



LANDSCAPE INFORMATION SHEET

Client name: _____ Contact No: _____

Project Address: _____

The following **Information Sheet** briefly describes why you need a landscape plan, what is normally involved and, combined with the **Landscape Checklist** (Downloadable on www.conzept.net.au) allows you to have some feedback with regards to plants & finishes.

WHY IS A LANDSCAPE PLAN REQUIRED?

The landscape plan is required for 3 main reasons:

- a) The landscape plan specifies the external finishes and planting treatments for your property, hence completing the project and helping to add **capital value to the property**.
- b) As a **Local Government requirement** part of the Development Application process includes the submission and assessment of a landscape plan. This plan must follow the landscape guidelines outlined in Councils relevant D.C.P. (Development Control Plan) and generally must be prepared by a landscape professional.
- c) As of July 2004, the State Government has brought in **a new regulatory system known as BASIX (Building Sustainability Index)** www.basix.nsw.gov.au This is a set of guidelines that has been put in place to ensure that all new development is planned in a sustainable fashion, with consideration to water and energy efficiency. This is measured by the BASIX assessment tool, in which points are awarded for environmentally friendly development practices including landscape treatments, such as the use of endemic planting.

WHO SHOULD I DEAL WITH?

For general garden design and concepts, qualified landscapers or landscape designers with a diploma from TAFE may be appropriate.

However, due to the complexities & the standards required for most Development Applications, most Council's now insist on a landscape professional or Landscape Architect. They will typically have a Degree in Landscape Architecture (**BLA**), and be a member of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (**AILA**). Some are Registered Landscape Architects (**RLA**). Please visit our web site for more information www.conzept.net.au

WHAT IS NORMALLY INCLUDED ON A LANDSCAPE PLAN?

Landscape plans will vary depending on Council, the site and type of development, but should typically contain the following information as a requirement for assessment;

- Survey information** (including contours, existing structures, fences, neighbouring dwelling, existing trees and rock outcrops, man – made structures etc)
- Tree survey** (including the heights, spreads, species, condition and proposed action i.e. retain & protect, transplant or remove) for all significant vegetation on & around site
- Landscape design** including proposed landscaping, retaining walls, driveways and path ways, screen planting, pools and features, lawn areas, fencing etc.
- Planting schedules** including the Botanic & Common name of proposed plant species, plant quantities and proposed pot sizes (Pot size usually determines plant cost)
- Landscape details** including planting bed preparation, tree planting, lawn preparation, garden edging, retaining wall treatment, fencing treatments, paving and pathways etc
- Other** including North Point, Landscape Architects details, drawn scale etc.