

Tree Guy Liam McGough

Biosecurity Policy

This policy is a statement of the intent of the directors and shall apply to all operations and worksites visited and managed by Liam McGough tree services.

Biosecurity is defined as a set of precautions that aim to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful organisms. These may be pests, pathogens or invasive species.

- We are committed to planning and managing our business activities to ensure the possibility of introduction and spread of pest and disease is kept to a minimum.
- We are committed to complying with all applicable legal requirements, namely the Plant Health Act 1967 and The Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005, and with other industry requirements which relate to biosecurity and trees.
- The management system shall provide a framework for reviewing biosecurity objectives and targets.
- The necessary personnel and financial resources will be allocated to assist the company in meeting its biosecurity objectives.
- The company shall ensure safe handling and disposal, of pest, disease and invasive species.
- The company shall aim to ensure safe handling and use of substances.
- We shall ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks, and to give them adequate training;
- Appropriate advice shall be sought from specialists if specific challenging biosecurity issues are identified before, during or after operations.
- We are committed to diversifying tree populations where our business activities allow to mitigate against possible future pest and disease introductions.
- Maintain and develop effective relationships with plant health agencies.
- We are committed to altering the appropriate organisation of any suspected quarantine pest & disease outbreak we encounter.


In order to meet these commitments, Liam McGough Tree services shall pursue the following objectives:

- The company shall be familiar and utilise government guidance such as Pest Risk Analysis
- The company will hold internal knowledge and information on basic identification of current pest and disease threats
- Prior to commencing work on site, a Biosecurity Risk Assessment shall be completed to evaluate each site for appropriate biosecurity control measures and transport and disposal options.
- Staff will be and equipped with the necessary equipment, PPE, and substances to implement biosecurity control measures including effective hygiene and sanitation practices.

- Employees shall be briefed and trained on good biosecurity practices appropriate to their role within the organisation.
- The company shall aim to work to current industry practice and will ensure we are aware of any changes or updates current biosecurity practices
- Cases of ill health in trees will be reported through the Forestry Commissions Tree Pest and Disease sightings reporter (TreeAlert)
- Appropriate site suitable tree planting and restocking options will be considered and recommended according to the prevailing climatic conditions and possible biosecurity threats.
- Planting material will be appropriately sourced, ideally home grown, from reputable suppliers and assessed on delivery to the planting site.
- Work sites and staff will be appropriately supervised and monitored to ensure correct use biosecurity control measures
- This policy shall be displayed within the organisation at all times and shall be available to all interested parties
- Individual biosecurity responsibilities are issued to each employee
- This biosecurity policy shall be communicated to all persons working for or on behalf of the company.

The company will strive to raise the levels of biosecurity awareness throughout its workforce and to promote this awareness to its customers and suppliers.



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