

Summary of State Boundary Laws in relation to a tree overhanging a neighbouring property

**The Tree Doctor can help maintain good neighbourly relations by providing
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- The tree keeper (owner) is only obligated to maintain vegetative overhang onto a neighbouring property if the vegetation is below 2.5m above ground.
- A tree **may** be considered to be 'unreasonably getting in the way' if it:
 - Interferes with TV and satellite reception.
 - Interferes with the proper functioning of solar panels.
 - Obstructs a view that existed before the neighbour took possession of the land.
 - Creates a substantial and ongoing accumulation of tree litter in a neighbour's yard.
- Costs of up to \$300.00 per year can be passed on to the tree keeper by the tree neighbour for maintaining clearance below 2.5m above ground.
- Any bio-mass above 2.5m from ground is the tree neighbour's responsibility, however, health and safety issues may still arise.
- Pruning of higher bio-mass by a neighbour must comply with Australian Standard® *AS 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees*. This standard defines pruning techniques that encourage the form and structural condition of the subject tree to be maintained.
- The tree neighbour may or may not place debris generated from tree pruning into the tree keeper's yard.

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Follow these links for more detailed information:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/housing-and-neighbours/disputes-about-fences-trees-and-buildings>

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/2013-04-05/act-2011-025>

