

Attachment 3

Guidance for estimating canopy cover of low shrubs

If you intend to manage low shrubs, you will need to estimate the overall canopy cover of the target low shrub species along the length of the 100 metre transect within a strip of approximately four metres wide. Canopy cover estimates for managing low shrubs apply only to the single low shrub species that you intend to manage. Do not include canopy cover for any other low shrubs along the strip. Do not include ground cover or canopy cover from any immature or mature trees along the strip.

You will need to estimate the low shrub canopy cover for the proposed clearing area and the reference sites to compare and demonstrate the low shrubs have thickened in the proposed clearing area. It is recommended you take a photo in each direction (north, south, east and west) at the start and finish of each transect.

To help visually estimate cover, use the following diagram. It shows a range of percentage comparisons to aid the estimation process.

Diagram A: Illustration of vegetation cover percentages

