Clearance process from July 2017

Someone wants to clear native vegetation in an area where the Native Vegetation Act applies

Is the proposed clearance activity permitted by the Regulations? (Check Schedule 1 to find out.)

NO

Clearance application under a REGULATION

YES

Assessed against the requirements of the regulation and principles of avoidance and minimisation

PATHWAY 4. RISK ASSESSMENT. Activities that will require an SEB offset to be delivered. Clearance may occur in accordance with a risk assessment to determine the SEB required

E.g., clearance for infrastructure, new buildings, subdivisions, highways, recreation tracks and wide vehicle tracks.

WHAT TO DO: Follow the steps to the right.

PATHWAY 3. MANAGEMENT PLAN. Activities that require NVC approval but do not require an SEB offset. Clearance may occur in accordance with a Management Plan

E.g., clearance to manage roadsides or rail corridors; to maintain agriculture, forestry or farming.

WHAT TO DO: Follow NVC Guidelines to produce a Management Plan for NVC approval.

PATHWAY 2. FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION. Activities that require CFS approval. Clearance may occur in accordance with CFS approval and

notification to the NVC

E.g., clearance to prevent or control fire; for fuel reduction or fuel breaks; for a fire access track.

WHAT TO DO: Contact the CFS or view the guidelines and application form on the CFS website.

PATHWAY 1. SELF-ASSESSMENT. Activities that do not require approval. Clearance may occur in accordance with a regulation (notification to the NVC may be required)

E.g., clearance within 10 metres of an existing building; to maintain infrastructure; for ongoing grazing.

WHAT TO DO: Follow the regulation relevant to the proposed activity.

Clearance application under the ACT

Assessed against the Principles of the Act and Intact Stratum

STEP 1. Ensure clearance seeks to avoid or minimise impacts; offsetting is an option for residual impacts only; where required, the proponent must engage an NVC Accredited Consultant to undertake steps 2-5

STEP 2. Determine Biodiversity Score of the impact site by undertaking a vegetation assessment

STEP 3. Determine impact to site in order to offset; establish SEB Points required

STEP 4. Choose how SEB Points will be achieved at the SEB site; a combination of these may be possible

NOTE: Options 1 & 2 will have previously undertaken an SEB vegetation assessment and SEB Manaaement Plan

Option 1. Apply to use a Credit SEB area already established by proponent

Option 3. Nominate and deliver an onground SEB area

Option 5. Pay into the Native Vegetation Fund

<u>OR</u>

Option 2. Apply to use Credit SEB area already established by a third party

<u>OR</u> Option 4.

Engage a **Third Party** Provider to deliver onground SEB

An SEB Management Plan, Management Agreement (and possibly a Heritage Agreement) is required

If approved, clearance may occur

STEP 5. Accredited Consultant submits application to the NVC; the NVC considers the application