



# The Tree Guild of WA (Inc)

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To Whom it may Concern

We are writing on behalf of the Tree Guild of Western Australia, which is the peak Arboricultural industry organisation in W.A.

We as an organisation are very keen to see Arboriculture remain on the National Skills Needs list. There are a variety of reasons for this:-

- It is a growing industry and more trained staff are required.
- Trained staff are imperative to reduce worksite accidents and injuries and to make for a safer industry as a whole.
- Arboriculture is only one of 10 industries on the Federal Governments new AISS program.
- More of our clients from government (both local and state departments) as well as residential customers are requesting qualified personnel to undertake any works.
- There are many transient employees that with better incentives will be encouraged to be trained by their employers to make it is their career of choice.
- In W.A. we certainly have a skills shortage of competent qualified Arborists.

As the bulk of our industry is made up of small businesses with a turnover of less than \$1,000,000 annually, financial incentives for staff training are a must and would certainly adversely affect our industry if the incentives are reduce of removed.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Tree Guild of W.A. to discuss further.

Kind Regards

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