

Vegetation and clear access to irrigation infrastructure

A significant amount of money is spent on channel maintenance each year. MI needs clear access to channels so we can carry out aquatic weed spraying, de-silting, and regular maintenance to irrigation infrastructure.

How can I reduce costs?

We are committed to delivering value to our customers. You can help us reduce costs by allowing clear access for vehicles by removing obstructive vegetation (trees or gardens), farm machinery, waste stockpiles and other obstacles:

- On MI's land
- Within five metres of the boundary between MI's land and your landholding,
- Within ten metres of the edge of a channel bank,
- In all other circumstances, within five metres of MI's works.

Why can't I plant close to a channel?

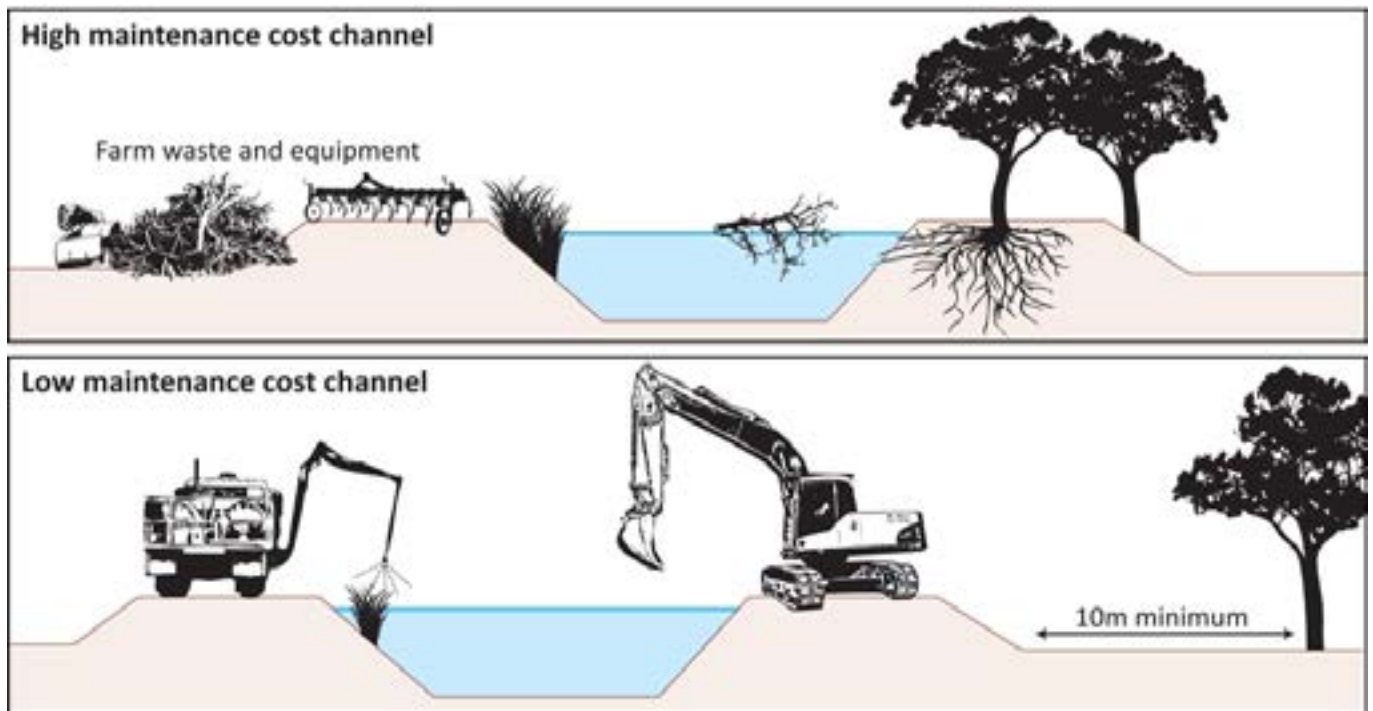
Tree roots are responsible for the majority of blockages and breakages to channels, pipelines and structures that supply irrigation water to MI properties.

There are obvious safety aspects of having vegetation close to irrigation channels. If vegetation is within 10 metres of a channel, other problems may include:

- Tree roots can become invasive,
- Tree branches may fall into the water and block structures downstream,
- MI may need to remove obstacles to allow access for maintenance. You could be liable for the costs incurred so please work with us to ensure clear access.

Where do I get further information?

Further information is available on our website in the Development Rules and the Water Delivery Contract or contact Customer Services on (02) 6962 0200.



This diagram of a high maintenance cost channel illustrates the problems encountered by MI maintenance staff. Channels with trees at least 10 metres away and no obstacles allow us clear access for maintenance.

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