

DIRECTIONS and DECISION

Case number: NDR161-26
Applicant: Marica Jones
Respondent: Dan Croke
Kay McDonald Riedel
Before: Member D Brown
Date: 30 SEPTEMBER 2026
Proceeding type: Directions Hearing
Initiating document: Application for a tree dispute filed on 28 July 2026

THE TRIBUNAL NOTES THAT:

1. Brisbane City Council have received a copy of the application for a tree dispute and have no interest and do not seek to be involved in the proceedings.

THE TRIBUNAL DIRECTS THAT:

1. Kay McDonald Riedel Is added as a respondent.

THE TRIBUNAL ORDERS BY CONSENT THAT:

1. Within 3 months of the order (being by no later than **30 December 2026**), Dan Croke is to remove all Bamboo planted along the dividing fence line with Marica Jones' property.
2. Within 6 months of the order (being by no later than **30 March 2027**) Dan Croke is to arrange a qualified arborist (or other suitably qualified tree professional) to perform selective pruning of overhanging branches of the Fig Tree, in line with the recommendation of the arborist report from Henk Morgans at Evergreen Tree Care. Works should focus on targeted reduction of secondary and tertiary limbs rather than large structural members, ensuring all cuts align with the principles of AS 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees. Large structural limbs should not be excessively reduced or removed, to avoid compromising the tree's mechanical stability and alter load distribution across the triple-stem union.
3. Dan Croke must engage a qualified arborist (or other suitably qualified tree professional) to perform a Class 2 maintenance pruning program, in line with the recommendation of the arborist report from Henk Morgans at Evergreen Tree Care, at intervals not exceeding 2 ½ years to manage ongoing regrowth, maintain clearance from Ms Jones' property, and reduce nuisance from debris.
4. Should it be necessary to safely perform the tree works, Marica Jones, must allow Dan Croke's elected arborist/tree professional to access their land to undertake the work outlined in Orders 2 and 3, provided she is provided at least 72 hours' notice.
5. The order remains remain in force and effect for a period of 10 years from the date hereof.

Signed



Member D Brown
Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal