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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY

**Disallowable instrument DI2026–14 –
Urban Forest (Molonglo Town Centre) Declaration 2026 (No 1)**

**Presented by
Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City and Government Services
February 2026**

Urban Forest (Molonglo Town Centre) Declaration 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026–14

made under the

***Urban Forest Act 2023*, section 137 (Power to apply or disapply legislation to entities or activities)**

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Urban Forest (Molonglo Town Centre) Declaration 2026 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Declaration

I declare that the *Urban Forest Act 2023* does not apply to activities undertaken or authorised by the Suburban Land Agency for the purpose of subdivision on the land within the area marked designated land in Schedule 1.

4 Conditions

The declaration in section 3 applies if the Suburban Land Agency retains, across all the land mentioned in section 3:

- (a) all registered trees; and
- (b) a minimum of 25 hollow bearing trees;
- (c) a minimum of 93 regulated or remnant trees (in any combination); and
- (d) All Aboriginal cultural trees and wedge-tailed eagle habitat trees as identified in schedule 1.

However, SLA will not be required to retain a tree listed in paragraphs (a) to (d) if approval to remove the tree is granted in accordance with the *Urban Forest Act 2024*.

5 Definitions

In this instrument:

Aboriginal Cultural Tree, has the same meaning as an Aboriginal Cultural Tree in the Dictionary of the *Urban Forest Act 2023* and is identified as an aboriginal cultural tree to be retained on the Protected Tree Plan at Schedule 1

Designated Land means the land identified within the boundaries in the [Protected Tree Plan](#) at Schedule 1.

Hollow-Bearing Tree means a tree that supports a cavity in the trunk or branch of a tree that is suitable for wildlife use.

Protected Tree, means any of the trees referred to in section 4.

Regulated Tree, means a tree regulated under section 11 of the *Urban Forest Act 2023*.

Registered Tree, means a tree registered under section 10 of the *Urban Forest Act 2023* and is identified as an aboriginal cultural tree to be retained on the Protected Tree Plan at Schedule 1

Remnant Tree, means a tree that meets the definition under section 12 of the *Urban Forest Act 2023*.

Suburban Land Agency, means the agency established under section 37 (1) of the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017*.

Territory Plan, means the Territory Plan that is established under section 45 of the *Planning Act 2023*.

Wedge-tailed Eagle Habitat Tree, means the wedge-tailed eagle habitat tree identified to be retained on the Protected Tree Plan.



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20 February 2026

Schedule 1 - Protected Tree Plan

