



## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Earthworks improve safety of “black spot” corner**

The Administration of Norfolk Island has received a number of enquiries about the work being undertaken this week near the Pitcairn Place/Queen Elizabeth Avenue intersection. The earthworks are to improve road safety through improved visibility from the lowering of the banks on either side of Pitcairn Place on the southern side of Queen Elizabeth Avenue. This area is an identified “black spot”, and has been the subject of a number of complaints and some near misses due to the restricted field of vision from the high banks.

In order to minimise the traffic hazard from the works, the contractor engaged by the Administration utilised small trucks to remove the spoil to the radio station paddock. This required a greater number of trips, but was the safest option at that location. Topsoil will be placed on the lowered banks and they will be temporarily fenced so that grass can be established.

The works required the removal of one tree. Inspections were carried out and it was found that the roots of the tree were causing problems for a nearby driveway. As well, the lowering of the soil level exposed the roots of the tree and made its survival unlikely. Approval was given by the Acting Forester for removal of one Norfolk Pine in accordance with the provisions of the Trees Act 1997.

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