



Feedback form

Draft guideline: A guide to preparing revegetation plans for clearing permits under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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Why are you/your business or association interested in the draft guideline titled 'A guide to preparing revegetation plan for clearing permits under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*'?

The Water Corporation's currently undertakes clearing for new works and maintenance of infrastructure in accordance with two state-wide clearing permits (CPS185/CPS186).

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Feedback on the draft guideline: A guide to preparing revegetation plans for clearing permits

Are there any parts of the draft guideline where the requirements are not clear? Please outline in the text box below, indicating the page, section number and title for each part being referred to.

N/A

Please provide other comments or suggestions in the text box below, indicating the page, section number and title for each part being referred to.

Reference	Comment
Section 2 and 5	<p>Opposing wording in Sections 2 and 5 regarding Appendix A.</p> <p><u>Section 2</u>: "To facilitate the consideration and approval of revegetation plans, checklists of the recommended contents of a revegetation plan and monitoring report are provided in Appendices A and B of this guide."</p> <p><u>Section 5</u>: "Appendix A contains a checklist of the minimum requirements of a revegetation plan."</p> <p>It is unclear if the checklist is recommended or if it is a mandatory minimum requirement.</p>
Section 5.3.4 – Quadrat Quantity, placement and size. (under reference sites)	<p>It is stipulated that reference site "quadrats must be placed in vegetation that is in excellent condition/ very good condition...placed 50–100 metres from the edge of a site to avoid edge effects. If this is not possible, contact DER for advice."</p> <p>Is it possible for more guidance be provided in this situation, as it could occur quite often, particularly in highly developed areas. Perhaps the statement in</p>

	<p>section 5.3.7 could be included under 5.3.4.</p> <p>Under Section 5.3.7, it states, <i>"if a reference site is missing key structural components due to disturbance, previously collected relevant data (especially from regional baseline surveys) may provide relevant information on the site's likely vegetation prior to disturbance"</i>.</p>
Section 5.3.5 – Vegetation Condition	<p><i>"Vegetation condition maps are to be included in the revegetation plan."</i></p> <p>Does this require a biological survey to be undertaken prior to clearing? The Water Corporation's State-wide clearing permit (CPS185-7) only requires a biological survey to be undertaken in certain circumstances.</p>
Section 5.4.1 – developing completion criteria	<p>The level of information that is required to prepare the completion criteria (ref: Table 2) is not likely to be acquired from academic literature. E.g. tree stems/ ha</p>
Section 5.5.8 – Mulch	<p><i>"mulching can provide a good source of seed "</i></p> <p>Could more guidance on mulch thickness be provided when seeding?</p>
Table 4	<p>Is Dieback mapping in a revegetation progress report/Revegetation plan only required if dieback is likely or present?</p>
General	<p>When is regeneration appropriate versus rehabilitation?</p>