

RURAL ROAD AND RESERVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT – TREES ACROSS FENCES AND BOUNDARIES

Purpose

To provide guidelines for property owners that have been affected by a tree or branch falling into their property from Shire of Plantagenet (Shire) managed rural reserves.

Scope

Where trees and/or branches fall onto fences and/or into properties from rural road reserves, unconstructed road reserves or reserves vested in the Shire under a management order, fence reinstatement is the responsibility of the affected property owner.

Policy

1. The property owner is responsible for removing and disposing of the fallen tree over their fence line and within their property.
2. The tree debris remaining on the rural road reserve will be retained as roadside vegetation to provide habitat for wildlife, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Manager Infrastructure and Assets.
3. Repair of damage to crossovers or private assets, caused by trees falling from a road reserve, is the responsibility of the property owner.

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