

Orchard Cutter Bars SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (SWMS)								
TAS	SK OR ACTIVITY: Orchard Cutter	Bars						
Business Name: [Company Name]		ABN: [ABN]	SWMS#					
Business Address: [Company Address]								
Contact Person:	Phone: [Phone]	E qil:						
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY	THE P OF THE PROJECT						
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conducte proposed work starts.	cting a business or undertaking (N_RU) is	required to thurs at a safe work method s	statement (SWMS) is prepared before					
Full Name:								
Signature:		Title:	Date:					
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring	compliance of the SWMS well as review	vs and modifications of the SWMS.						
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:					
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS WMS. ST HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED		ALL RELEVANT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE B DPMENT AND APPROVAL OF THIS SWMS	EEN CONSULTED AND					
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in accordance with regislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, condition of unice those hazards and then to further take steps to either the steps to either th	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE					
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must study nately. Depending on the severity of the incident, a meeting will be called with all workers to amend the SWMS if required. The meeting may also be an educational opportunity.								
Any changes made to the SWMS after an incident or a near miss must be approved by the Person Conducting Business or Undertaking and communicated to all relevant personnel.								
The SWMS must be kept and be available for inspection at least until the work is completed. Where a SWMS is revised, all versions should be kept. If a notifiable incident occurs in relation to which the SWMS relates, then the SWMS must be kept for at least two years from the occurrence of the notifiable incident.								



CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR DETAILS											
Client:					SCOPE OF WORKS						
Project Name:							k being carried out (otherwise				
Project Address:				ŀ	known as cope of works).						
Project Manager	:										
Contact Phone:											
Project Manager	Signature:										
Date SWMS sup	plied to Project Manag	er:									
ANY HIGH-RISK CON PUCL N JRK BEING CARRIED OUT											
involves a risk of	a person falling more than	2 meters.		is carried out on of	near pressurised gas main	s or piping.					
is carried out on	a telecommunication tower			is carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines.							
involves demoliti	on of an element of a struct	ure that is load-be		is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services.							
involves demoliti	on of an element related to	the physical integrit of a st	ir e,	☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere.							
involves, or is like	ely to involve, disturbing a	estos.		involves tilt-up or precast concrete.							
involves structura	al alteration or repair that re	mporan upp to	prevent collapse.	is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor.							
☐ is carried out in c	or near a confined space.			is carried out in an area of a workplace where there is any movement of powered mobile plant.							
☐ is carried out in/r	near a shaft or trench deepe	er than 1.5m or tunnel involv	ving use of explosives.	is carried out in are	eas with artificial extremes of	of temperature.					
☐ is carried out in c	or near water or other liquid	that involves a risk of drown	ning.	involves diving wo	rk.						
		ANY	HIGH-RISK MACHINE	RY OR EQUIPMENT	NEARBY						
Forklift	Crane/s	☐ Hoist/s	Excavator	Backhoe/Loader	Boom Lift	EWP	Genie Lift				
Trencher	Drilling Rig	Trucks		Bobcat	E Flammable Gas	Fuel	Dozer				
High Voltage	Mulcher	Tilt-up Panels	Roller	Scissor Lift	Tractor	Other -					







JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
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1. Preparation	Uneven ground, Overhead obstacles (branches)	2М	 Conduct a pre-work site inspection to identify uneven ground, overhead obstacles, and any other potential hazards in the work area. Discuss with the team the possible risks assarined with working in an orchard environment and the importance of following upper protocols for working safely around trees. Implement measures to level out or mark une unound areas to prevent trips and falls while operating cutter bars or performing out tasks in the lichard. Ensure workers wear approprise personal protect, endurant (PPE), including non-slip footwear to mark the in of slips, trip or far on uneven surfaces. Designate charpathways inough work are and keep them free from obstructions, assuring that parkers a are to use paths when moving with equipment or univing our tasks. Proving ajing on wistruction to workers regarding how to safely navigate around overhard or stacles to charb as branches, including adjusting body postures and using alternal to a task of worker coming into contact with them while operating cutter bars. Implement providing an extra set of eyes to watch for hazards. Aintain clear communication between all team members to notify each other of any newly identified hazards or changes in the work arole, where workers can rest without being at risk from overhead obstacles or tripping hazards. Frequently inspect equipment used for cutting, trimming, and grounds maintenance to ensure proper operation, and maintain a regular maintenance schedule to address any issues promptly. Develop and enforce safe working procedures for all employees, including guidelines for maintaining situational awareness when working near overhead obstacles or uneven ground until the situation is assessed and corrected. Continuously monitor the work area and adjust control measures as needed to protect workers from risks associated with uneven ground and overhead obstacles, ensuring their ongoing safety throughout the duration of the projec	1L	
2. Site inspection	Slips and trips, Exposed electrical wires	3H	- Conduct a thorough inspection of the worksite prior to starting work, identifying possible slip, trip, and electrical hazards and addressing them accordingly.	1L	



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			 Implement clear signage and barriers indicating known hazards to all workers and visitors within the premises, ensuring that potential risks are communicated effectively. Ensure workers wear appropriate personal projective equipment (PPE) such as anti-slip shoes and gloves when working interast prone to slips and trips. Regularly clean and maintain worksite surfaces, renewing any debris or spills immediately to keep pathways clear and preverse unitial slipping hazards. Designate specific walkway and work zones to an imise ecousover between pedestrian traffic and work actives, reducing the nu of curtentional accidents. Implement proper concentrations, cords award or walkways to minimise exposure to the circle wires. Trainborkers usaferentk practices, totuding correct manual handling technics. haza configuration, and the importance of adhering to job-specific safety to adures. Regularly integet On and Cutter Bars and other equipment for signs of wear and tear, ensing using any are to go working condition before use. Netrict ccess areas where exposed electrical wires may be present, allowing only active sequers by the relevant training to enter. They lockout/tagout procedures whenever electrical equipment is being serviced, reported, or installed to reduce the risk of unexpected energising of power sources. Ensure adequate lighting in all work areas, particularly in locations prone to slips and trips, to help workers identify obstructions and navigate safely. Encourage an open communication culture so that workers can report any newly discovered hazards or make suggestions for improvements in safety procedures without fear of retribution. Develop and implement an emergency response plan in case of incidents resulting from slips, trips or exposure to electrical hazards, ensuring that all workers are familiar with their roles and responsibilities in such situations. Regularly review and update the Saf		
3. Equipment setup	Heavy lifting, Sharp edges of cutter bars	2M	 Provide workers with proper personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, safety boots, and long sleeves to avoid direct contact with sharp edges of cutter bars. Arrange for training sessions on correct lifting techniques to minimise the risk of injury from heavy lifting during equipment setup. 	1L	



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			- Implement a buddy system for situations where two people are required to lift or safely handle heavy or awkward items such as cutter bars.		
			- Store cutter bars in designated areas that are each accessible, well-lit and free from obstructions; this will minimise the need from cossive or risky lifting.		
			- Maintain a clean work area, ensuring that ficient space is available for setting up equipment without causing any trip hazards.		
			- Place lifting devices, such as hoists or trolleys, ar the work area for easy access in case they are needed for the sporting heavy explorement.		
			 Conduct regular inspections to insure that cutter be used other equipment are in good operating constraint, and replace or replace them as necessary to maintain safe usage. Encourage to tkers to serve assistant, or or unsure about proper equipment setup as if the serve of the serve assistant, or or a straint for how a first for how as first for how as		
			or if the ling a macific the of heavy locator sharp object feels unsafe. - Allow activate backs for workers to prevent fatigue-related accidents caused by heavy ting and having sharp objects.		
			- Develo write processing outlining the correct setup and usage of cutter bars, d make these vailable for workers to review as needed.		
			 Tractive ers on how to properly inspect, clean, and store cutter bars to reduce the sk of accepts due to compromised equipment integrity. we warning signs or barricades around areas where heavy lifting or sharp materials are being used, to inform nearby workers and help to prevent potential safety risks. 		
	6		- Review incident reports related to heavy lifting and sharp object handling to identify trends and potential improvements in equipment setup processes, implement corrective actions accordingly.		
4. Operating Orchard Cutter Bars	Flying debris, Noise exposure	ЗH		2M	



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5. Manual pruning	Rapid movements, Strains/muscle injuries	ЗН		2М	



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6. Handling chemicals	Chemical exposure, Spill/leak incidents	4A		2M	



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7. Proper signage	Poor visibility, Unauthorised personnel access	21		1L	



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8. Cleaning work area	Slips and trips, Disposal of waste	2М		1L	
9. Equipment maintenance	Stored energy hazards, Mechanical failure	4A		2M	

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10. Loading/unloading materials	Struck by moving objects, Falling materials	ЗН		1L	



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11. In case of emergency	Inadequate response, Communication failures	ЗН		2M	



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12. Post-work review	Ergonomic evaluation, Documentation inaccuracies	2М		1L	



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE – CALL 000 FOR EMERGENCIES

Ensure to have an Emergency Management Plan in place as well as adequate numbers of trained first aid staff with easy access to fully stocked first aid kits, rescue equipment, material safety data sheets, adequate access to emergency communication equipment and fire-fighting equipment suitable for all classes of fire and ignition sources.

	REFERENCES					
RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES. ANY STATE AT ARE NOT APPLICABLE						
Queensland & Australian Capital Territory Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 Legislation QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws</u> Codes of Practice QLD: <u>https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Legislation ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u> Codes of Practice ACT: <u>https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice</u>	Victoria Occupational Health also Safety Actor 24 Occupational Health and Safety Actor 24 Degis from VIC: <u>https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and- gular</u> Codes of mactice VIC <u>enttps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice</u>					
New South Wales Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017 Legislation NSW: <u>https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislati</u> Codes of Practice NSW: <u>https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis</u>	Western Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2020 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022 Legislation Western Australia: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</u> Codes of Practice WA: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice</u>					
Northern Territory Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 2011 Legislation NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/worplace-serve-laws</u> Codes of Practice NT: <u>https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/fecture-serve-laws</u>	Safe Work Australia Links Law and Regulation (All States): <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation</u> Model Codes of Practice: <u>https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model- codes-of-practice</u>					
South Australia Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA) Legislation for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation Codes of Practice for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work_aces/codes-of-practice#COPs	Model Codes of Practice - Managing noise and preventing hearing loss at work - Confined spaces - Labelling of workplace hazardous chemicals - Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace - Welding processes					
Tasmania Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012 Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 Work Health and Safety (Transitional) Regulations 2012 Legislation for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice Codes of Practice for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice	 First aid in the workplace Managing the risk of falls at workplaces Hazardous manual tasks Managing the risk of falls in housing construction Managing electrical risks in the workplace Demolition work Excavation work 					
Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required): - Permits from local council - Authorisation to commence work	 Work health and safety consultation, cooperation and coordination Managing the work environment and facilities How to manage work health and safety risks Managing risks of plant in the workplace Construction work 					

- Any required documents.



SIGNATORIES OF THE SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT

The signed and dated personnel listed below have cooperated in the consultation and development of this Safe Work Method Statement which has been approved by the Person/s Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU). In signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual acknowledges and confirms that they have read this SWMS in full, having raised any questions for items on this Safe Work Method Statement that require clarification, and confirms that they are competent, skilled and knowledgeable for the task assigned to them. Every person acknowledges that they have received the relevant training and qualifications where required, before carrying out any work contained in this Safe Work Method Statement. By signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual agrees to work safely, to follow any safe work instructions which are provided, and agrees to use all Personal Protective Equipment where appropriate.

Worker Name	Position	Signature	Date	Time	Supervisor
			Date:		
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			Date:		

SAF WC A STHUD STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to review the sure it remains revised if necessary) if relevant control measure are a conconsultation with workers (including contractors are subcontract of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who re workplace.

ke sure it remains effective and must be reviewed (and acception of the process should be carried out in s any subcontract s) who may be affected by the operation esentatives who recented that work group at the

When the SWMS has been revised the PCBU must ensure that all persons involved with the work are advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS, including all persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a result of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties consistently with the revised SWMS. All workers that will be involved in the work must be provided with the relevant information and instruction that will assist them to understand and implement the revised SWMS.

The SWMS must be monitored regularly for the effectiveness of ensuring hazard controls are effective in reducing the risk of incidents, keeping the workplace safe for all personnel. The person responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the Safe Work Method Statement should employ a multi-faceted approach which includes but is not limited to:

- 1. Spot Checks.
- 2. Consultation with workers, contractors and sub-contractors.
- 3. Internal audits on a continual basis.

An approach of continuous improvement, promptly recording inconsistencies or deficiencies, followed up by immediate corrective action and consultation with all relevant personnel ensures that the PCBU is consistently developing ever-improving systems of safe work principles.

REVIEW NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NAME							
INITIALS							
DATE							



SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT REVIEW CHECKLIST

This Safe Work Method Statement Review Checklist is to be followed and used upon initial development of the SWMS to help ensure that all steps have been adequately taken before work commences. Think of this document as an internal audit review checklist before commencing work, and may form part of a Toolbox Talk (safety meeting) and may be used as an opportunity for education and training.

ITEMS WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SWMS	COMPLETED	TO BE DONE	COMMENTS
The company details have been entered, including the project name and address.			
Names and signatures of all relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.		P	
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.			
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.			
Provides a step-by-step process of tasks required to carry out the activity or task.			
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.			
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.			
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWN			
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) columns completed.			
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effecting sections.			
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the SWMS for the impement of continue measures.			
Permit requirements specified, such as Hot Wren Electrical Work, Versat Heights etc.			
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be up.			
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed ar noted on the SWMS.			
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience vaining skills required to perform the work.			
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.			
Lists any required permits or licenses.			
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.			
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.			
REVIEWED BY	DATE RI	EVIEWED	
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPLETED		