Statement or a copy of the Lessee's Annual Statement lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria;
- a list of its current committee members, including names and contact details for after hours and emergency situations;
- the number of current registered members of the tenant (if applicable); and
- the tenant's current child safe policies.

### 11.1 Entry by Council

The authorised Council Officer or contractor may enter the facility at any reasonable time after giving the tenant reasonable notification where practical to inspect the condition of the building, undertake repairs, maintenance, works or alterations in the building which Council decides to undertake or is required to carry out by any law or authority or in accordance with the use agreement.

Council will use all reasonable endeavours to cause as little disruption as possible to the tenant's use of the facility in exercising this right. However notice will not be provided for cyclic and routine maintenance and inspections undertaken by Council's contractors that involve multiple buildings in the following situations:

- The carrying out of routine essential safety measures and building condition audits; and

- Inspections for the purpose of valuation

Contractors will be required to provide suitable identification before entering the facility.

## 12. Maintenance and repair obligations and costs

A maintenance schedule is included in the standard community lease and licence to ensure a consistent approach to maintaining Council's facilities, which specifies the level of maintenance responsibility for the tenant and Council. Some of the items of responsibility include structural repairs, essential safety measures, maintenance and repairs of fittings and fixtures, cleaning of the interior and exterior and damage to the building.

The level of maintenance required of the tenant is determined by the tenants ability to maintain the premises, the category of the tenant, and if the tenant has constructed all or part of the premises.

Any assets, fixtures or fittings purchased and installed by the tenant, after seeking Council's prior written consent, is to be repaired and maintained by the tenant at their cost and will become Council's property at the end of the agreement, unless agreed otherwise.

Any planning permit required will be the responsibility of the tenant including the cost of obtaining the permit. The tenant must also obtain Council's consent to use its own contractors to install any assets, fixtures or fittings. Council's preference is to use its own contractors and recover this cost from the tenant.

Should Council undertake the repair and maintenance of the asset, fixture or fitting on behalf of the tenant, then Council will seek reimbursement of this cost from the tenant.

The tenant is liable for the cost of repair or replacement of any item that is damaged as a result of misuse or vandalism by the tenant or the tenant's guests, invitees and contractors.

## 13. Financial hardship

In the case of demonstrable financial hardship by the tenant, Council may at its discretion waive the requirement of the tenant to pay the Rent and/or other charges required under the lease or licence for a period of the Term, to be determined by Council.

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## 17. Residential leases

Council has a small number of residential properties that are leased under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*.

These residences are managed by a commercial property agent and are leased at a market rental.

These residential properties each form part of a larger parcel of land which is reserved as Public Park and Recreation (PPRZ).

Council benefits from the leasing of this land as the lessee maintains the property.

## 18. Related legislation, regulations, policies, procedures and/or guidelines

A number of laws, regulations, policies and plans apply to Council's implementation and management of leases and licences. The following are of relevance:

- *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)*
- *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023 (Vic)*
- Child Safe Standards
- *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic)*
- Committee of Management Guidelines dated December 2021
- *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*
- *Crown Land Leasing Guidelines 2012*
- *Leasing policy for Victorian Crown land 2023*
- *Local Government Act 2020*
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2004*
- *Land Act 1958*
- *Leasing Policy for Victorian Crown Land 2023*
- Local Government Best Practice Guideline for the Sale and Exchange of Land dated June 2009
- *Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)*
- *Property Law Act 1958*
- *Retail Leases Act 2003*
- *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*

### Nillumbik's relevant Plans and Strategies

- *Access Equity and Inclusion Policy*
- *Climate Action Plan 2022-2032*
- *Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040*
- *Community Engagement Policy*
- *Nillumbik Council Plan & Budget*
- *Nillumbik Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021-25*
- *Nillumbik Shire Council's Local Laws*
- *Nillumbik Shire Council - Leasing and Licensing Procedure 2024*

## 19. Review

This Policy must be reviewed within 5 years of the authorised date or as legislation requires or as determined by Council.

This Policy has been reviewed for Human Rights Charter compliance.

## Schedule A - Tenant categories

### Category A – Community Service Providers

#### Eligibility Indicators

- **Community Benefit:** Provides the maximum level of community benefit by providing children services, services to disadvantaged groups within the Nillumbik community, management of a Council hall or Historical Society.  
These utilise Council owned or managed facilities and include Childcare - Long Day and Occasional Care, Preschools, Halls managed by Committees, Historical Societies, Foodshare, and Adaptive Bike Storage Facility in Diamond Creek to organisations and residents.
- **Use:** Aligns with a Council service and the Council Plan. Proposed use will increase social inclusion, equity and promote health and wellbeing of Nillumbik Shire Council residents.
- **Funding:** Receives limited funding aside from that provided for the ongoing operation of the service.
- **Fit for Purpose:** The proposed use of the Property is appropriate taking into account building and planning requirements.
- **Revenue:** Is low to medium and there are no permanent retail activities.
- **Utilisation:** Community access and utilisation of the Property will be maximised either by direct use of the Property or through shared use or hire arrangements.
- **Operational:** Not for profit organisation, or community group or club run by volunteers or paid workers.
- **Compliance:** Not for profit organisation, registered legal entity (incorporated, legitimate body or under the auspice of an incorporated body), financially viable, complies with all relevant legislation governing its activities, holds all relevant certificates including certificate of currency of insurance (public liability or others as required), and governance capability.

Management of a Preschool or Child Care Cooperative must be compliant with the requirements of the *Educational and Care Services National Law Act 2010* (Vic) and

*Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2011 and Council's relevant Service Level Agreement.*

### Category B – Community Partnerships

#### Eligibility Indicators

- **Community Benefit:** Provides significant community benefit of which is in demand by the local community in the form of recreational, learning services for adults, sporting or club based activities. Promotes and supports volunteerism. The type of community benefit provided could not be delivered unless supported by Council.
- **Use:** Aligns with a Council service and the Council Plan. Proposed use will increase social inclusion, equity and promote health and wellbeing for the Nillumbik Shire Council community.
- **Funding:** Receives limited funding other than Council.
- **Fit for Purpose:** The proposed use of the Property is appropriate taking into account the land, building and planning requirements.
- **Revenue:** Limited capacity to generate revenue from use of the Property (i.e. memberships or hiring) or activities consistent with the organisational purpose. The tenant must not use the Premises wholly or predominantly for the sale or hire of goods by retail or the retail provision of services within the meaning of the *Retail Leases Act 2003* (Vic).
- **Utilisation:** Community access and utilisation of the Property will be maximised either by direct use of the Property or through shared use or hire arrangements.
- **Operational:** Not for profit organisation or community group or club run by volunteers or paid workers.
- **Compliance:** Not for profit organisation, registered legal entity (incorporated, legitimate body or under the auspice of an incorporated body), financially viable, complies with all relevant legislation governing its activities, holds all relevant certificates including certificate of currency of insurance (public liability or others as required), and governance capability.

### Category C – Other Organisations 'Not for Profit'

#### Eligibility Indicators

- **Community Benefit:** There is evidence base that the proposed use is in strong demand and will provide a significant community benefit and service which is in high demand by the Nillumbik Shire community.
- **Use:** Aligns with a Council service and the Council Plan. Proposed use will increase social inclusion, equity and promote health and wellbeing for the Nillumbik Shire Council community.
- **Funding:** Receives significant funding other than Council.

- **Fit for Purpose:** The proposed use of the Property is appropriate taking into account the land, building and planning requirements.
- **Revenue:** Has increased capacity to generate revenue from use of the Property (i.e. memberships or hiring) or activities consistent with the organisational purpose. The tenant must not use the Premises wholly or predominantly for the sale or hire of goods by retail or the retail provision of services within the meaning of the *Retail Leases Act 2003* (Vic).
- **Utilisation:** Community access and utilisation of the Property will be maximised either by direct use of the Property or through shared use or hire arrangements.
- **Operational:** Tenancy by a State/Nation Wide organisation that is registered 'Not for Profit', however, may operate with more than one branch or service (unit) and have the option of treating their units as if they were separate entities for 'Not for Profit' purposes, that are predominately run by paid employees. For example Country Fire Authority.
- **Compliance:** Not for profit organisation, registered legal entity, financially viable, complies with all relevant legislation governing its activities, holds all relevant certificates including certificate of currency of insurance (public liability or others as required), have a management committee or board with appropriate governance arrangements.

#### Category D – Commercial and Private Use

##### Eligibility Indicators

- **Community Benefit:** Desirable to provide community benefit.
- **Use:** Aligns with and not detrimental to Council Plan strategic objectives.
- **Funding:** Receives significant funding other than Council or is a profit based organisation.
- **Fit for Purpose:** The proposed use of the Property is appropriate taking into account the land, building and planning requirements.
- **Revenue:** has increased capacity to generate revenue from use of the Property or activities consistent with the organisational purpose.
- **Utilisation:** Community access and utilisation of the Property will be maximised either by direct use of the Property or through shared use or hire arrangements.
- **Operational:** Run by paid workers or for private use. Includes retail leases, residential, commercial, telecommunication facilities (utilities) and vacant land leased to private individuals.
- **Compliance:** Registered legal entity, professional capacity and experience, financially viable, complies with all relevant legislation governing its activities, and holds all relevant certificates including certificate of currency of insurance (public liability or

others as required). This excludes residential which are managed by the Real Estate Agent and generally require:

- The Financial capacity to pay ongoing rent
- Undertaken a 100 point check for identification
- A proven rental history and are reference checked.