

Native vegetation within Victoria includes trees, shrubs and grasses. The purpose of native vegetation controls are to ensure permitted clearing of native vegetation does not result in a net loss to biodiversity.

The purpose is achieved by;

- Avoiding the removal of native vegetation which makes a significant contribution
- Minimising the impacts on Victoria's biodiversity.
- Ensuring an offset is provided that makes a contribution equivalent to the vegetation removed.

Clause 52.17 Native Vegetation (a statewide planning provision) outlines the requirement for the removal, destruction and lopping of native vegetation and includes a table of exemptions.

The following may not require a planning permit:

- Removing dead vegetation.
- Some building works in relation dwelling construction.
- Where the removal is required to enable the construction of a fence on a boundary between two properties in different ownership, or to maintain an existing fence (the maximum width of clearing permitted either side of the fence is 4 metres).
- Some fire protection measures.
- Vegetation on land less than 0.4 hectares in contiguous ownership.

You should contact the planning team to clarify if a permit is required.

Making an Application

To assist in determining the impact of the removal of the vegetation, the Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) have created an online tool that must be used called 'Native Vegetation Information Management system (NVIM)'.

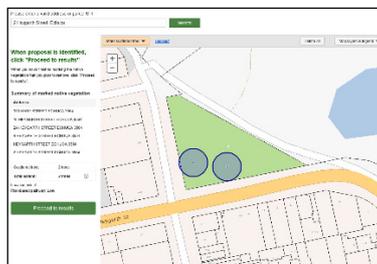
This tool creates a Biodiversity Assessment Report that will outline the extent of the removal, its species status and the offset planting required.



Application Requirements

All applications to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- NVIM - Biodiversity Assessment Report.
- Recent dated photographs of the native vegetation to be removed.
- Topographic information.
- A copy of any property vegetation plan that applies to the site.
- Where the removal, destruction or lopping of vegetation is to create defendable space, a statement explaining why removal of the native vegetation is required, having regard to other available bushfire risk mitigation measures.
- Details of any other native vegetation that was permitted to be removed.



A member of planning is available to answer any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mandatory Application Requirements:

- Application form, completed and signed
- A full current copy of Certificate of Title
- Application Fee
- All information as outlined in the application requirements relevant zones and/or overlays and/or particular provisions
- Plans as appropriate [dimensioned and to scale (A4 or A3)]
- Written justification for the proposal in response to the decision guidelines of the relevant clauses.

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