



Keep track
of your
vegetation





V/Line's responsibilities

It is important that vegetation in and around the rail reserve does not affect the safe operation of trains.

V/Line monitors and maintains vegetation on railway land by removing or trimming trees, slashing or grading grass and spraying herbicide.

If you have any concerns about vegetation such as weed and pest infestations in the rail reserve, please call **1800 800 007**.





Landowner responsibilities

Landowners and occupiers have a legal duty to protect neighbouring properties, including rail lines, from vegetation that may pose a risk to safety.

Vegetation on your land that can be damaging and dangerous to the rail line includes:

- > trees that obstruct the view of a signal, level crossing or curve
- > weeds or trees with roots under the track
- > long grass that poses a fire risk
- > large branches or tree trunks that could fall on the track.



Penalties

Landowners may be liable to pay for damages if vegetation on their land affect the safe use of the railway.

Under Section 60 of the Rail Management Act 1996, V/Line has the power to require its neighbours to remove vegetation that poses a safety risk in the rail reserve. In some instances, V/Line may complete the work and bill the landowner.

Play it safe

If you have concerns that vegetation on your land is interfering with the railway, please call **1800 800 007** to arrange an inspection.

Always consult your local council and relevant authorities to ensure that tree removal is completed safely and in line with relevant laws.

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