

East Ipswich station accessibility upgrade



WORKS NOTICE

Tree removal (stormwater works) – Merton Street

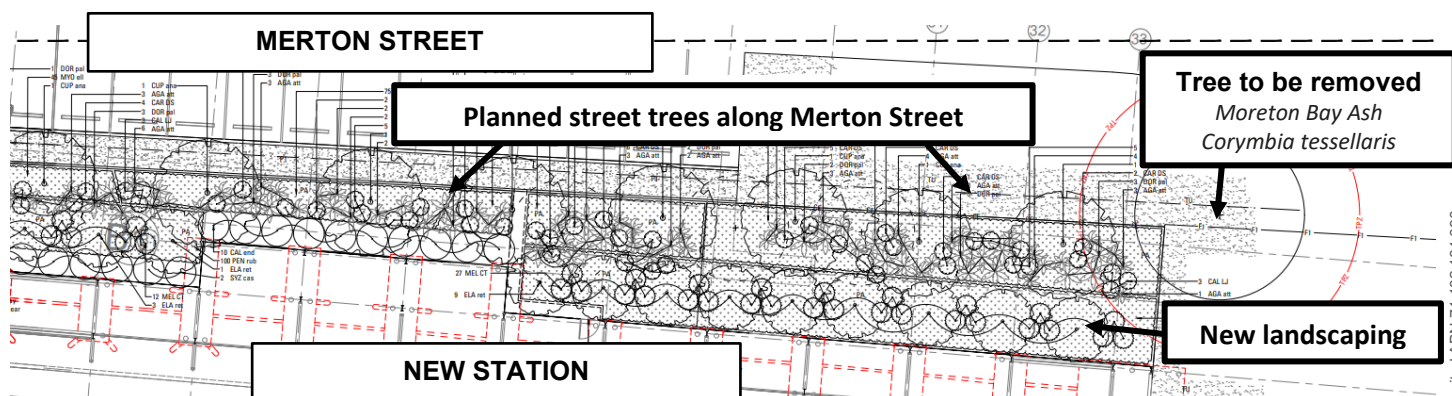
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As part of associated stormwater improvements supporting the East Ipswich station accessibility upgrade, Queensland Rail will **remove one mature native tree** adjacent to the rail corridor (eastern end of Merton Street).

At the time of previous vegetation removal works along the rail corridor, near the vigoro fields/Merton Street, the intention was to retain this tree, as reflected in the concept design (artist's impressions). However, detailed design has identified that these stormwater works cannot be undertaken without the tree's removal. Alternative pipe alignments were investigated but still would have compromised the integrity of the root system and overall health of the tree.

These drainage works are designed to improve local stormwater management by directing any runoff from the rail corridor into the network, separate from the street's existing infrastructure (kerb and channel).

To mitigate the removal of this tree, landscaping of the adjacent area, using mature trees, will be undertaken as part of reinstatement works at the completion of the project (see drawing, below).



All removal and revegetation works will be guided by the project's environmental management plan. A fauna spotter/catcher will be engaged before and during removal works.

Tree removal will be undertaken during **regular daytime shifts from mid-April**.

Every effort will be made to minimise disturbance wherever possible. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we undertake these important works.

The East Ipswich station accessibility upgrade is part of the State Government's investment of more than \$500 million to upgrade stations across the South East Queensland network, making them accessible for all customers.

For more information about the planned tree removal and reinstatement measures, please contact the project's community team on free call **1800 722 203** or email stationsupgrade@qr.com.au