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BR 03/02/09 - URBAN TREES IN PARTICULAR LAMAN STREET

STRATEGIC THEME: ECONOMY AND CIVIC ASSETS
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PURPOSE

This briefing is in response to Council's notice of motion and resolution (9 September 2008) regarding Laman Street trees. Council resolved the following:

- "1. Council acknowledges that the avenue of Hills Fig trees with its canopy, in Laman Street, Cooks Hill, is much loved and has iconic status as a streetscape feature of inner Newcastle.*
- 2. Council replace the two removed Hill Fig trees with an appropriate species at the eastern end of Laman St, near Newcastle Region Art Gallery (one on each side of the street) as a matter of priority.*
- 3. Council receive a report on the planting options to replace trees lost in the Cultural Precinct area of Laman Street as a result of the June 2007 storm."*

Actioning Council's resolution as it stands is placed in the context of Council's Asset Management approach and background issues that may not have been available to the Council at the time.

The material presented will offer an alternative approach for Councils consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

The briefing be received.