

## Self-audit sheet – managing thickened vegetation under a FastTrack5 development approval

It is a requirement of the FastTrack5 Checklist criteria that you undertake a self-audit of any prior clearing for managing thickened vegetation under a FastTrack5 development approval. This needs to be completed before lodging any second or subsequent application for a FastTrack5 development approval to manage thickened vegetation. You do not need to send this self-audit to the Department of Resources, but it may be requested by the department in the future.

Development approval number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of development approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Clearing undertaken by (name of contractor / employee / agent where relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Period of clearing: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

1. Some aspects of this audit can be assessed by undertaking a desktop assessment, however most must be assessed in the field or onsite.
2. All terms in **bold** in this form have the meaning given in the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) State Code 16: Native vegetation clearing.

Managing thickened vegetation FastTrack5 conditions			
Limitation Number	Clearing Limitation	Yes	No
General	<b>Clearing</b> under this development approval was limited to the area(s) identified in the Relevant Purpose Determination Plan (RPDP).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	<b>Clearing</b> was not undertaken using a chain or cable linked between two tractors, bulldozers or other traction vehicles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2a	<b>Clearing</b> was only undertaken in the <b>regional ecosystem/s</b> approved to be <b>cleared</b> under the development approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2b	<b>Clearing</b> was only undertaken using the method/s of <b>clearing</b> approved under the development approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2c	<b>Clearing</b> followed the restrictions on <b>clearing</b> specified in the development approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3a	<b>Clearing</b> was not undertaken in any thickets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4a	<b>Clearing</b> retained all <b>mature trees</b> and <b>habitat trees</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4b	<b>Clearing</b> retained the full range of sizes and species typical of the <b>regional ecosystem</b> in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4c	Where the number of <b>mature trees</b> plus <b>habitat trees</b> is less than 20 per hectare, <b>clearing</b> retained <b>tall immature trees</b> to total 20 <b>mature trees, habitat trees</b> and <b>tall immature trees</b> per hectare.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Where the development approval permitted <b>clearing</b> of <b>immature trees</b> , <b>clearing</b> retained the minimum number of <b>immature trees</b> required under the development approval, distributed in a pattern that is as natural as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Where the development approval limited <b>clearing</b> of a <b>regional ecosystem</b> to <b>low shrubs</b> , <b>clearing</b> retained: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. all <b>immature trees</b></li> <li>b. at least 10 per cent of the predominate species that have thickened</li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

7	Where the development approval did not limit <b>clearing</b> in the <b>regional ecosystems to low shrubs, clearing</b> retained: a. at least the number of <b>immature trees</b> specified in table 4 of SDAP state code 16 or the development approval b. at least 10 per cent of the predominate species that have thickened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chemical clearing</b>		<b>N/A</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9a	<b>Clearing</b> was not undertaken by <b>aerial application</b> of any herbicide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9b	<b>Clearing</b> was not undertaken by application of a <b>root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicide</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	<b>Chemical clearing</b> was not undertaken within five metres of the trunk of a <b>mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mechanical clearing</b>		<b>N/A</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3b	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> was not undertaken within five metres or less from the trunk of a <b>mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> did not result in debris being stacked or pushed against a <b>mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11a	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> was not undertaken inside the <b>defining bank</b> of a natural <b>wetland</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11b	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> was not undertaken within 20 metres of the <b>defining bank</b> of a natural <b>wetland</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12a	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> was not undertaken inside the <b>defining bank</b> of any <b>watercourse or drainage feature</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12b	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> was not undertaken within 10 metres of the <b>defining bank</b> of a <b>watercourse or drainage feature</b> that is a stream order 1 or 2 <b>watercourse or drainage feature</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12c	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> was not undertaken within 15 metres of the <b>defining bank</b> of a <b>watercourse or drainage feature</b> that is a stream order 3 or 4 <b>watercourse or drainage feature</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12d	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> was not undertaken within 20 metres of the <b>defining bank</b> of a <b>watercourse or drainage feature</b> that is a stream order 5 or more <b>watercourse or drainage feature</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13a	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> did not disturb more than 50 per cent of the ground surface or result in any hectare having less than 50 per cent <b>ground cover</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13b	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> did occur on <b>slopes</b> greater than five per cent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13c	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> did occur within 50 metres of an area of <b>soil erosion and instability</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	<b>Mechanical clearing</b> did not occur in <b>land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3</b> in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Where an activity is assessed as “No” (i.e. does not meet Managing thickened vegetation FastTrack 5 conditions), landholders should seek advice from the Department of Resources.

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