



## IS AN APPROVAL, PERMIT OR LICENCE NEEDED TO REMOVE VEGETATION?

This information applies to all tree removal or pruning that does not form part of a Development Application (DA). If your tree removal requires a DA, you will need to refer to the [Development Application process](#). A DA is required for the removal of: heritage trees; trees in a heritage conservation area; trees with Aboriginal heritage value and trees within coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests under the [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Coastal Management\) 2018](#). The following steps must be undertaken in order to determine whether an approval, permit or licence is needed to remove vegetation\*\*:

<p><b>STEP ONE</b></p>	<p><b>Check the zoning of your land in the <i>Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan 2012</i>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Check the zoning of your land on Council’s website</a></li> </ul> <p><b>OR check the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NSW Government Native Vegetation Regulatory Map.</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>a. If land zoned non-rural (ie, RU5, R2, R3, R5, B1, B2, IN1, SP1, SP2, SP3, RE1, RE2, E2, E4) and excluded on the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map, the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017 (Vegetation SEPP)</i> applies (continue to step two):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Vegetation SEPP.</a></li> </ul> <p>Check Council’s website for information about vegetation removal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Vegetation/tree removal on Council’s website.</a></li> </ul> <p><b>b. If zoned RU1 or RU4 and mapped on the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map, contact Local Land Services for advice regarding vegetation removal:</b></p> <p>Phone: 1300 778 080 Email: <a href="mailto:slm.info@lls.nsw.gov.au">slm.info@lls.nsw.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>STEP TWO</b></p>	<p><b>Check if the proposed clearing activates the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme by accessing the following tool:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold Tool (BMAT Tool).</a></li> </ul> <p>This tool produces a report stating whether the Biodiversity Offset Scheme threshold is triggered.</p>
	<p><b>a. If thresholds are triggered, contact Local Land Services to seek approval from the Native Vegetation Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Local Land Services</a></li> </ul> <p>Phone: 1300 778 080 Email: <a href="mailto:info@nvp.nsw.gov.au">info@nvp.nsw.gov.au</a></p> <p><b>b. If thresholds are NOT triggered, continue to step three.</b></p>

\*\*This fact sheet and web links can be downloaded at <http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/development-and-planning/development-applications/vegetation-removal>.



### STEP THREE

**Check whether the Tree Preservation Code applies to your land and the nature of the proposed clearing. You can check the following ways:**

- Enter your property details in the 'Property' tab on the [property enquirer tool](#) and check whether the Tree Preservation Code appears under the 'Zoning' tab.
- Contact Council's Development Help Desk on:  
Phone: 02 4474 1231  
Email: [development@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:development@esc.nsw.gov.au)

You can then read [Council's Tree Preservation Code](#).

You can also read information on Council's website about [vegetation removal](#).

**a. If the Tree Preservation Code applies to the land and the nature of the proposed clearing, apply to Council for a permit to remove the vegetation:**

- [Refer to item 4 in the frequently asked questions and answers on Council's 'Vegetation/tree removal' website page.](#)

**b. If the Tree Preservation Code does not apply to the land or a permit is not required from Council for the type of clearing proposed (continue to step four).**

### STEP FOUR

**Check whether the vegetation is likely to be habitat for threatened species or a threatened vegetation community:**

- [Council's GIS mapping](#)

Contact an ecologist to check for you.

**a. If likely to be habitat for threatened species or is a threatened vegetation community apply for a Biodiversity Conservation Licence from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage:**

- [Apply for a Biodiversity Conservation Licence](#)

**b. If NOT likely to be habitat for a threatened species and is NOT a threatened vegetation community you do not need an approval, licence or permit to remove the vegetation.**

#### DISCLAIMER

This fact sheet provides a summary of the major steps involved in determining whether an approval, permit or licence is needed to remove vegetation. Any person using this document must do so on the basis that not every scenario and issue can be addressed.

#### FURTHER ENQUIRIES

If you are unsure, please ask. Further enquiries can be made by contacting Council's Development Help Desk or visiting Council's Moruya customer service office.

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