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## Trees, Planning & Development

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- **Trees have a wide range of benefits and value within our communities.** Trees improve physical health, mental health, air quality, climate resistance, place making and a sense of community to name a few. It is important to assess the value of the trees onsite early in the process. *CAVAT* and *i-Tree Eco* are two resources one can use to assess the monetary value of trees and the compensation you should receive if they're lost.
- **Be forensic in your approach.** Quantitative and qualitative data provides clear standards on tree outcomes. They can also be used as a strategic framework to negotiate with developers and contractors.
- **Adherence to good practice is vital.** There are many conservation policies that overlap with trees which can be used to ensure good practice. Policy is the best way to ensure developers comply.
- **The key design principles for the future are to focus on mature tree size, increased canopy cover and biodiversity in planting.** Not all species may adapt well to the changing climate and possible diseases. Diverse planting will create resilience for future conditions.
- **Enforcement is an area that needs improvement and better resourcing across the board.** The fines issued to developers who don't follow plans and guidance are minor in relation to the overall development and court proceedings are lengthy and expensive. If fines were based on land value rather than tree value the penalty fines could be increased.

### Speakers:

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