

Self-audit form - managing thickened vegetation under a FastTrack5 development approval

It is a requirement of the FastTrack5 Checklist criteria that you undertake a self-audit of any prior clearing for managing thickened vegetation under a FastTrack5 development approval. This needs to be completed before lodging any second or subsequent application for a FastTrack5 development approval to manage thickened vegetation. You do not need to submit the results of this self-audit, but it may be requested in the future.

Development approval number: _____

Date of development approval: _____

Clearing undertaken by: _____

(name of contractor/employee/agent where relevant)

Period of clearing:

from: _____

to: _____

Note:

- Some aspects of this audit can be assessed by undertaking a desktop assessment, however most must be assessed in the field or onsite.
- Terms used in this form have the meaning given in the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) State Code 16: Native vegetation clearing.

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Clearing limitations

Yes No

Clearing under this development approval was limited to the area(s) identified in the Relevant Purpose Determination Plan (RPDP).

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| 1 | Clearing was not undertaken using a chain or cable linked between two tractors, bulldozers or other traction vehicles. | | |
| 2a | Clearing was only undertaken in the regional ecosystem/s approved to be cleared under the development approval. | | |
| 2b | Clearing was only undertaken using the method/s of clearing approved under the development approval. | | |
| 2c | Clearing followed the restrictions on clearing specified in the development approval. | | |
| 3a | Clearing was not undertaken in any thickets. | | |
| 4a | Clearing retained all mature trees and habitat trees. | | |
| 4b | Clearing retained the full range of sizes and species typical of the regional ecosystem in the area. | | |
| 4c | Where the number of mature trees plus habitat trees is less than 20 per hectare, clearing retained tall immature trees to total 20 mature trees, habitat trees and tall immature trees per hectare. | | |

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Clearing limitations	Yes	No
5 Where the development approval permitted clearing of immature trees, clearing retained the minimum number of immature trees required under the development approval, distributed in a pattern that is as natural as possible.		
6 Where the development approval limited clearing of a regional ecosystem to low shrubs, clearing retained: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> all immature trees at least 10 per cent of the predominate species that have thickened. 		
7 Where the development approval did not limit clearing in the regional ecosystems to low shrubs, clearing retained: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> at least the number of immature trees specified in table 4 of SDAP state code 16 or the development approval at least 10 per cent of the predominate species that have thickened. 		

Chemical clearing	This section is N/A	
9a Clearing was not undertaken by aerial application of any herbicide.		
9b Clearing was not undertaken by application of a root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicide.		
10 Chemical clearing was not undertaken within five metres of the trunk of a mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree.		

Mechanical clearing	This section is N/A	
3b Mechanical clearing was not undertaken within five metres or less from the trunk of a mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree.		
8 Mechanical clearing did not result in debris being stacked or pushed against a mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree.		
11a Mechanical clearing was not undertaken inside the defining bank of a natural wetland.		
11b Mechanical clearing was not undertaken within 20 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland.		
12a Mechanical clearing was not undertaken inside the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature.		
12b Mechanical clearing was not undertaken within 10 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 1 or 2 watercourse or drainage feature.		
12c Mechanical clearing was not undertaken within 15 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 3 or 4 watercourse or drainage feature.		
12d Mechanical clearing was not undertaken within 20 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 5 or more watercourse or drainage feature.		
13a Mechanical clearing did not disturb more than 50 per cent of the ground surface or result in any hectare having less than 50 per cent ground cover.		
13b Mechanical clearing did occur on slopes greater than five per cent.		
13c Mechanical clearing did occur within 50 metres of an area of soil erosion and instability.		

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Clearing limitations

Yes No

- 14 Mechanical clearing did not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum.

Self-Audit Results

Where an activity is assessed as "No" (i.e. does not meet Managing Thickened Vegetation FastTrack5 conditions), landholders should seek immediate advice from the Vegetation Hub on **135 VEG** (135 834) or email vegetation@nrmmrrd.qld.gov.au.

More information can be found by searching 'Vegetation Management' at www.qld.gov.au.