

Argument - **Motion Tree Poisoning 22 September 2009 Council**

Too often we see people poisoning trees to improve their view or access, or, because they don't like the mess they cause.

We cannot prosecute them unless we know exactly who they are and can prove it in a court of law.

This enables them not only to go unpunished, but often, because the situation has changed, that is, there is no longer a tree, and therefore no impediment, they can force Council to accept development we were previously opposing.

There is not anything we can do about trees on private land but we can on public land. We can replace trees, we can put up barriers until the trees have matured as other Councils have done.

In this motion I am asking Council to investigate what other Councils have done to deter the destruction of trees in our area so that we best determine what preventative strategies we can use to deter people from killing trees on Council land.