



Vegetation Controls – Residential Zones

FACT SHEET

This fact sheet outlines information available in Clarence Valley Council (CVC) Development Control Plan (DCP) Part E Development in **Residential Zones – Controls for Preservation of Native Vegetation**. The DCP, zoning maps and comprehensive information can be viewed on council's website.

Where do the controls apply?

To all residential land in the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011 zoned as General (R1), Low (R2), Medium (R3), and Large Lot residential (R5).

The objectives are:

- § To provide a framework for the protection of native vegetation in residential zones.
- § To protect and enhance the environmental amenity, special landscape characteristics, unique vegetation qualities and ecological values of the Clarence Valley.
- § To protect biodiversity in accordance with Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy.
- § To enable clearing native vegetation to the minimum extent necessary to ensure reasonable levels of safety to human life and property.

When do I need permission?

If you want to cut down, fell, thin, log or remove native vegetation, which includes killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning native vegetation, please read on because you may need Council permission.



If planned work is associated with an approved existing house / landuse: and is not exempt (refer to exemptions listed on the next page).

A Native Vegetation Works Permit is required.



If planned work is not associated with an approved existing house/landuse, e.g. vacant land or non approved house:

A development application is required.

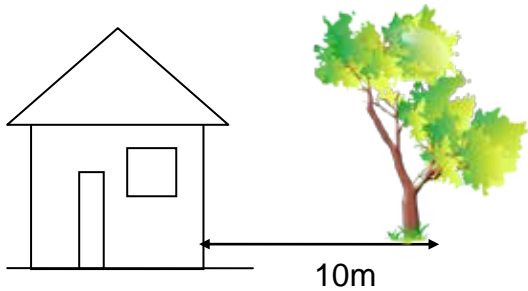
What about heritage item/s or vegetation in a heritage conservation area?

Removal or maintenance of any tree (native or introduced) on the site of a heritage item or located within a heritage conservation area requires development consent. Where works are of a minor nature a DA may not be required but only after Council has issued written advice confirming that the work is minor and will not adversely affect heritage significance. Please refer Part E and F of this DCP and Clause 5.10 of CVLEP 2011 for more information.

What about threatened species?

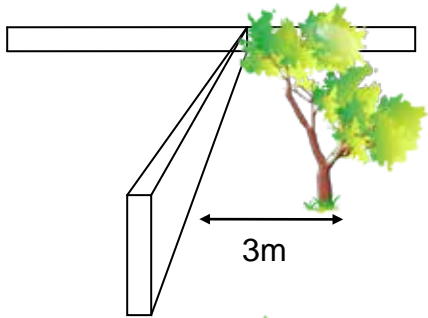
Threatened or nationally significant species or communities must still be considered under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and/or *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. If planned work involves a threatened species or is in or near an endangered ecological community **do not remove** contact Office of Environment and Heritage

Exemptions: For those entitled to a permit

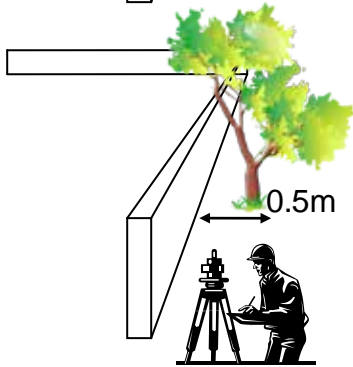


Clearing / works within 10m from the face of an existing approved dwelling are exempt.*

***Former Maclean LGA does not apply to this exemption.**



Clearing / works within 3m of your **property boundary** fence line are exempt.



Clearing / works within 0.5m of your property boundary for the purposes of surveying **by registered surveyor** are exempt.

Map of Local Government Area

Residents in the Lower Clarence (noted as Maclean area) **do not** get the 10m exemption (refer above).

If I'm in a rural zone, what applies to me?

Residents within rural zones must fulfil requirements of the Native Vegetation Act.

For inquiries regarding clearing in rural areas please call – Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA): (02) 6642 0622.

What if it is not a native species?

You do not need Council permission to clear/remove/prune exotic, non native species, heritage listed items not included.

Illegal Clearing

Report possible illegal clearing to – Office of Environment and Heritage: 131 555.

