

## DECISION

**Case number:** NDR076-23  
**Applicant:** Louise Mary Critchley  
**Respondent:** Craig Mitchell

**Before:** Member Carrigan  
**Delivered on:** 11 September 2025  
**Hearing date:** 26 February 2025  
**Proceeding type:** Tribunal Hearing  
**Initiating document:** Application for a tree dispute filed on 19 April 2023

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IT IS THE DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL THAT:

1. The Tribunal Orders that Craig Mitchell is to;

- (a) Arrange for the pruning of the canopy of the single Gum Tree (*Eucalyptus* sp.) the subject of this Application for a tree dispute filed in the Tribunal on 19 April 2023 by Louise Mary Critchley and which Gum Tree is located in the south western corner of the property of Craig Mitchell as identified in the Application for a tree dispute and which pruning ensures that no section of the canopy extends across the alignment of the dividing fence structure separating the properties of both these parties, on or before;

**4:00 pm on Thursday, 6 November 2025.**

- (b) The pruning works referred to in (a) above should include the complete removal of the elongated and epicormically attached limbs and the stub from the previously failed limb as referred to in these proceedings;
- (c) Arrange an annual inspection and reporting of the Gum Tree referred to in (a) above by a suitably qualified climbing Arborist to determine the visible strength of the junctions and to perform remediation works as required;
- (d) Arrange for the removal of all tree debris from the properties of Louise Mary Critchley and Craig Mitchell after the recommended pruning is performed;
- (e) Ensure that all pruning is to be performed in compliance with the requirements of the Australian Standard 4373–2007 “Pruning of amenity trees”;
- (f) Ensure that climbing spurs and/or climbing gaffs and/or climbing irons shall not be used during pruning works;
- (g) Arrange that all aerial inspections shall be performed by a minimum Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level five (5) qualified Arborist;
- (h) The attending Arborist and/or the corporation, if any, to which the Arborist belongs shall provide proof of current Public Liability and Work Cover insurances prior to works been undertaken on site.

- (i) Craig Mitchell is to pay all costs, fees and charges relating to each of the items in (a) to (h) above inclusive.

Signed



Member Carrigan  
Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal