

Mark Out - How will the limits be identified? General 1

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The **markout of property limits** can vary in degree of ground visibility, as the limit passes close to points of interests, through dense bush and various inclines.

A mild form of markout would consist of red flagging/ ribbon with red wooden stakes at appropriate monuments

. There are minimum requirements for ensuring that monuments are installed to correctly represent the corners and bends in the line.

Additional monuments or bars

can be installed

to increase reliability as to how well the line can be seen and later retraced.

A stronger form of markout is to cut vegetation from lines of sight as defined by existing or newly installed monuments along the line. The cut vegetation can grow back and cover the original cut line within five years. However, certain evidence is left behind for longer periods of time such as any resultant stumps. As discussed next, blazes are the most enduring in terms of identifying a limit.

To cut and blaze the line is the recommended markout type in areas where the property limit extends over long or unused portions of land. A land surveyor will be concerned with not interrupting the aesthetics of the property such as close to living spaces - building or recreation zones. Blazing is making very shallow cuts on three sides of adult trees, of which are both close to and on either side of the property limit. These blazes within several years turns into a scab. These blazed trees can be spray painted orange for easier identification or left alone. The advantage of a blazed line is that it cannot be disturbed and is an economical way to identify extent of ownership. This has been the valuable process for settling new lots since the early settlement surveys in the 1870s.

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Special *monuments* for identifying key bends and corners can be requested for increased visibility and permanence.