

Removal of Vegetation

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SWMS number: SMS-06-SW-1032	SWMS Name: Removal of Vegetation			SWMS Team: Signal Review Team
Custodian (Position): Signal Services & External Resources Manager	Assumptions: Site specific risks are addressed and assessed in pre- work briefing			
Approving Authority (Position): Safety and Quality Manager Commercial / Renewals	Equipment/Plant/Tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chainsaw and Whipper SnipperPowered Hand Tools, Pneumatic Tools.Fossil Fuel, Oils	Records/Reporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Worksite Protection PlanPre-work BriefEnvironmental Protection PlanHazardous Substance Register, MSDS	Permits/licences required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	Content reviewed by Technical expert (SME) and RailCorp safety professional (position including Div/Group) Signal Services & External Resources Manager & SEQ Coordinator Asset Management Group Commercial / Renewals
Applicable Standards, Codes of Practice and guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">OH&S Act 2000OH&S Regulation 2001Rail Safety Regulation 2003RailCorp Network Rules & ProceduresRailCorp Safety Management System.MSDS for all chemicals and hazardous Substances used on siteNational Code of Practice for Manual Handling [NOHSC:2005 (1990)]AS 2727-1997 Chainsaws - Guide to safe working practicesAS 2726.1-2004 Chainsaws - Safety requirements –				
	Inspection requirements Nil	Service schedule: Nil	Training/Qualification required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction Industry InductionTrack Safety Awareness or RISI (Rail Industry Safety Induction) And as specified below. <ul style="list-style-type: none">TDTB197BRIC2304TDTU701A	Personal Protective Equipment required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety BootsHigh Visibility VestsHardhatsProtective ClothingSafety Glasses And as specified below. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sunscreen Lotion, Insect RepellentLeg spats.Ear Muffs, Ear PlugsGlovesDuring all Site Works a FIRST AIDER MUST be Present

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">AS/NZS 3576:1998 Clearing saws, brush cutters and grass trimmers - Guide to safe working practices		MIMS or METRE Ref: Nil		
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1	Supervisor undertakes site pre-work briefing and gives local induction.	Staff not Listening to Pre-Work Brief	B -	Identify all hazards, Staff to ensure they are properly Briefed as to risks involving Worksite.	D	Team Leader / Work Group Leader / All Staff	Pre-Work Briefing SMS-06-FM-0163	
2	Supervisor verifies competence of personnel doing the task and currency of permits for work.	Expired Competency Cards & Permits, Unqualified type of Personnel for the Task.	B -	Visual Inspection of Personnel Competency Cards & Currency of Permits	D	Team Leader / Work Group Leader	Safety Training & Competence SMS-11-SR-0128	
3	Review SWMS and confirm it is current.	Use of a SWMS that is out of date	C -	Ensure SWMS is current and up to date.	D	Team Leader / Work Group Leader	SWMS & SWI's SMS-06-PR-0023	
4	Verify that plant and equipment for the task is fit-for-purpose.	Plant & Equipment kept in poor working condition	C +	Conduct a Daily Plant Checklist	D	All Staff	Plant SMS-06-GD-0225	
5	Scrubbing using Chainsaw/ Whipper snipper	Ultra Violet Injuries		Use P.P.E i.e. Sunscreen, Hat, Sunglasses. take breaks		Team Leader / Work Group Leader / All Staff	PPE SMS-06-GD-0323	
		Muscle Injury	B-	Clear area before lifting. Warm up stretch. Don't over strain. Use manual handling techniques.	D		Manual Handling Guide SMS-06-GD-0001	
		Ear Injury	B+	Wear appropriate hearing protection e.g. (ear muffs) when using powered hand tools, pneumatic tools.	D		PPE SMS-06-GD-0323	
		Bites & Stings	B+	Remove undergrowth	C		Team Leader / Work Group Leader / All Staff	PPE SMS-06-GD-0323 Work Around Elect. Equip. SMS-06-GD-0268
				Care to be taken when opening locations and trackside equipment				
				Wear protective heavy drill cotton trousers / long sleeve shirts / boots / gloves				
				Wear insect spray if required.				
				First Aid kit on site.				
		Eye Injury	C-	Wear full-face shield.	D		PPE SMS-06-GD-0323	
Severe cut/laceration	A	Leg spats. Gloves. Full-length heavy drill cotton trousers / shirts.	C-					

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6	Remove cut vegetation	Head Injury	C+	Hard hat must be worn when working	D	Team Leader / Work Group Leader / All Staff	PPE SMS-06-GD-0323	
		Hand Injury	B+	Wear general-purpose gloves.	D-			
		Eye Injury	C+	Wear mandatory eye protection.	D			
		Muscle Injury	B+	Ensure all redundant vegetation is stacked in the same direction.	D		Manual Handling Guide SMS-06-GD-0001	
		Bites & Stings	B+	Remove undergrowth	C			PPE SMS-06-GD-0323 Work Around Elect. Equip. SMS-06-GD-0268
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. First Aid kit on site								
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site specific hazards							

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NOTE: Each work group or team member must sign off on the SWMS to acknowledge they have been briefed about or instructed in the SWMS

Team member name (Please print)	Team Member signature	Instructor/ Briefer name	Date	Team member name (Please print)	Team Member signature	Instructor/ Briefer name	Date

RailCorp Level 2 Risk Matrix - Regional & Local (Workplace)			Likelihood/Frequency						<u>Definition for Use - Regional & Local level (Workplace)</u> Used for workplace hazards and safety risks that do not consider the whole of the network. Indicatively this matrix is appropriate for use where the hazards under consideration are up to 10% of the total network exposure. This includes regional and local workplace risk assessments. As an example, the Level 2 scale would be used when examining the risk of slips, trips and falls on specific RailCorp platforms within a region or at a particular station, or the risk of fire within a depot. There are 3 options for descriptors which can be used to determine the frequency category. One set of descriptors is provided for frequency, one for historical likelihood, and one for predictive likelihood in the workplace. Choose the most appropriate. To score the risk, follow the steps: 1. Identify the magnitude of the credible consequence if the risk were to occur. If applicable, risks should be considered in terms of the safety (this matrix), commercial and environmental impact (using other matrices). 2. Identify the likelihood of this level of consequence occurring. (This is done after considering the effectiveness of the current controls in place) 3. Score the risk using the combination of likelihood and consequence ranking. Note: Where there are a range of credible consequences which may lead to a different level or risks and/or where the controls may be different. It may be useful to score the risk more than once.	
			Event Frequency	Less than once every 1000 years	Once every 100 to 1,000 years	Once every 10 to 100 years	Once every 1 to 10 years	More than once per year up to and including 10 times per year		More than 10 times per year
			Historical (Likelihood)	Unheard of in the rail industry	Has occurred once or twice in the rail industry	Has occurred many times in the rail industry, but not in NSW	Has occurred once or twice in NSW	Has occurred frequently in NSW		Has occurred frequently at specific locations
			Workplace Predictive (Likelihood)	Not expected to occur	May occur only in exceptional circumstances	Could occur at some time but not likely	You would expect it to occur at least once in the next 10 years performing similar activities	You would expect it to occur at least once this year performing similar activities		You would expect it to occur at least once this month performing similar activities
				F1	F2	F3	F4	F5		F6
Consequence			Incredible	Improbable	Remote	Occasional	Probable	Frequent		
>10 Fatalities	C6	Disastrous	B-	B+	A	A	A	A		
2-10 Fatalities	C5	Catastrophic	C+	B-	B+	A	A	A		
1 Fatality (2-10 Major Injuries)	C4	Critical	C-	C+	B-	B+	A	A		
1 Major Injury	C3	Major	D	C-	C+	B-	B+	A		
1 or more Minor Injuries	C2	Minor	D	D	C-	C+	B-	B+		
First aid treatment, or illness/injury not requiring treatment	C1	Negligible	D	D	D	C-	C+	B-		