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Stopping Blue Gum tree

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It is best, dear Mr  
Ford, to trim a Blue  
Gum tree or any Eucalyptus tree, while it  
is quite young and has  
so only moderate, at a  
time, if symmetrical  
growth is to be produced. The tree will not  
materially suffer, by  
the removal of the leading  
branch, or terminal  
part, though such may  
be many years old,



but it will of course  
become of a more  
spreading habit, and  
its shape cannot  
any longer be kept  
under <sup>full</sup> control. If  
in topping trees of  
some size a rough  
saw is used, it is  
well to use a knife  
or axe afterwards, to  
obtain a clean cut;  
otherwise the part  
below may decay.

With best regards,  
J. W. von Mueller.