

→ TREES GROWING INTO OVERHEAD SERVICE LINES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY - FACT SHEET

Integral Energy regularly carries out inspections of trees on private property to ensure there is sufficient safety clearance between them and nearby vegetation, as tree/s growing within the clearance space surrounding these mains can result in a hazardous situation and can cause an interruption to your electricity supply.

Integral Energy ensures that trees interfering with power lines on public property are trimmed and conform to regulatory standards. Tree trimming on private property, however, is the property owner's responsibility. Accordingly Integral Energy may issue a notice when it is necessary for the property owner to arrange for vegetation to be trimmed to a minimum of 500mm clear of the wires.

Wollongong City Council's Tree Management Control Plan does not apply to works carried out under section 48 of the Electricity Supply Act 1995, although it is recommended that the property owner engages the services of a qualified tree trimming contractor who is experienced and equipped to work within close proximity to overhead electricity wires.

For your safety, contact with the service wires should be avoided at all times. If there is a danger of contacting the wires whilst performing this work, please either contact Integral Energy on telephone 131 081 or an authorised and accredited contractor, regarding quotation for the temporary removal of the wires whilst the work is performed. The name of an accredited contractor who works in your area may be obtained by contacting the Accreditation Officer at the Ministry of Energy & Utilities on telephone 02 9901 8816 (Tree trimming contractor contact details are not available through the Ministry; it is suggested that you utilise local contact resources such as your local telephone directory).

Alternatively, if tree trimming is not a desirable option for controlling this situation, consideration should be given to engaging the services of an electrical contractor to relocate the point of attachment of the service line away from vegetation, or to convert it to an underground service if this is viable.

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