

Deputation List

Agenda Briefing Forum – 20 May 2025

Deputations will be heard at the Agenda Briefing Forum at **7pm, Tuesday 20 May 2025**.

The items will then be considered by Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting, scheduled for **7pm, Tuesday 27 May 2025**.

The procedure for making a deputation is available on the City's website:

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Deputations may be made in person or in writing.

In-person deputations

The following people have registered to make in-person deputations:

Deputee Name(s)	In Support / Not in support of the Officer's Recommendation or Councillor Motion
10.3.3 Tree Canopy Coverage Review	
Wendy Garstone	Not in support
Georgina Ker	In support
John Williams	Neither in support nor opposed to the recommendation
10.5.1.8 Planning Policy Review: Tree Retention and Provision of Trees	
Wendy Garstone	In support
Georgina Ker	In support
11.2 Cr Nat Latter - Dual Naming of Bardon Park with Malgamongup	
David Dyke	In support

Written deputations

No deputations in writing have been received for this evening's meeting.

10.3.3 - Tree Canopy Coverage Review

Wendy Garstone

Deputation Notes:

Firstly I commend the work done by the Council and its officers for obtaining tree canopy coverage data, thanks to the officers who comprehensively analysed this data, and who have summarised and reported on it. Not all councils and communities have this level of knowledge on tree canopy.

On the first glance at the proposed revised target it seems reasonable: a commonsense approach. So much has been achieved in the last ten years, what more can we do? But remember the steps that have NOT been taken in the last ten years - there IS much more that could be done IF there is the will. This Council, as does all, has a mandate to consider climate change in all its decisions.

Extending the target abandons the harsh truth that Perth is experiencing hotter and longer summers. The Doctors for the Environment state over and over that a healthy canopy coverage is 30%. 30% by 2040 has been accepted by the State Government. Surely THIS is the target that should be adopted by the City of Bayswater!

I believe that having a target that is seemingly out of reach has made much difference to tree canopy work in the City of Bayswater. Surely this has kept the focus on the need to consider new approaches? Extending the target risks everyone adopting business as usual. Considering that the state has set a target of 30% by 2040, how does Council expect to move from 20% by 2035 to 30% by 2040? There have been several major changes to tree canopy work for this State this year. The State Government announced in February its target. It has also said that the release of its Greening Strategy (in progress for the last 18 months) will be sometime this year. It's reasonable to expect that the promised Greening Strategy will provide guidance to all on HOW 30% by 2040 can be achieved.

The timing of Council revising its target before the State Greening Strategy has been released is poor and inconsistent with the State Government's target of 30% by 2040. I ask that Councillors vote to delay revision of the target until the State Government has released its Greening Strategy. Please allow officers and the community to consider which elements of the Greening Strategy can be applied to its processes and policies and consider how the 30% by 2040 target can be reached. Let's all keep striving on this important- health issue.

10.5.1.8 - Planning Policy Review: Tree Retention and Provision of Trees

Wendy Garstone

Deputation Notes:

Implementing a process that seeks to protect trees on private property is an essential; and important step forward for the City of Bayswater. I support the work that officers have done in refining the process and the clear communication outlined in the draft policy, and look forward to making detailed comment at the community engagement stage.