

Crows Ash to be removed for Airport Link

Hundreds of Crows Ash trees will be propagated and planted throughout Brisbane to compensate the removal of a Crows Ash tree at Kedron as part of the Airport Link project.

Seed pods have been collected from the Crows Ash tree that currently stands behind the Kedron Park Hotel. The tree will be removed in order to construct the on and off ramps that will link Kedron to the CBD and Airport Precinct via the Airport Link tunnel network.

All construction design alternatives and relocation options to retain the tree have been thoroughly investigated and exhausted by Airport Link. Relocation of the tree was found to be unfeasible due to the risk to the tree's survival and to the neighbouring St Andrew's Anglican Church rectory, underneath which the tree's root system is believed to stretch.

"The protection of native wildlife and vegetation has been a focus across the project's construction to date. Hundreds of native animals were relocated during demolition works and wherever possible native trees are being protected or relocated," Mr Ralph, the Airport Link Project Director said.

"The project team has collected seeds and propagated approximately 500 seedlings that will be maintained for two years. Of these seedlings, 200 seedlings will be transferred to Council for planting throughout Brisbane. The remaining 300 seedlings will be used by Greening Australia in planting activities.

"The timber of the Crows Ash is good quality and is highly sought after for indoor use. The removed sections of the tree will be milled and dried, and will be offered to the owners of the tree in the first instance to use for items such as furniture within 12 months of the tree's removal. If the owners do not want the timber the timber will be handed over to Council for use within the local community."

As part of the compensation package, the project will pay Council \$100,000 for the removal of the tree. This money will be invested in additional planting and landscaping within the local community.

The Crows Ash will be removed by a specialist tree remover, and a qualified Arborist will supervise the works. Residents and businesses located within 500m of the Crows Ash will receive a notice in their letterbox before the tree removal work occurs.

The Airport Link project team is building the Airport Link motorway, Airport Roundabout Upgrade, and the second stage of the Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron).

To find out more about the Airport Link project or the removal of the Crows Ash, please contact the Project team on 1800 721 783.

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