



Item 7.1 Petition - Requesting removal of Norfolk Island Hibiscus Trees on Park Street, South Melbourne

A Petition containing 46 signatures was received from local residents.

The Petition states the following: -

We the residents of Park Street, South Melbourne, strongly urge the Council to remove the Norfolk Island Hibiscus trees due to the ongoing discomfort and year round aggravation they cause.

The biggest issue is the amount of very fine and painful prickles they produce that are extremely difficult to see and remove. These prickles make it particularly hard for children to play in their neighbourhood, but also causes issues with pets requiring veterinary assistance for removal.

Leaves are dropped all year round and the flowers continuously drop fine sticky sap as well as becoming extremely slippery on the footpaths when they are dropped.

The following petitioners hereby request the removal of all Norfolk Hibiscus trees from Park Street, South Melbourne between Ferrars and Montague Streets. We would like them to be replaced with something deciduous such as the pear trees that are on the adjacent Draper Street or nearby Morton Street.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition; and
2. Notes Officers will provide a response to the 15 September Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS Nil