

# Employing a qualified arborist

## FACT SHEET

### Before you employ a 'tree lopper', ask yourself these six important questions:

1. Have I applied for written Council approval for these tree works?
2. Have I got two or three written quotations on the tree company's letterhead with their ABN number?
3. Have I asked the tree company for a copy of their Public Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurances required to perform this type of work?
4. Have I asked the arborist about their qualifications?
5. Does the arborist follow WorkCover's Code of Practice 2007 Standards for tree work?
6. Does the arborist perform pruning works to the Australia Standard 4373 – 2007 'Pruning of Amenity Trees'?

### Minimum qualifications

Council requires all tree removal or pruning works to be performed by a qualified arborist possessing a minimum AQF Level 3 Certificate in Arboriculture.

### On-the-spot fines or court action

If you employ a person or company to perform illegal tree works, or the person or company you employ is not appropriately qualified, **you** will be held responsible for those works and may be fined up to \$6,000 or taken to court.

### Contact Council first

Before starting any tree work, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees](http://camden.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees) to determine which works require written approval and which works are exempt under Council's Tree Management Controls.

For more information, contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 4654 7777.

You can find a qualified arborist at:

- Arboriculture Australia – on [arboriculture.org.au](http://arboriculture.org.au) or 1300 664 374;
- Tree Contractors Association – on [tcaa.com.au](http://tcaa.com.au) or 1300 660 379.

### Information on trees in the Camden area

For information on tree management, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees](http://camden.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees)



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