

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**C1148**

**Tuesday, 12 September 2023**

**Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Heritage**

I refer the Minister to the City of Bunbury's proposed Tree Streets local heritage area, and I ask:

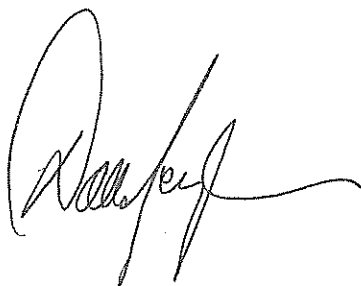
- (1) How many local heritage areas in WA include 200 or more homes and where are they?
- (2) Can the Minister table the feedback or advice the Department provided to the City of Bunbury relating to the proposed Tree Streets local heritage area and, if not, why not?
- (3) Can the Minister table the local heritage assessment relating to the proposed Tree Streets local heritage area from 2004 and, if not, why not?

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**Answer**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Data on local heritage areas is maintained by local governments.
- (2) Yes [see tabled paper no.]
- (3) No. The 2004 investigation into the cultural heritage significance of the Tree Street Area was commissioned by the City of Bunbury.



On 29 August 2023, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage provided the following advice to assist the City of Bunbury in the development of the proposed Local Planning Policy 4.3: Tree Streets Heritage Area:

1. The City is to be commended on a thorough, well-considered draft policy for the Tree Streets Heritage Area.
2. The City should consider expanding the preamble to provide clarification on exempted maintenance activities.
3. The term 'existing buildings' is used throughout the document and does not differentiate between contributory and non-contributory places. The City should consider how the document can be structured to create a clearer distinction between the two.
4. The requirement for pitched roof forms for alterations and additions may unduly limit sympathetic development and result in unintended distortion to original roof forms. Consideration should be given to expanding the requirement for roof pitch, particularly for alterations and additions to contributory places.
5. The City should consider a requirement for visual and physical separation between the original dwelling (for contributory places) and any additions, particularly for corner lots, to maintain the original roof form.
6. The City should consider clarifying clause 9.13 Landscaping and Boundary fencing, as the clause allows for new buildings to install 'traditional' fences that imitate the detailing of original fabric. Boundary fencing should be identifiably new, unless based on documentary evidence where restoration of original fencing is proposed.
7. Further guidance could be provided in the document as to what is sympathetic development, as per the Burra Charter principles, including new work being 'readily identifiable'. The following design approaches could be noted:
  - a. subtle architectural style using simple forms and limited material palette;
  - b. sympathetic architectural approach that enhances the existing character of the place; and
  - c. design principles that derive from the architectural language of the existing heritage fabric without imitation.