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Fight dieback

Give our plants a chance



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DIEBACK is a plant disease caused by a soil borne fungus. In Western Australia, *Phytophthora cinnamomi* is the most common - and most destructive - of the several *Phytophthora* species infecting native plants.

The microscopic fungus is easily carried by water above or below the ground, or when the soil it lives in is moved.

It kills plants by rotting their roots so they can't take up water, often giving the appearance of plants dying of drought.

Since its formation CALM has been committed to stopping the spread of dieback and has continued the extensive work of one of its predecessors, the Forests Department.

The research continues, but there is still no known practical cure for dieback in the field.