



Memo to: Mayor Watton and all Councillors

Copy to: General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Paul McLachlan, Director Works and Infrastructure

Subject: TAFE Park - Removal of Tree

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Dear Mayor Watton and all Councillors

The purpose of this memo is to advise Councillors that a large Red Gum Tree is being removed from TAFE Park, Cessnock.

Following the completion of a Hazard Evaluation Assessment, the large Red Gum, located on the North Avenue side of the park, is in decline and posing a safety threat to the public.

Works are scheduled for the tree removal on Wednesday, 18 February, weather permitting. There will be some pedestrian access restrictions along North Avenue during the scheduled works (8.00am – 3.30pm). There will be no traffic restrictions in place.

Open Spaces and Community Facilities will replant a new Queensland Box tree to replace the Red Gum being removed.

A picture of the tree to be removed is provided below:



Please note a copy of this memo will be uploaded to the Council website.