

Information Sheet

CLEARING OF VEGETATION



IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [Local Planning Scheme No. 21](#)
- [City of Busselton Mapping Service \(Intramaps\)](#)
- [Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice](#)

DEFINITIONS:

“Vegetation” means any tree, shrub or plant regardless of condition or age.

“Clearing” means the killing, destruction, severing or ringbarking of trunks or stems, removal or substantial damage to vegetation.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

The lodgement of a Development Application for planning approval is required prior to the removal and/or modification of vegetation on land identified within the following areas:

- Land located within the Landscape Value Area, Coastal Management Area, Wetland or Floodway;
- Properties zoned Conservation, Rural Landscape, Bushland Protection, Rural Residential or R2, R2.5, and R5;
- Land below the mean high water mark;
- Where the affected land forms part of a creek or watercourse; *or*
- Land outside of your property boundary / within any reserve or road reserve.

DEAD, DYING OR DANGEROUS VEGETATION

The City requires written notification for the removal of any vegetation in Rural Residential, Rural Landscape, Bushland Protection or land coded R2 R2.5 or R5 that is considered to be dead, dying, or dangerous. Supporting documentation from an arborist confirming the tree condition is to be provided prior to removal.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS NOT REQUIRED

Development Approval prior to removal and/or modification of vegetation is not required in the following circumstances:

- When implementing an approved development – tree removal as identified on the approved plans; *or*
- When achieving compliance with the City’s Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Western Ringtail Possums are considered ‘critically endangered’. Please ensure that vegetation is checked prior to clearing. Should possums be present please cease clearing works and contact the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for advice.

State Approvals are required for clearing of vegetation greater than 1 hectare per year. Please contact the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for details.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries may be directed to Planning and Development Services staff on 9781 1731, via email at city@busselton.wa.gov.au, or in person at the City Administration Building during office hours, Monday – Friday.

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