



Cardinia

Requirements for a vegetation (V2) removal application

You are required to provide a report prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist that details the following:

1. A site plan drawn to scale showing:
 - Location of the native vegetation to be removed.
 - Topographic information, highlighting ridges, and waterways, slopes of more than 20 percent, saline discharge areas and areas of existing erosion.
 - Location of any hollow bearing trees that may be impacted by the proposed buildings or works.
 - Location of all trees within the building envelope, waste envelope, driveway and defensible space of the proposed dwelling (please note that this may be subject to change depending upon the Country Fire Authority's assessment or environment assessment).
 - Notate which of these trees are to be retained or removed or pruned to create the 2 metre or 5 metre canopy separation required as part of the CFA's defensible space requirements. This plan must be shown in your Bushfire Management Plan and will be sent to the CFA for approval.
2. A numbered legend stating the species and diameter at 1.3 metres above ground level of each tree.
3. A statement outlining what steps have been taken to avoid and minimise the removal of native vegetation including both trees and understorey native vegetation.
4. A description of the native vegetation to be removed including the Ecological Vegetation Class, its condition, any wildlife habitat features (e.g. logs) and any threatened species that may utilise the site.
5. Determine whether the removal of native vegetation will have any effect on species that are listed under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* or that are listed under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
6. Recent dated colour photographs of the native vegetation to be removed.
7. Details of any other native vegetation that was permitted to be removed on the same property with the same ownership in the five-year period before the application.
8. A Biodiversity Assessment in accordance with Clause 52.17 (<https://nvm.delwp.vic.gov.au/>).
9. An offset strategy that details how a compliant offset will be secured to offset the biodiversity impacts of the removal of native vegetation.
10. Details of how the property will be managed sustainably in the long term e.g. through a Land Management Plan

NOTE: exotic trees, dead trees or smaller indigenous trees should be removed before any large indigenous tree.

Referral of applications

Vegetation (V2) removal applications may be referred to the Victorian Government Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning or the Australian Government Environment Department, Council must reflect their advice in a Council planning decision.