

Trees near residential boundaries along the M7

Westlink M7 is responsible for the protection, management, and enhancement of the landscaped and bushland areas in the motorway corridor. This includes areas adjacent to or near residential boundaries. We have a comprehensive, risk-based regime to monitor the health of trees in these areas, which includes inspections and a program of maintenance work. We also follow a process to review community concerns regarding trees in the M7 corridor.

If you are concerned about the health of a tree or branches from trees overhanging and falling into your property, please contact us and we will arrange a visual inspection of the trees in your area. Depending on the nature of your query and the type of inspection of needed, a tree inspection may take up to one week.

Your responsibilities

As a resident living next to bushland, you may need to take on additional maintenance and property management measures to address the normal dropping of leaves, flowers, fruit, branches or deadwood from neighbouring trees. Private property is the responsibility of the property owner and Westlink M7 is unable to assist with property maintenance issues.



Tree Inspections

Tree inspections are carried out by our qualified and dedicated environment team who will assess a range of safety and risk criteria and provide us with advice on the health of the tree. Following the tree inspection, we will let you know the outcome and any recommendations or actions being taken. Some of the actions or recommendations that might be put in place are:

- Tree is to be monitored
- Pruning of selected branches for safety reasons
- Tree is retained or protected as it belongs to the Cumberland Plain Woodland Community
- Tree is dead and is left as habitat or removed.
- Depending on the type of tree or issue, we may arrange for an arborist assessment of the trees, if required.

Requesting a tree inspection or maintenance

When making a request to us for a tree inspection or maintenance issue please email us and provide as many details as possible to assist us in identifying the tree/s of concern.

We will ask for:

- Your name, address, email and contact number
- A description and location of the tree and/or a map of the tree in relation to your property
- Photos of the tree of concern and a reason why you are requesting an inspection.

Should you observe changes to the health of trees in the M7 corridor please contact us.