

Native Vegetation Act

Self-assessable codes of practice

The NSW Government is reforming the management of native vegetation to deliver multiple benefits and strike the right balance between efficient agricultural management and protecting the environment.

Last year, the NSW Government created the Native Vegetation Regulation 2013, introducing new clearing exemptions to improve the landholder's ability to protect properties from bushfires. The new regulation also includes self-assessable codes of practice for low risk clearing activities.

The codes place trust in landholders to manage their properties sustainably while maintaining environmental standards.

New Codes of Practice

There first three of the Codes of Practice are currently on public exhibition until **26th May 2014**:

- clearing isolated paddock trees in a cultivated area
- thinning of native vegetation
- clearing invasive native species

These Codes are the first of a series of self-assessable codes announced as part of the changes to the regulation.

The Codes will not apply to all circumstances, such as high risk clearing activities involving native vegetation near rivers and creeks or threatened species. In this instance, landholders still need to apply to Local Land Services for a Property Vegetation Plan (PVP).

You can access the Codes and provide feedback through the Office of Environment and Heritage consultation portal:

<http://environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation>

The codes, including Ministerial Orders and landholder guides, can be viewed or downloaded from:
<http://engage.environment.nsw.gov.au/NativeVegetation>

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How Local Land Services can help

Local Land Services works with organisations such as the Department of Primary Industries to ensure that the safety and security of our land is upheld. We aim to be able to provide up to date relevant information about potential threats and ongoing risks to our plants and animals.

More information:

For more information regarding the Codes or regarding clearing of native vegetation in general, please contact

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