

## Application for native vegetation works permit

SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017

Application No: TRE Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Lodged: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: **\$75.00 (2020/21)**

**This application is required for any proposal to clear native vegetation on land zoned R1, R2, R3, R5, SP3, E2 or E3 under the Clarence Valley LEP 2011 when approval for the clearing is not sought, or hasn't already been approved, in association with a development application for other development, for example, building a house.**

More information, including when a permit is not required, can be obtained in Part E of the Council's Development in Residential Zones DCP or Part T of the Council's Development in Environmental Protection, Recreation and Special Use Zones DCP available on Council's website, [www.clarence.nsw.gov.au](http://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au). Special provisions also apply to known koala habitat areas at Ashby, Woombah, Iluka and Waterview Heights where the retention of known koala feed tree species is preferred.

**NOTE:** When clearing is proposed on land zoned RU1, RU2, RU3, E1, W1 or W2 under the Clarence Valley LEP 2011 anyone proposing to undertake clearing work unrelated to a development approval issued by Council needs to obtain prior written approval for the clearing from North Coast Local Land Services (Ph 6604 1100).

***Native vegetation** is defined in CVLEP 2011. It has the same meaning as in Part 5A of the Local Land Services Act 2013, and generally means any of the following types of plants native to NSW - trees (including any sapling or shrub, or any scrub), understorey plants, groundcover (being any type of herbaceous vegetation), or plants occurring in a wetland. However, it does not include any mangroves, seagrasses, or any other species of vegetation that at any time in its life cycle must inhabit saltwater.*

***Clearing native vegetation** means any one or more of the following - cutting down, felling, uprooting, thinning, or otherwise removing native vegetation, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking or burning native vegetation.*

**Enquiries** – Please direct any enquiries regarding this application to Council's Customer Service staff on phone 6643 0200 during business hours.

Address/location of proposed native vegetation removal			
House Number:		Lot No/Deposited Plan details:	
Address:			
Applicant Details			
Name/s:			
Postal Address:			
Signature/s:		Phone number :	
Email Address:			

<b>Owner/s Details</b>	
<p>This section must be completed by ALL owners. If agreements for the sale of the property have been exchanged, the names of both the vendor and the purchaser must be provided.</p> <p>Applications involving strata can be signed by an office holder of the owners' corporation bearing the seal of the owners' corporation.</p> <p>If the owner of the properties a company, the company seal or proof of authority to sign must be provided.</p>	
Name/s:	
Postal Address:	
Signature/s:	
Phone number:	
<p>As the owner(s) of the property, I/we consent to this application and to any authorised Officers of Clarence Valley Council entering onto the land to carry out inspection, take measurements or photographs as required in the assessment of the application.</p>	

**Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy seeks to avoid or minimise loss of native vegetation within the Clarence Valley Local Government Area.** Native vegetation provides habitat for a diverse variety of plants, animals and fungi. **Council prefers that measures to avoid or minimise the need for clearing are taken where practical.** For example, locate houses, sheds, pools away from large trees, minimise clearing near fences, where possible prune trees rather than remove them, retain trees with hollows, retain patches of vegetation (including understorey species) to improve habitat quality, incorporate bushfire safety measures in the design of new buildings to reduce the need for clearing, and obtain professional advice where necessary.

**Please attach the following information to assist assessment of your application:**

1. **Site plan** – Drawing sufficient for Council staff to know where on the land the native vegetation/tree or trees is that you propose to remove or clear. Please show land boundaries, the location of any building/s, vehicle access/driveway or other easily identified features and the distance of the vegetation from these features.
2. **Number/type of trees** - list the number and type/species of each tree and whether to are seeking to prune or remove the tree.
3. **Photographs** – photo/s of the trees you propose to clear.
4. **Reasons for clearing** – give reason/s why you want to prune or remove the native vegetation.
5. **Extra information** – an arborists report or ecological assessment (if available).

**Assessment Procedure:**

1. Once your application is lodged it will be allocated to a Council officer;
2. Council's officer will complete a preliminary review of the application by reference to the relevant Council Development Control Plan;
3. Council's assessing officer will visit the site to inspect the native vegetation; and
4. A determination of the application will be made if sufficient information is available.

**Privacy Advice**

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 (PPIPA). Council will only use this information in accordance with the PPIPA. The supply of this information by you is voluntary. However, if you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, the Council may be limited in dealing with your application/request. Council requires this personal information from you in order to process your application. You may make application for access or amendment to your personal information held by Council. Council will consider any such application in accordance with the PPIPA. Council is to be regarded as the agency that holds the information.