



▪ **Vegetation Management Code**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Code is to provide for the protection and management of vegetation within the planning scheme area to facilitate sustainable development and to ensure the Region’s biodiversity and ecological values, landscape character and amenity are maintained.

The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:

- Vegetation will be protected from inappropriate damage; and
- Vegetation damage will be undertaken in a sustainable manner; and
- Significant trees are maintained and protected; and
- The biodiversity and ecological values are protected and maintained; and
- Habitats for rare, threatened and endemic species of flora and fauna are protected and maintained; and
- The landscape character and amenity is protected and maintained; and
- Cultural heritage values are protected and maintained.

**Applicability**

This code applies to development that is operational work for vegetation damage which is identified as self-assessable or assessable in the table of assessment other than works undertaken by or on-behalf of Council.

For self assessable development assessed against this Code, the applicable Acceptable Solutions are A1.1 – A3.2 (Inclusive).

Self assessable development which does not comply with Acceptable Solutions A1.1 – A3.2 (Inclusive), will require Code Assessment.

**Elements of the Code**

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
<p><b>P1</b> Vegetation must be protected to ensure that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The character and amenity of the local area is maintained; and</li> <li>b) Vegetation damage does not result in fragmentation of habitats; and</li> <li>c) Vegetation damage is undertaken in a sustainable manner; and</li> <li>d) The regions biodiversity and ecological values are maintained and protected; and</li> <li>e) Vegetation of historical, cultural and / or visual significance is retained;</li> <li>f) Vegetation is retained for erosion prevention and slope stabilisation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A1.1</b> The vegetation damage occurs on a lot, other than a lot in the Flagstaff Hill Special Management Area, and has a lot size equal to or less than 800m<sup>2</sup>. OR</p> <p><b>A1.2</b> The lot is within an Urban Area or Rural Settlement Planning Area, other than the Flagstaff Hill Special Management Area, and the vegetation damage is within six (6) metres (measured from the centre of the tree’s trunk, at ground level, to the nearest edge of the structure) of an existing or approved building or structure or within three (3) metres of a boundary fence. OR</p> <p><b>A1.3</b> The lot is within a Conservation Planning Area or the Flagstaff Hill Special Management Area and the vegetation damage is within three (3) metres (measured from the centre of the tree’s trunk, at ground level, to the nearest edge of the structure) of an existing or approved building or structure. OR</p>

	<p><b>A1.4</b> The vegetation damage occurs within the path of, or within three (3) metres (measured from the centre of the tree's trunk, at ground level, to the nearest edge of the structure/infrastructure) of the path of an approved road, water supply, sewerage or drainage works. OR</p> <p><b>A1.5</b> The vegetation damage is essential for carrying out work authorised or required under another Act. OR</p> <p><b>A1.5</b> The lot is within a Rural Planning Area and the vegetation damage is within ten (10) metres (measured from the centre of the tree's trunk, at ground level, to the nearest edge of the structure) of an existing or approved building or structure or within three (3) metres of a boundary fence. OR</p> <p><b>A1.7</b> The lot is within the Rural or Rural Settlement Planning Area and the vegetation damage is for Routine Management, Essential Management or in accordance with a regular maintenance program in conjunction with an existing lawful rural pursuit. OR</p> <p><b>A1.8</b> The vegetation damage is considered to be one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) actually or potentially dangerous as a result of being dead, dying or diseased, structurally unsound, or having a growth form or habit which is hazardous <u>and</u> is presenting a threat to the safety of persons or property;</li> <li>b) is the removal of vegetation which was planted for landscaping purposes. OR</li> </ul> <p><b>A1.9</b> The vegetation damage is essential for the survey of a property boundary by a licensed cadastral surveyor. OR</p> <p><b>A1.10</b> The vegetation damage is to maintain an existing fire break; OR</p> <p><b>A1.11</b> The vegetation is damaged as the result of pruning essential to prevent interference to overhead service cabling. OR</p> <p><b>A1.12</b> The vegetation is damaged as the result of a regular maintenance program to remove part of the vegetation (e.g. fronds or seeds or deadwooding). OR</p> <p><b>A1.13</b> The vegetation damage is the removal and disposal, at an approved site, of a declared pest; OR</p> <p><b>A1.14</b> The vegetation is damaged as the result of an approved Forest Practice, where the lot is subject to a scheme approved under another law; OR</p> <p><b>A1.15</b> The vegetation is damaged in association with a traditional Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural activity, other than a commercial activity.</p> <p>(For assistance in clarification please contact Council's Development Assessment team on 4044 3044.)</p>
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PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
P2 Vegetation damaged on a lot does not result in a nuisance.	<p><b>A2.1</b> Damaged vegetation is removed and disposed of at an approved site. OR</p> <p><b>A2.2</b> Damaged vegetation is mulched or chipped and used onsite. OR</p> <p><b>A2.3</b> On a lot in the Rural Planning Area vegetation is disposed of by burning, approved by an appropriate authority.</p>



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<p><b>P3</b> Vegetation damage does not result in the removal of a healthy, significant tree from the streetscape.</p>	<p><b>A3.1</b> Vegetation damaged does not result in the removal of a significant tree from between the forward building line and the sites frontage or within six (6) metres of the sites frontage (if not building exists on-site).</p>

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<p><b>P4</b> Vegetation damage on a lot identified on a Local Heritage Overlay or on a lot identified on the Queensland Heritage Register does not result in a negative impact on the sites heritage values.</p>	<p><b>A4.1</b> The vegetation damage results in the removal of vegetation that is one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) actually or potentially dangerous as a result of being dead, dying or diseased, structurally unsound, or having a growth form or habit which is hazardous;</li> <li>b) a threat to the safety of persons or property;</li> <li>c) restricting the habitability of the dwelling on the lot or a neighbouring lot.</li> </ul>



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