

Landscape maintenance

Westlink M7 has a well planned maintenance program that is conducted line with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) maintenance standards.

Landscaping on the motorway, shared path, and parts of our community boundary areas is a mix of native and exotics.

Landscaping on the remainder of our community boundary areas and near creeks is designed to extend the endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland, which is unique to this area.

Westlink M7 has a dedicated landscaping team routinely working along the motorway, shared path, and residential boundaries. The team works in accordance with RMS maintenance standards such as:

- Cutting grass up to 1.7m from the residential boundaries of the motorway, shared path, median, and roadside
- Assessing the health of trees
- Maintaining the area for the safety of M7 users
- Checking for noxious weeds



To know more, contact us on 9834 9200 or email info@westlinkm7.com.au

Planting

Approximately 800,000 plants were put in following the construction of the M7 to fulfill the landscape design. Since the opening of the M7 in December 2005, over 110,000 additional plants have been put in to improve the overall aesthetic of the motorway, connectivity of existing vegetation and the local environment. This includes over 10,000 plants that were put in during 2014 alone.

Local native plants that are tolerant of environmental conditions were chosen for much of the M7. They help maintain ecology and biodiversity, provide suitable habitat for native animals, and maintain the unique character of the landscape.



Pesticide Notification

As part of the M7 routine weed control program, a glyphosate-based pesticide (Roundup Biactive) chemical is sprayed on the motorway (shared path, median, shoulders, and community areas) every 2 months, starting in January each year. Westlink M7 is covered by the Roads and Maintenance Services (RMS) Pesticide Notification Plan.

Community Assistance

You can help by considering this advice...

- Plant locally native species in your garden
- Keep out of restricted areas to protect vegetation and wildlife
- Don't cut, damage, or remove vegetation in restricted areas
- Don't throw household, building, or garden waste over your back fence
- Lawn grasses are particularly invasive and a threat to native species
- Your garden waste may also block drainage and cause flooding
- Animal waste increases soil nutrients and is a threat to bushland and local waterways