



# Information for maintaining existing transport corridors

*Environmental Protection Act 1986*

## Purpose

This fact sheet provides information on the exemptions from requiring a permit to clear native vegetation under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* to maintain existing transport corridors.

## Introduction

Maintaining transport corridors is important to road safety and the longevity of infrastructure.

Roadsides and railway reserves may be important areas for nature conservation and in many areas are the only linkages or corridors between patches of remnant vegetation.

The following documents provide information about when clearing of native vegetation to maintain existing transport corridors is exempt or not, and best management practices to prevent degradation of native vegetation.

## Exemptions for maintenance

[A guide to the exemption for clearing native vegetation for maintenance in existing transport corridors](#) is available on [DER's website](#).

This guide has specifically been developed to clarify the exemptions detailed in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulation 2004* and contains the following:

- The first section of this guide explains how the exemptions under the

regulations operate for clearing in existing transport corridors.

- The second section of this guide contains an 'index of activities' which lists items by their topic. For example, clearing for a crossover, lateral clearance area or public roadside facility.
- The third section includes a table of exemptions which provides summary information on the relevant exemption.

## New works require a permit to clear native vegetation

Any road or rail extension, widening or realignment is considered 'new works' and requires a permit to clear native vegetation. Infrastructure upgrades such as new drains and culverts and new gravel extraction sites and extensions of existing sites also require a permit to clear native vegetation and are not exempt.

## Roadside Conservation Committee (RCC)

The RCC is an advisory committee consisting of government and non-government representatives. It provides guidance and examples for the development of roadside vegetation management plans, codes of practice and by-laws incorporating best practices for conserving and managing native vegetation.

Best management practice documents developed by the RCC are available from the [RCC webpage](#).

## Dieback management

Information relating to Dieback management developed by the Department of Parks Wildlife (DPaW) is available on the [DPaW website](#).

### More information

For advice on native vegetation clearing, or related matters, please contact the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) on +61 8 6467 5000.

This document is available in alternative formats and other languages on request.

### Related documents

More guidelines and fact sheets on native vegetation clearing process are available from [DER's website](#).

### Legislation

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