

Self-audit form - managing regulated regrowth vegetation (for managing regrowth density)

This form is for clearing vegetation under the managing regulated regrowth vegetation accepted development vegetation clearing code.

It is a requirement of this code that you undertake a self-audit of your managing regrowth vegetation density activities prior to notifying for a second or subsequent notifications. You must keep your self-audit results as they may be requested in the future. If a copy of the results is requested, the information collected will be for the purpose of considering legislative requirements under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* and will not be disclosed to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.

Date/s of clearing activities:	<hr/>
Date version of the code:	<hr/>
Lot and plan reference of clearing activities:	<hr/>
Date notification lodged:	<hr/>
Date confirmation received:	<hr/>
Confirmation reference number:	<hr/>

Note: Some aspects of this audit can be assessed by undertaking a desktop assessment, however most will need to be assessed in the field or onsite.

Managing regulated regrowth vegetation code requirements	Yes	No
Property details		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing occurred in category C and/or category R areas only. The property tenure is either: freehold land, indigenous land or leasehold land for agricultural or grazing purposes, or is land subject of an occupation licence, under the <i>Land Act 1994</i>. 		
Notification requirements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A notification was lodged for managing regrowth density by either the landholder or a third party. The notification was lodged online or with a completed hard copy notification form and provided all the requested information. A confirmation of the notification was received before commencing any clearing. Only operated under the notification for two years from the date of confirmation of the notification. Where the notification was a subsequent notification for managing regrowth density, a self-audit was undertaken prior to renotifying – and satisfied code requirements. 		
Compliance requirements		
The following records (where relevant) have been kept:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS coordinates or map identifying the clearing area/s. Pre-clearing photographs and GPS location coordinates where the pre-clearing photographs were taken. 		

Managing regulated regrowth vegetation code requirements**Yes No**

- Self-audit results.

General limits for managing regrowth density

- Clearing was limited to (tick which applies):
For a notification lodged prior to 7 February 2020: 100 ha,
OR
For a notification lodged on or after 7 February 2020:
for an SEQ lot that has one or more koala habitat areas mapped on the lot, 10 ha,
OR
for all other lots including a SEQ lot that has no koala habitat areas mapped on the lot, 100 ha.
- Clearing was only undertaken in regional ecosystems listed in Appendix 2 of the code.
- Clearing only occurred where the number of immature trees per hectare exceeded the minimum number in table 3 of the code.
- A full range of plant sizes and species typical of the regional ecosystem in the area were retained and distributed in a pattern that is as natural as possible.
- In regional ecosystem 11.7.7, all immature trees regardless of the species were retained.
- All mature trees and habitat trees were retained.
- The number of immature trees per hectare listed in Table 4, that are species characteristic of the regional ecosystems were retained.
- At least 10 % of the target low shrub species were retained.

Mechanical clearing**This section is N/A**

- Clearing was not undertaken using a chain or cable linked between two tractors, dozers or other traction vehicles.
- Mechanical clearing of regional ecosystems listed in Appendix 2 of the code with the practice limitation stating mechanical methods are not permitted, did not occur.
- Mechanical clearing did not occur in a riparian protection zone listed in Table 5 of the code.
- Mechanical clearing did not occur within 50 m of an area of soil erosion and instability.
- Mechanical clearing did not occur on slopes greater than 15 %.
- Mechanical clearing did not result in disturbance of more than 50 % of the ground surface in any hectare.
- Mechanical clearing did not result in less than 50 % ground cover in any hectare.
- Mechanical clearing did not result in debris being stacked or pushed up against mature trees and habitat trees.

Chemical clearing**This section is N/A**

- Clearing was not undertaken using aerial application.
- Clearing was not undertaken using the application of root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicides.

Managing regulated regrowth vegetation code requirements		Yes	No
Regrowth management burning		This section is N/A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prior to undertaking a regrowth management burn, all necessary fire permits were obtained.• Regrowth management burning has been managed in terms of timing, intensity and lighting pattern to limit the likelihood of damage to mature trees and habitat trees.• Regrowth management burning has been undertaken in accordance with the fire guideline for the regional ecosystem, as outlined in the Vegetation Management Regional Ecosystem Description Database (VM REDD).			
Soil and Water protection			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognised best practice methods were used to prevent increased soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing.• Recognised best practice methods were used to stabilise soil erosion and instability which resulted from the clearing.• Recognised best practice methods were used to prevent increased sediment run-off entering a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature as a result of clearing.• Clearing did <u>not</u> occur within 100 m of a salinity expression area.• In land zones 1, 2 or 3 where the elevation is less than 5 m above sea level, top soil was <u>not</u> mechanically disturbed to a depth greater than 30 cm, unless acid sulphate soils were managed consistent with the State Planning Policy and the Soil Management Guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulphate Soil Technical Manual.			

Self-Audit Results

Where a relevant requirement is assessed as "No" i.e. non-compliant, landholders should cease operations to reassess code requirements, refer to the relevant landholder guide or seek advice from the Vegetation Hub if required.

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