

Dieback Management

What is Dieback?

At IGO, we care deeply about preserving our unique environment. One of the biggest threats to our local forests and bushland is “dieback,” a plant disease that spreads easily through soil and mud. It damages roots, making it tough for plants to get water and nutrients, this can lead to yellow leaves, dying branches, and even the death of the whole plant.



With Dieback

Without Dieback

All exploration activities undertaken in native vegetation are guided by strict Conservation and Dieback Management Plans, approved by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

Here’s how IGO is working to protect dieback-susceptible vegetation during our exploration activities.

Protecting our forests from Dieback

OPERATE IN DRY CONDITIONS ONLY: We only work in at-risk areas when the soil is dry, which helps stop disease spread.

CLEAN EQUIPMENT: Our vehicles are thoroughly cleaned and checked before entering sensitive areas. We ensure no soil, mud, or plant material is carried in. Before moving between sites, all tools, boots, and equipment are cleaned and sterilised. Our teams carry portable kits with cleaning and sterilising supplies.



PERMITS AND APPROVALS: We ensure we have the necessary permits and only use closed tracks with DBCA permission.

SIGNAGE AND COMMUNICATION: We put up clear signs where needed and make sure all staff are kept informed about dieback safety.

REGULAR CHECKS: Our supervisors run regular inspections and audits to make sure everyone is following our strict hygiene rules.

TRAINING FOR STAFF: Key staff operating in the state forest complete special “Green Card” training, a biosecurity and hygiene awareness course developed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the Dieback Working Group (DWG).

LIMIT MOVEMENT: We keep workers and vehicles to essential areas only, reducing the risk of spreading dieback. Work done off-track in vegetated areas is done on foot.

Why it matters

Dieback disease can devastate native plants and habitats. By following these careful steps, IGO helps protect forests for future generations. If you have questions about our approach please contact us direct via community@igo.com.au or **Mobile: 0439133861 (Mon-Fri)**.