



Vegetation Management

Warning

You cannot undertake this activity in the rail corridor unless you have completed a pre work brief and work site protection plan.

Reference should also be made to the [Protocol for Entering the ARTC Rail Corridor](#) and the [Business Rules for Working in the ARTC Rail Corridor](#)

Minimum Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must also be met in line with the [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Work Instruction](#).

Work Activity:	Vegetation Management			WMS No: WHS-WI-008
Coverage:	ARTC employees, and contractors directly managed by ARTC			Version No: 3.0
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<i>What are the tasks involved?</i>	<i>What are the hazards and risks?</i>	<i>What are the control measures?</i>	<i>Related Documents</i>
Plan the work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Requirements Impact on others Complex / Difficult work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure environmental requirements have been considered. Where possible, remove vegetation by hand and/or with hand tools. If you assess a site and are not confident to remove a tree, branch or vegetation, contact your supervisor and ask for assistance. 	Environment: Policies, Procedures and Forms
Cutting vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debris Person struck by cutting implement Hit by falling objects Uncontrolled / Unexpected movement of cut vegetation Manual Handling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the potential for debris and determine a suitable exclusion zone to prevent possible impact on others. If cutting branches, plan to cut in a way that will limit where vegetation will fall. Set up an exclusion zone if required to prevent possible impact on others. Supervisor is to give an all clear before cuts are made. If required, use ropes to control the lowering of larger branches. Cut vegetation in to suitable sizes to reduce manual handling risk when clearing the vegetation from site. Stack any vegetation to prevent uncontrolled movement 	Air and Power Tools Work Method Statement



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Using Mobile Plant	Risks of mobile plant	<p>See related documents</p> <p>Note: Consider using additional guards to protect mobile plant if it may be struck by falling vegetation</p>	<p>Plant and Equipment Work Method Statements</p> <p>Operating Manuals and/or Safe Use Instructions (as provided by manufacturer / supplier)</p>
Spraying vegetation	<p>Chemical spill / leak</p> <p>Wind</p>	<p>Apply chemical management controls</p> <p>Inspect the spray unit thoroughly prior to use for any defects</p> <p>Do not spray in very windy conditions or if chemical drift is likely to impact others</p> <p>If possible, spray so that you are moving upwind of sprayed areas</p> <p>Under no circumstance is a person to stand or ride on the outside of a vehicle</p>	<p>Chemicals Work Instruction</p> <p>Follow any specific Chemical Labels and Safety Data Sheets</p>



References	
<p>Standards, Codes of Practice, Guidance:</p> <p>Environment: Policies, Procedures and Forms</p> <p>Chemicals Work Instruction</p> <p>Relevant Chemical Labels and Safety Data Sheets</p>	<p>Plant / Equipment / Tools:</p> <p>Brush Cutter, Chainsaw</p> <p>Chemicals and Chemical Applicators</p> <p>Consider additional PPE requirements as appropriate to the work, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - eye protection (goggles) - gloves - hard hats - hearing protection <p>Plant and equipment if required</p>
<p>Training Requirements:</p> <p>Information, instruction and/or training is recommended for workers attempting to control vegetation, use chainsaws and trim or cut felled trees.</p>	<p>Inspection / Testing requirements:</p>