

Willowdale Access Road Assessment 2019

Dead tree area 7-8km down from Willowdale mine site

WA Horticultural Services undertook an assessment of some Willowdale access road trees in July 2019. This was done after concern from fallen tree that had landed on a car from fire damage from 2016. The site shows this was one of the areas of the fire where it was at hottest causing a lower survival rate to *Corymbia calophylla* (Redgum / marri) in the area.

Reasons for Tree removal/prune/clean up:

1. Dead trees - high risk of failure (already falling)
2. Poor stem form and quality
3. Poor location e.g. Embankments /utilities
4. Vehicle clearance
5. Fire reduction, including rubbish build up areas.
6. Possible rot with the build up with leaf matter.
7. Open the are for regrowth with less impact of falling dead wood.

Suggested Dead trees to be removed are photographed below.

Lower Access Road

This area has approximately 15 dead trees that needs to be removed for road safety, the trees are either leaning or too close to the road. There are no signs of life in the existing trees, and if left the risk of decay causing future car accidents.

There is a substantial regrowth of new seedlings and the removal of these trees will help promote better shape.



As you can see the Willowdale road is narrow and used frequently to locals and mining (ALCOA). The risk of these trees could be catastrophic if one was to fall or drop a branch.



Please note WA Horticultural Services has looked at these areas with the best intentions to locate as many of the safety priorities as possible. However, we do not have the ability to look inside the tree or predict tree health, insect activity, weather/winds conditions of the future. Therefore, can take no responsibility for events that might happen.

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