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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$160 for an individual and \$810 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Magistrates Court (Urban Forest Infringement Notices) Regulation 2023*.

3 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this regulation is part of this regulation.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this regulation defines certain terms used in this regulation, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere.

For example, the signpost definition ‘*authorised person*—see the *Urban Forest Act 2023*, dictionary.’ means that the term ‘authorised person’ is defined in that dictionary and the definition applies to this regulation.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire regulation unless the definition, or another provision of the regulation, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see *Legislation Act*, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

4 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

5 Purpose of regulation

The purpose of this regulation is to provide for infringement notices under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 for certain offences against the *Urban Forest Act 2023*.

Note The *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, pt 3.8 provides a system of infringement notices for offences under various territory laws. The infringement notice system is intended to provide an alternative to prosecution.

6 Administering authority

The administering authority for an infringement notice offence against the *Urban Forest Act 2023* is the director-general for that Act.

7 Infringement notice offences

The *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 applies to an offence against a provision of the *Urban Forest Act 2023* mentioned in schedule 1, column 2.

8 Infringement notice penalties

- (1) The penalty payable by an individual for an offence under the *Urban Forest Act 2023*, under an infringement notice for the offence, is the amount mentioned in schedule 1, column 4 for the offence.
- (2) The penalty payable by a corporation for an offence against the *Urban Forest Act 2023*, under an infringement notice for the offence, is 5 times the amount mentioned in schedule 1, column 4 for the offence.
- (3) The cost of serving a reminder notice for an infringement notice against the *Urban Forest Act 2023* is \$34.

9 Contents of infringement notices—identifying authorised person

An infringement notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the *Urban Forest Act 2023* must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) the authorised person's full name, or surname and initials; or
- (b) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the authorised person by the administering authority.

10 Contents of infringement notices—other information

- (1) An infringement notice served on a company by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the *Urban Forest Act 2023* must include the company’s ACN.

Note The requirement under this section is additional to the requirement under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, s 121 (1) (c).

- (2) In this section:

company means a company registered under the *Corporations Act*.

11 Contents of reminder notices—identifying authorised person

A reminder notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice under the *Urban Forest Act 2023* must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) the person’s full name, or surname and initials; or
- (b) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the person by the administering authority.

12 Authorised people for infringement notice offences

An authorised person may serve the following:

- (a) an infringement notice for an infringement notice offence against the *Urban Forest Act 2023*;
- (b) a reminder notice for an infringement notice offence against that Act.

Schedule 1 Urban Forest Act 2023 infringement notice offences and penalties

(see s 7 and s 8)

column 1 item	column 2 offence provision	column 3 offence penalty (penalty units)	column 4 infringement penalty (\$)
1	16 (5)—		
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if registered tree or remnant tree 	50	1 600
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if public tree or regulated tree 	50	1 200
2	17 (4)—		
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if registered tree or remnant tree 	50	1 600
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if public tree or regulated tree 	50	1 200
3	33 (1)	50	1 600
4	49 (1)	50	1 600
5	90 (1)	50	1 600
6	109 (2)	50	1 600
7	118 (5)	20	640
8	120 (1)	5	160

Dictionary

(see s 3)

Note 1 The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions relevant to this regulation. For example:

- corporation
- Corporations Act
- director-general (see s 163)
- individual.

Note 2 Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the [Magistrates Court Act 1930](#). For example, the following terms are defined in the Act, dict:

- administering authority
- infringement notice
- infringement notice offence
- reminder notice.

authorised person—see the [Urban Forest Act 2023](#), dictionary.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

Endnotes

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s 1, s 2 commenced 23 November 2023 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 1 January 2024 (s 2 and see the [Urban Forest Act 2023](#) A2023-14 s 2)

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

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