

Dear Householder

On the 23 November 2011 the Minister for the Environment, Robyn Parker, announced that the NSW Government had authorised funding of up to \$200,000 from the Environment Trust - Emergency Clean Up and Orphan Waste fund - to assist in the removal of a number of large and dangerous trees affected by a suspected herbicide incident.

The tree removal program is being managed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Holroyd City Council and will involve the assessment of a number of trees and the provision of funds to assist with the costs of trimming, removal and disposal of dangerous trees affected by the herbicide.

The programs initial objective is to manage trees that are taller than 3.6 metres and assessed by the Holroyd City Council appointed arborist as posing a serious risk to a residential house or residents.

To be eligible for assistance the affected trees need to meet the following criteria:

- The affected tree(s) must be on a residential or not for profit organisation property within the herbicide affected area determined by the EPA; A map showing the affected area can be found on the back of this letter, it can also be found on the EPA website at the following www.environment.nsw.gov.au
- Trees and shrubs must be taller than 3.6 metres in height.
- The tree(s) must be assessed by a Holroyd City Council appointed arborist and declared as a safety risk to a residential house or residents by the arborist;
- The trimming or removal of the affected tree(s) must be approved by Holroyd City Council and be removed by a contractor approved by Holroyd City Council.
- Affected tree material must be disposed of at an EPA approved waste disposal facility.
- The program will only reimburse the approved costs of tree trimming or tree removal detailed in the approval letter provided by Holroyd City Council.
- The program will not reimburse the costs of trees that have already been removed.

If you believe that a tree on your property meets the above criteria please contact the Environment Protection Authority's Environment Line during office hours on **131 555**.

The EPA would like to further advise that their investigation into the dieback of vegetation in Giraween is coming to a conclusion and should be completed shortly. Continuing advice from Western Sydney Public Health Unit is that the herbicide poses minimal to no risk to human health.

If you have any information that may help with the investigation we would encourage you to contact the EPA as soon as possible. All information we receive will be treated confidentially and can be given anonymously though the Environment Line on 131 555.

Yours sincerely

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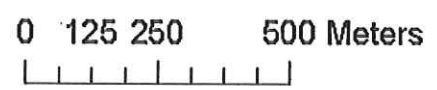
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


Fox Hills Gold Course

Great Western HWY, Pendle Hill



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 Estimated extent of effected area

