Desiring Machine
Eastlink Motorway Melbourne, Australia 2007 - 08
Commissioned by Connect East Group and Wood Marsh Architects
laser-cut galvanized steel plate, 16mm-24mm thick
10m(h) x 9m(w) x 38m(l)

Desiring Machine is a fallen tree/tower lying by the new Eastlink motorway. It is a crashed relic of machine-age desire putting down new roots into the earth and unfurling tendrils from its architectonic radii and sections. The cause of this optical confusion is a vegetal motif, a floral border from a 19th century pattern book that has been adapted to form the base unit of this sculpture. It is composed of three repeated modular units generated from the ‘original’ pattern. Desiring Machine’s recursive plant-like structure unfolds from a single stem five units long that branches into four stems, three units long...