

POLICY No: I/RR/5

FORMER POLICY NO:

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

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Infrastructure	Roads and Reserves

OBJECTIVE

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

POLICY

1. 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 of Plantagenet under a management order, fence reinstatement is the responsibility of the affected property owner.

2. Legislation

Dividing Fences Act 1961, Section 4

Dividing Fences Regulations 1971, Section 3

3. Application of Policy

3.1 The property owner is responsible for removing and disposing of the fallen tree over their fence line and within their property.

3.2 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 Works and Services.

3.3 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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