



AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

Southern Sydney Freight Line IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Tree Removal at 3 Riverpark Drive, Liverpool

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) will need to undertake tree removal works on the property of 3 Riverpark Drive, Liverpool, as part of the construction of the Southern Sydney Freight Line.

Eleven (11) trees require removal by ARTC as they are currently in close proximity to existing high voltage power lines (see yellow area on the worksite diagram). All of these trees were assessed by an independent arborist and were considered to be in very poor health. Pruning of these trees to a level outside the minimum clearance distances would result in a further decline in the health of the trees, potentially leading to the trees dying.

Furthermore, three (3) trees in the area were identified by the arborist as being in declining condition either due to age or past pruning, and (3) trees, which are usually maintained by Endeavour Energy, have the potential to grow into the Endeavour Energy overhead lines (see red area on the worksite diagram). Previous trimming by Endeavour Energy and Railcorp has impacted the health of the trees in this area. These trees were recommended for removal, however ARTC/SSFL are not permitted to work under Endeavour Energy HV lines and therefore will not be touching these trees.

ARTC offers to replace the trees at a ratio of 2:1.

Replacement tree species will be selected from a list of recommended trees from the arborist and Liverpool City Council. ARTC will source semi-mature trees for the planting to provide immediate amenity for the residents. The replacement trees will not require future trimming and as such will not suffer the same decline in health caused by regular pruning. Planting will be undertaken as soon as practical, ensuring the planting is undertaken at a time that will maximise the success rate of the plantings and will be maintained by ARTC for a period of twelve months.

All works will be undertaken at no cost to the landowners.

The trees will be removed between 7am to 6pm on Saturday 10 December 2011, (weather permitting) with a contingency in place for Sunday 11 December from 8am to 6pm. The equipment that will be required includes an elevated work platform, crane truck, tree mulcher, medium rigid truck and powered hand tools.

We appreciate your patience while we build this important project for Sydney and NSW.

For further information please phone our 24 Hour Information Line on 1800 182 543 or email ssfl@artc.com.au or visit www.ssfl.artc.com.au



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Worksite Diagram



Legend

Railcorp 33kV Power Line



Endeavour Energy Power Line



Trees within the minimum clearance 33kV lines - ARTC/SSFL to remove and replace



Trees which Endeavour Energy regularly prune - Will NOT be trimmed or removed by ARTC/SSFL

