

# Self-audit form – managing weeds

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

It is a requirement of this code that you undertake a self-audit of your managing weeds 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 weeds 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 weeds code requirements

No Yes

### Property details

- Weed management has occurred in category B, category C and category R areas only.  No  Yes

### Notification requirements

- Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy (DNRME) has been notified for managing weeds.  No  Yes
- You have received confirmation of your notification from DNRME before commencing clearing.  No  Yes
- The landholder, a person authorised by the landholder, or a third party with the consent of the landholder is the notifier.  No  Yes
- For a notification lodged before 7 February 2020, each notification was limited to one of the following area limits:  No  Yes
  - For coastal lots and non-coastal lots where the lot size is 100 hectares or less – 50 hectares per lot
  - For coastal lots where the lot size is greater than 100 hectares – 50 per cent of lot area or 200 hectares per lot, whichever is the lesser
  - For non-coastal lots where the lot size is greater than 100 hectares – 50 per cent of the lot area or 400 hectares per lot, whichever is the lesser
- For a notification lodged on or after 7 February 2020, each notification was limited one of the following area limits:  No  Yes
  - For a South East Queensland (SEQ) lot that has one or more koala habitat areas mapped on the lot – 10 hectares per lot
  - For coastal lots and non-coastal lots where the lot size is 100 hectares or less – 50 hectares per lot
  - For coastal lots where the lot size is greater than 100 hectares – 50 per cent of lot area or 200 hectares per lot, whichever is the lesser
  - For non-coastal lots where the lot size is greater than 100 hectares – 50 per cent of the lot area or 400 hectares per lot, whichever is the lesser

- Notifications were only used to conduct weed management for two years from the date DNRME issued confirmation of the notification.
- Where a subsequent notification for weed management has been made, a self-audit was undertaken to ensure the clearing already undertaken was compliant with code requirements.

<b>Compliance requirements</b>		
Keep all of the following records and make them available to DNRME upon request:		
• For each area where you are proposing to clear native vegetation to allow for, or as a result of weed management, pre-clearing photographs and GPS coordinates to demonstrate the weed management area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Target weed species to be removed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Weed management method/s used including the government agency recommending the method and copies of any relevant federal, state and local government guide or best practice document for the effective weed management method.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Any other weed management guidelines, strategies, plan or advice which supports the weed management operations for the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• For chemical weed management methods, the herbicide used and details on how, when and where it was applied.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Contractor details e.g. name, address and contact details (where relevant).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Instruction to contractors, detailing location, date, time and species (where relevant).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• In areas to be rehabilitated in accordance with section 4.7 of the code, annual photographs and associated GPS coordinates of the rehabilitation and revegetation outcomes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Self-audit results (where relevant).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Native vegetation clearing limitations</b>		
• Clearing for weed management purposes has not exceeded – for an SEQ lot that has one or more koala habitat areas mapped on the lot – 10 hectares per lot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Clearing for weed management purposes has not exceeded – for coastal lots and non-coastal lots where the lot size is 100 hectares or less – 50 hectares per lot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Clearing for weed management purposes has not exceeded – for coastal lots where the lot size is greater than 100 hectares – 50 per cent of lot area or 200 hectares per lot, whichever is the lesser.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Clearing for weed management purposes has not exceeded – for non-coastal lots where the lot size is greater than 100 hectares — 50 per cent of lot area or 400 hectares per lot, whichever is the lesser.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Clearing of native vegetation was only undertaken using an effective weed management method.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Clearing of native vegetation was only undertaken to provide access to the weed management area where no other suitable access exists.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Effective weed management methods</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertook an 'effective weed management method' which complied with a State, Federal or Local government agency as an appropriate and effective weed management method for the weed species.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertook an 'effective weed management method' which ensured the ecological processes for the native vegetation within the weed management area was maintained.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertook an 'effective weed management method' that was necessary and reasonable given the nature and extent of the weed infestation, terrain and economics of weed control.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertook an 'effective weed management method' that advanced the restoration of the regional ecosystems within the weed management area.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Clearing native vegetation to access the weed management area</b>	<b>This section is N/A <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing to provide access for weed management has not exceeded 5 metres in width.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing to provide access for weed management has not resulted in the clearing of mature trees or habitat trees, unless it was necessary to remove a dead habitat tree that posed a safety risk.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing to provide access for weed management has not resulted in clearing of an immature koala habitat tree in a koala habitat area unless the area has been managed in a way that supports the natural regeneration of the number of immature koala habitat trees cleared.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearing to provide access for weed management has not resulted in clearing within a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature, or within 10 metres of the defining bank of the wetland, watercourse or drainage feature, unless a crossing of a watercourse or drainage feature is required.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mechanical clearing of native vegetation</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 has not resulted in the removal of mature trees or habitat trees.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not resulted in the clearing of an immature koala habitat tree in a koala habitat area unless the area has been managed in a way that supports the natural regeneration of the number of immature habitat trees cleared.</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, unless the clearing has been undertaken by brush cutting.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not occurred in regional ecosystems that occur on land zone 1.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing has not occurred within a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature.</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 unless clearing (slashing or brushcutting only) does not occur within 2 metres of the wetland, watercourse or drainage feature and after the clearing the riparian protection zone was rehabilitated.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing for weed management has only removed immature trees and shrubs including small saplings and woody ground covers where necessary, and are within a 1.5 metres radius from the edge of the canopy of the weed targeted for removal.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing for weed management has not disturbed more than 50 per cent of the ground cover, or resulted in any hectare having less than 50 per cent ground cover, whether dead or alive, unless after the clearing the weed management area was rehabilitated in accordance with the requirements specified in section 4.7 of the code.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical clearing for weed management has retained vegetation that contains the full range of species typical of the regional ecosystem for the area.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chemical clearing of native vegetation</b>	<b>This section is N/A <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical clearing for weed management has not resulted in the removal of mature trees or habitat trees, unless it was necessary to remove a dead habitat tree that posed a safety risk.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical clearing for weed management has not resulted in the clearing of an immature koala habitat tree in a koala habitat area unless the area has been managed in a way that supports natural regeneration of the number of immature koala habitat trees cleared.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical clearing for weed management has retained at least 50 per cent of immature trees distributed as naturally as possible.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Root absorbed broad spectrum herbicides have <u>not</u> been applied through aerial application.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Root absorbed broad spectrum herbicides have <u>not</u> been used within 30 metres of a mature tree or habitat tree or within two times the height of a mature tree or habitat tree, whichever is the greater.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Root absorbed broad spectrum herbicides have <u>not</u> been used within 100 metres of the defining bank of a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature, or any distance specified on the approved product label or the safety and use conditions specified by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, whichever is the greater.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Root absorbed broad spectrum herbicides have been applied in accordance with the approved product label, or the safety and use conditions specified by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerial application of foliar herbicides has not destroyed any mature trees or habitat trees.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The product directions for application and the safety and use conditions specified by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority provided for aerial application.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerial application of foliar herbicides was not used within 50 metres of the defining bank of a wetland.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerial application of foliar applied herbicides has been applied in accordance with the approved product label, or the safety and use conditions specified by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, including any specified distances from any wetland, watercourse or drainage feature.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Weed management burning in native vegetation</b>	<b>This section is N/A <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All necessary fire permits have been obtained prior to undertaking a controlled burn.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weed management burning has been managed in terms of timing, weather, fuel load and lighting pattern to ensure any mature trees and habitat trees are not inadvertently damaged.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weed management burning has been undertaken in accordance with the fire guidelines for the regional ecosystem, as outlined by the Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD).</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Soil and water quality protection</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When clearing for weed management recognised best practice methods were used 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>When clearing for weed management recognised best practice methods were used to stabilise soil erosion and instability which has resulted from the clearing.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When clearing for weed management recognised best practice methods were used to prevent increased sediment run-off entering a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature as a result of the clearing.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top soil has not been mechanically disturbed to a depth greater than 30 centimetres on land zones 2 and 3 where elevation is less than 5 metres above sea level.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rehabilitation requirements (where section 4.3 requires rehabilitation)</b>	<b>This section is N/A <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area cleared was rehabilitated by stabilising the area to prevent soil erosion and instability.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area cleared was rehabilitated by preparing the area so it is in a state that is conducive to the re-establishment of native vegetation. This may have involved excluding browsing animals, controlling weeds, establishing appropriate soil moisture level, ripping, mulching or covering with topsoil.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area cleared was rehabilitated by revegetating with species that make up the natural floristic composition of the regional ecosystem. This may have involved planting seedlings, natural regeneration, or direct seeding.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area cleared was rehabilitated by maintaining the area in a state that is conducive to achieving the revegetation outcomes outlined in Table 3 of the code. This may have involved excluding browsing animals, controlling weeds, maintaining an appropriate soil moisture level or mulching.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area cleared was rehabilitated by achieving the groundcover percentage and immature tree density in the timeframes outlined in Table 3 of the code.</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.

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