

## Premier's Circular

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### TITLE

MANAGEMENT OF VEGETATION NEAR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LINES

### POLICY

This Circular pertains to instances where the control and management of government land (including national parks, state forests, nature reserves, road reserves and vacant crown land) is shared between government agencies. The Government's policy is the agency that effectively owns the land, must liaise with Western Power, Horizon Power or other appropriate network operator and any occupier to ensure that arrangements are in place for the management of vegetation near or under electricity powerlines.

The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety – Building and Energy Division (Building and Energy) published a document entitled “Guidelines for the management of vegetation near power lines”. Any arrangements put in place by government agencies and land occupiers concerning management of vegetation near power lines must incorporate the principles set out in the guidelines.

### BACKGROUND

The “Guidelines for the management of vegetation near power lines” clarifies responsibilities for controlling and clearing vegetation around overhead electricity power lines. This management of vegetation includes pruning, cutting, trimming and removing vegetation as well as disposing of the pruned vegetation.

The Guidelines have been developed by Building and Energy, in conjunction with Western Power and Horizon Power, after extensive industry and community consultation. The policy set out in the Guidelines has been endorsed by successive State Governments and is anticipated to be set out in legislation.

Please refer to the [Guidelines for the management of vegetation near power lines](#) for further information.

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