

# Urban Forest (Prohibited Activities) Authorisation 2023 (No 1)

## Disallowable Instrument DI2023–333

made under the

**Urban Forest Act 2023, section 19 (Authorisation to carry out prohibited activities)**

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### 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Urban Forest (Prohibited Activities) Authorisation 2023 (No 1)*.

### 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 January 2024.

### 3 Authorisation—Urban Forest Management

I authorise the Urban Treescapes administrative unit within the ACT Government Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate to carry out the following activities for the purposes of urban forest management:

- (a) damage a protected tree including tree pruning and tree removal;
- (b) prohibited groundwork in the protection zone for a protected tree or in a declared site including excavation for the purposes of improving tree growing conditions.

This authorisation extends to employees and contractors undertaking works on behalf of the Urban Treescapes administrative unit.

### 4 Authorisation—Fire Management

I authorise the ACT Parks and Conservation Service administrative unit within the ACT Government Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to carry out the following activities for the purpose of vegetation management in line with the Bushfire Operation Plan (BOP), excluding activities on remnant, registered or hollow bearing trees:

- (a) damage to a protected tree including tree pruning and tree removal;
- (b) prohibited groundwork in the tree protection zone or in a declared site for the purposes of carrying out prescribed burns.

This authorisation extends to employees and contractors undertaking works on behalf of the ACT Parks and Conservation Service administrative unit.

## **5 Authorisation—Light Rail Management**

I authorise the Light Rail Operations administrative unit within the ACT Government Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate to carry out the following activities for the purposes of managing the light rail alignment:

- (a) damage to a public or regulated tree within the Light Rail alignment, including the Operating Phase areas for Stage 1, including tree pruning and maintenance;
- (b) damage to a public or regulated tree within the Light Rail alignment, including the Operating Phase areas for Stage 1, including removal of dead or irreparably damaged trees, provided all removed trees are replaced within 18 months of removal.

This authorisation extends to employees and contractors undertaking works on behalf of the Light Rail Operations administrative unit.

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