

# Self-audit form - managing regulated regrowth vegetation (for managing regrowth density)

This form is for clearing vegetation under the managing regulated regrowth vegetation accepted development vegetation clearing code.

It is a requirement of this code that you undertake a self-audit of your managing regrowth vegetation density activities prior to notifying for a second or subsequent notifications. You do not need to send this self-audit to the department but it may be requested in the future.

Date/s of managing regulated regrowth activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Some aspects of this audit can be assessed by undertaking a desktop assessment, however most will need to be assessed in the field or onsite.

## Managing regulated regrowth vegetation code requirements

No Yes

### Property details

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing has occurred in category C and category R areas only.</li> <li>• The property tenure is either: freehold land, indigenous land or leasehold land for agricultural or grazing purposes or is land subject of an occupation licence under the Land Act.</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
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### Notification requirements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy (DNRME) has been notified for managing regrowth density.</li> <li>• You have received confirmation of your notification from DNRME before commencing any clearing.</li> <li>• The landholder, a person authorised by the landholder or a third party with the consent of the landholder is the notifier.</li> <li>• For a notification lodged <u>before</u> 7 February 2020, each notification was limited to 100 hectares per lot.</li> <li>• For a notification lodged <u>on or after</u> 7 February 2020, each notification was limited to one of the following area limits:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For a South East Queensland (SEQ) lot that has one or more koala habitat areas mapped on the lot – 10 hectares per lot</li> <li>○ For all other lots (including an SEQ lot that has no koala habitat areas mapped on the lot) – 100 hectares per lot</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Notifications were only used to undertake managing regrowth density for two years from the date DNRME issued confirmation of the notification.</li> <li>• Where a subsequent notification for managing regrowth density has been made, a self-audit was undertaken to ensure the clearing already undertaken was compliant with code requirements.</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
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<b>Compliance requirements</b>		
Keep all of the following records and make them available to DNRME upon request:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-clearing photographs and GPS location coordinates where the pre-clearing photographs were taken.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate records detailing the progress and effectiveness of all exchange area works, management actions and outcomes in accordance with the management plan (where relevant).</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-audit results (where relevant).</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>General limits for managing regrowth density</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For an SEQ lot that has one or more koala habitat areas mapped on the lot – clearing has not exceeded 10 ha per lot under a single notification. OR</li> <li>For all other lots including an SEQ lot that has no koala habitat areas mapped on the lot – clearing has not exceeded 100 ha per lot under a single notification.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing was only undertaken in regional ecosystems listed in Appendix 2 of the code.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing was only permitted within a regional ecosystem that has a minimum density of immature trees per hectare that exceeds the limits in Table 3 of the code.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A full range of plant sizes and species typical of the regional ecosystem in the area were retained and distributed in a pattern that is as natural as possible.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In regional ecosystem 11.7.7, all immature trees regardless of the species were retained.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All mature trees and habitat trees were retained.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retained the number of immature trees per hectare listed in Table 4, that are species characteristic of the regional ecosystem.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retained at least 10 % of the target low shrub species.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mechanical clearing</b>	<b>This section is N/A <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not been undertaken using a chain or cable linked between two tractors, dozers or other traction vehicles.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing of regional ecosystems listed in Appendix 2 of the code, with the practice limitation stating mechanical methods not permitted, has not occurred.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not occurred in a riparian protection zone listed in Table 5 of the code.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not occurred within 50 metres of an area of soil erosion and instability.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not occurred on slopes greater than 15 per cent.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not resulted in disturbance of more than 50 per cent of the ground surface in any hectare.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not resulted in less than 50 per cent ground cover in any hectare.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not resulted in debris being stacked or pushed up against mature trees and habitat trees.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chemical clearing</b>	<b>This section is N/A <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing has not been undertaken using aerial application.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing has not been undertaken using the application of root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicides.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Regrowth management burning</b>	<b>This section is N/A <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior to undertaking a regrowth management burn, all necessary fire permits were obtained.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regrowth management burning has been managed in terms of timing, intensity and lighting pattern to limit the likelihood of damage to mature trees and habitat trees.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regrowth management burning has been undertaken in accordance with the fire guideline for the regional ecosystem, as outlined by the Regional Ecosystem Description Database.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Soil and water quality protections</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognised best practice methods were employed to prevent increased soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognised best practice methods were employed to stabilise soil erosion and instability which resulted from the clearing.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognised best practice methods were employed to prevent increased sediment run-off entering a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature as a result of clearing.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing has not occurred within 100 metres of a salinity expression area.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing in land zones 1, 2 or 3 where the elevation is less than five metres above sea level, top soil has not be mechanically disturbed to a depth greater than 30 centimetres, unless acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the State Planning Policy, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, 2017, or the Soil Management</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Where an activity is assessed as “No” i.e. non-compliant, landholders should cease operations to reassess code requirements, refer to the relevant landholder guide or to seek advice from the department if required.

### Contact us

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