

SITE PLAN

Please provide a plan showing the location of: all buildings; lot boundaries and fences; road frontages & road names; location of vegetation to be retained and vegetation proposed for removal; and any identifying and significant features on the property to be inspected. Additional information may be attached to support this request, such as a flora and fauna report.

I wish to: Receive Advice Clear Vegetation

There are dogs on the property There are locked gates

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

Note: You are advised that this application form is a public document. The personal information that Council has collected or is collecting from you is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The intended recipients of the personal information are:

- officers within the Council;
- data service providers engaged by the Council from time to time;
- any other agent/contractor of the Council; and
- other Statutory Authorities.

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WHAT IS MEANT BY 'VEGETATION'?

Council's DCP defines vegetation "as bushland that is either a remainder of the natural vegetation on the land or, if altered, is representative of the structure and/or floristics of the natural vegetation." Vegetation includes the composition of trees (including any sapling), shrubs, grasses and/or groundcovers that naturally occur on the land.

WHEN DO I REQUIRE A PERMIT TO REMOVE VEGETATION?

You must apply for a Vegetation Clearing permit to clear any vegetation that is not approved as part of a Development Consent, or Hazard Reduction Certificate issued by the Rural Fire Service.

CAN I CLEAR VEGETATION FOR BUSHFIRE HAZARD REDUCTION?

If you want to clear vegetation to remove a fire hazard, you must contact The Hills District Rural Fire Service on 9654 1244 to obtain a Hazard Reduction Certificate.

WHAT DOES COUNCIL CONSIDER IN ITS ASSESSMENT?

Council takes the following factors into consideration when assessing whether to issue a Vegetation Clearing permit:

- Whether there is important biodiversity or habitat present on site, including endangered ecological communities, threatened species or populations
- The level of impact to the important biodiversity
- The reason for the vegetation removal, and if it warrants the loss of vegetation.
- Whether there are suitable alternatives that avoid vegetation loss.

It is unlikely that Council would issue a permit for the clearing of a large area of vegetation without a substantial reason. Generally, this scale of clearing would be ancillary to an activity that would require development approval, and therefore should be submitted as part of the development application.

WILL I BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION?

Depending on the biodiversity that is present on the site and the scale of the proposed impact, applicants may be required to engage a suitably qualified Ecologist to prepare a Flora and Fauna Assessment Report to determine the level of impact that the clearing may have on threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats. This Report would be considered as part of Council's assessment and determination.

WILL THERE BE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL?

Vegetation Clearing Permits may include conditions that relate to work methods, site specific requirements or rehabilitation or revegetation works to compensate for the loss of vegetation.

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