

State code 16: Native vegetation clearing

State Development Assessment Provisions guideline - State Code 16: Clearing native vegetation. This guideline provides direction on how to address State Code 16 below.

Please note: It is only necessary to provide a response to the performance outcomes relevant to the clearing purpose(s). Table 16.1 below specifies which tables of performance outcomes are relevant for each clearing purpose. Tables that are not relevant to your clearing purpose can be left blank or deleted.

As an example, only Table 16.2 and Table 16.15 are relevant for a development application for operational works that involves managing thickened vegetation. The remaining tables may be deleted.

Table 16.1: Relevant code provisions for each type of development

Clearing purpose	Relevant provisions
Material change of use and / or reconfiguring a lot and / or operational work	
Public safety, relevant infrastructure activities and / or consequential development of IPA approval	Table 16.2 and Table 16.3
Extractive industry	Table 16.2 and Table 16.4
Coordinated project (agriculture)	Table 16.2 and Table 16.5
Coordinated project (extractive industry)	Table 16.2 and Table 16.6
Coordinated project (all other purposes)	Table 16.2 and Table 16.7
Material change of use and / or reconfiguring a lot for all other purposes	Table 16.2 and Table 16.8
Material change of use and / or reconfiguring a lot for which there will be no clearing as a result of the material change of use or reconfiguring a lot	Table 16.9
Material change of use and / or reconfiguring a lot for which clearing is limited to clearing that could be done as exempt clearing work for the purpose of the development prior to the material change of use or reconfiguring a lot application being approved	Table 16.2 and Table 16.10
Operational work	
Necessary environmental clearing	Table 16.2 and Table 16.11
Control non-native plants or declared pests	Table 16.2 and Table 16.12
Encroachment	Table 16.2 and Table 16.13
Fodder harvesting	Table 16.2 and Table 16.14
Managing thickened vegetation	Table 16.2 and Table 16.15

Table 16.2: General

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
PO1 Clearing of vegetation is consistent with any notice requiring compliance on the land subject to the development application, unless a better environmental outcome can be achieved.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO1. The proposed clearing is fully consistent with the Relevant Purpose Determination issued under section 22A of the Vegetation Management Act 1999 on 17 March 2025, which confirms that the works meet the requirements for Relevant Infrastructure Activities and identifies the approved clearing area as Area A on the RPDP. No additional or non-compliant clearing is proposed, and all vegetation removal is confined to previously disturbed or low-value areas in accordance with the determination. Only existing weed species are proposed to be removed and managed as part of this application.
PO2 Clearing of vegetation is consistent with vegetation management requirements for particular regulated areas unless a better environmental outcome can be achieved.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO2. All proposed clearing is consistent with the vegetation management requirements applicable to the site and has been authorised through the Relevant Purpose Determination issued on 17 March 2025. Clearing is restricted to previously disturbed areas and the removal of weed species only, ensuring no impact on regulated vegetation. As a result, the proposal achieves a better environmental outcome by improving site condition while avoiding disturbance to intact native vegetation and high-value habitat.
PO3 Clearing of vegetation in a legally secured offset area : 1. is consistent with the offset delivery plan; or 2. is consistent with an agreement for the offset area on the land subject to the development application; or 3. only occurs if an additional offset is provided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO3. The site does not contain any legally secured offset areas and therefore no clearing conflicts. Only area agreed to be cleared will be as per the Relevant Purpose Determination issued on 17 March 2025 which then only weeds are proposed to be removed.

Table 16.3: Public safety, relevant infrastructure activities and / or consequential development of IPA approval

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO4 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: 1. reasonably avoided; or 2. reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO5 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO5.1 Clearing does not occur in a natural wetland or within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland . OR AO5.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland : 1. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland; and 2. does not exceed widths in reference table 1 in this code.	Not applicable.
PO6 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features		
PO7 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and/or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature , maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem associated with the	AO7.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and	Not applicable.

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Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code. OR AO7.2 Clearing within any watercourse or drainage feature, or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code: 1. does not exceed the widths in reference table 1 of this code; and 2. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank, unless clearing is required into or across the watercourse or drainage feature.	
PO8 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Connectivity		
PO9 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land retain sufficient vegetation to: 1. maintain ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO9.1 Clearing occurs in accordance with reference table 3 in this code.	Not applicable.
Soil erosion if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO10 Clearing of vegetation does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land the subject of the development application.	AO10.1 Clearing only occurs if an erosion and sediment control plan is developed and implemented to prevent increased soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing .	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Salinity		
PO11 Clearing of vegetation within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or accelerate land degradation through either of the following: 1. waterlogging ; 2. the salinisation of groundwater , surface water or soil.	AO11.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.
Conserving least concern regional ecosystems - Minimising clearing of areas temporarily required to enable construction of the infrastructure		
PO12 Clearing of vegetation for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure, such as temporary use roads or access tracks, maintains the composition, structure and function of least concern regional ecosystems .	AO12.1 Clearing for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure does not occur in a least concern regional ecosystem . OR AO12.2 Total clearing for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure in any regional ecosystem combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR AO12.3 Total clearing for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure in any regional ecosystem combined does not exceed areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO13 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area is rehabilitated .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Conserving endangered and of concern regional ecosystems		

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
PO14 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of endangered regional ecosystems and/or of concern regional ecosystems .	AO14.1 Clearing does not occur in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystem . OR AO14.2 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR AO14.3 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO15 Where clearing of vegetation in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystems does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated; or 2. where the cleared area cannot reasonably be rehabilitated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Essential habitat excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO16 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	AO16.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat . OR	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO16.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO16.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	
PO17 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact for each protected wildlife species individually.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO18 Clearing of vegetation does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO18.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3. OR AO18.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: 1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Not applicable.

Table 16.4: Extractive industry

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Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO19 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: 1. reasonably avoided; or 2. reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO20 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO20.1 Clearing does not occur in a natural wetland or within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland . OR AO20.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland : 1. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland; and 2. does not exceed widths in table reference table 1 in this code.	Not applicable.
PO21 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features		
PO22 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and /or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature , maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem associated with the watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following:	AO22.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	OR AO22.2 Clearing within any watercourse or drainage feature, or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code: 1. does not exceed the widths in table reference table 1 of this code; and 2. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank, unless clearing is required into or across the watercourse or drainage feature.	
PO23 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Connectivity		
PO24 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land retain sufficient vegetation to maintain: 1. ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO24.1 Clearing occurs in accordance with reference table 3 in this code.	Not applicable.
Soil erosion if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO25 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land the subject of the development application.	AO25.1 Clearing only occurs if an erosion and sediment control plan is developed and implemented to prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing .	Not applicable.
Salinity		
PO26 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or accelerate land degradation through either of the following: 1. waterlogging;	AO26.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
2. the salinisation of groundwater , surface water or soil.		
Conserving endangered and of concern regional ecosystems		
PO27 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of endangered regional ecosystems and/or of concern regional ecosystems .	AO27.1 Clearing does not occur in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystem . OR AO27.2 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR AO27.3 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO28 Where clearing of vegetation in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystems does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated ; or 2. where the cleared area cannot be rehabilitated , an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Essential habitat excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO29 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat maintains the composition, structure and function of	AO29.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat . OR	Not applicable.

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the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	AO29.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR AO29.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	
PO30 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact for each protected wildlife species individually.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO31 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO31.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 . OR AO31.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: 1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Not applicable.
Staged clearing		
PO32 Clearing of vegetation:	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
1. is staged in line with operational needs that restrict clearing to the current operational area; and 2. only occurs in the area from which material will be extracted, and any reasonably associated built infrastructure, within the term of the development approval; and 3. does not occur without required permits.		

Table 16.5: Coordinated project (agriculture)

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO33 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: 1. reasonably avoided; or 2. reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO34 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO34.1 Clearing does not occur in a natural wetland or within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland . OR AO34.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland : 1. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland; and 2. does not exceed widths in table reference table 1 in this code.	Not applicable.
PO35 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

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and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .		
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features		
PO36 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and /or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature , maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem associated with the watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO36.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code. OR AO36.2 Clearing within any watercourse or drainage feature , or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code: 1. does not exceed the widths in table reference table 1 of this code; and 2. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank, unless clearing is required into or across the watercourse or drainage feature.	Not applicable.
PO37 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Connectivity		
PO38 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land retain sufficient vegetation to: 1. maintain ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO38.1 Clearing occurs in accordance reference table 3 of this code.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
PO39 Where: 1. clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem does not maintain ecological processes ; and 2. the regional ecosystem does not remain in the landscape despite threatening processes ; and 3. the clearing cannot be avoided; and 4. the clearing has been mitigated an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Soil erosion if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO40 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land the subject of the development application.	AO40.1 Clearing only occurs if an erosion and sediment control plan is developed and implemented to prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing .	Not applicable.
Salinity		
PO41 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or accelerate land degradation through either of the following: 1. waterlogging ; 2. the salinisation of groundwater , surface water or soil.	AO41.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.
Conserving endangered and of concern regional ecosystems		
PO42 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of endangered regional ecosystems and/or of concern regional ecosystems .	AO42.1 Clearing does not occur in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystem . OR AO42.2 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO42.3 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	
PO43 Where clearing of vegetation in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystems does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated ; or 2. where the cleared area cannot be rehabilitated , an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Essential habitat excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO44 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	AO44.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat . OR AO44.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR AO44.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO45 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

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impact for each protected wildlife species individually.		
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO46 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO46.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 . OR AO46.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: 1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Not applicable.
Clearing for agriculture		
PO47 Clearing of vegetation only occurs where the land is suitable for agriculture having regard to topography, climate and soil attributes.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
PO48 For applications for irrigated crops, the owner of the land has, or may have, access to enough water for establishing, cultivating and harvesting the crops to which the clearing of vegetation relates.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Table 16.6: Coordinated project (extractive industry)

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO49 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: 1. reasonably avoided; or	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

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2. reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.		
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO50 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO50.1 Clearing does not occur in a natural wetland or within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland . OR AO50.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland : 1. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland; and 2. does not exceed widths in reference table 1 in this code.	Not applicable.
PO51 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features		
PO52 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and /or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature , maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem associated with the watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO52.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code. OR AO52.2 Clearing within any watercourse or drainage feature , or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code:	Not applicable.

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	1. does not exceed the widths in reference table 1 of this code; and 2. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank, unless clearing is required into or across the watercourse or drainage feature.	
PO53 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Connectivity		
PO54 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land retain sufficient vegetation to: 1. maintain ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO54.1 Clearing occurs in accordance with reference table 3 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO55 Where: 1. clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem does not maintain ecological processes; and 2. the regional ecosystem; and 3. the clearing cannot be avoided; and 4. the clearing has been mitigated an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Soil erosion if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO56 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land the subject of the development application.	AO56.1 Clearing only occurs if an erosion and sediment control plan is developed and implemented to prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing .	Not applicable.
Salinity		
PO57 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or	AO57.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.

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accelerate land degradation through either of the following: waterlogging; - the salinisation of groundwater, surface water or soil.		
Conserving endangered and of concern regional ecosystems		
PO58 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of endangered regional ecosystems and/or of concern regional ecosystems .	AO58.1 Clearing does not occur in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystem . OR AO58.2 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO58.3 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO59 Where clearing of vegetation in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystems does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: - is rehabilitated; or - where the cleared area cannot be rehabilitated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Essential habitat excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO60 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat	AO60.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat .	Not applicable.

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maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	OR AO60.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO60.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	
PO61 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact for each protected wildlife species individually.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO62 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO62.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3. OR AO62.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: 1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Not applicable.
Staged clearing		
PO63 Clearing:	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
- is staged in line with operational needs that restrict clearing to the current operational area; and - only occurs in the area from which material will be extracted, and any reasonably associated built infrastructure, within the term of the development approval; and - does not occur without required permits.		

Table 16.7: Coordinated project (all other purposes)

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO64 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: - reasonably avoided; or - reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO65 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following: - bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; - water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; - aquatic habitat; - terrestrial habitat.	AO65.1 Clearing does not occur in a natural wetland or within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland . OR AO65.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland : - does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland; and - does not exceed widths in table reference table 1 in this code.	Not applicable.
PO66 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

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and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .		
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features		
PO67 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and/or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature , maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem associated with the watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO67.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code. OR AO67.2 Clearing within any watercourse or drainage feature , or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code: 1. does not exceed the widths in table reference table 1 of this code; and 2. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank, unless clearing is required into or across the watercourse or drainage feature.	Not applicable.
PO68 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Connectivity		
PO69 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land retain sufficient vegetation to: 1. maintain ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO69.1 Clearing occurs in accordance with reference table 3 of this code.	Not applicable.

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PO70 Where: 1. clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem does not maintain ecological processes; and 2. the regional ecosystem; and 3. the clearing cannot be avoided; and 4. the clearing has been mitigated an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Soil erosion if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO71 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land the subject of the development application.	AO71.1 Clearing only occurs if an erosion and sediment control plan is developed and implemented to prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing .	Not applicable.
Salinity		
PO72 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or accelerate land degradation through either of the following: 1. waterlogging; 2. the salinisation of groundwater, surface water or soil.	AO72.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.
Conserving least concern regional ecosystems - Minimising clearing of areas temporarily required to enable construction of the infrastructure		
PO73 Clearing of vegetation for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure, such as temporary use roads or access tracks, maintains the composition, structure and function of least concern regional ecosystems .	AO73.1 Clearing for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure does not occur in a least concern regional ecosystem . OR AO73.2 Total clearing for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure in any regional ecosystem combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO73.3 Total clearing for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure in any regional ecosystem combined does not exceed areas prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code.	
PO74 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem for temporary use areas to construct necessary infrastructure does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area is rehabilitated .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Conserving endangered and of concern regional ecosystems		
PO75 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of endangered regional ecosystems and/or of concern regional ecosystems .	AO75.1 Clearing does not occur in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystem . OR AO75.2 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in table reference table 1 of this code. OR AO75.3 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO76 Where clearing of vegetation in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystems does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated ; or	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
2. where the cleared area cannot be rehabilitated , an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .		
Essential habitat excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO77 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	AO77.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat . OR AO77.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO77.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO78 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact for each protected wildlife species individually.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO79 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO79.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 . OR AO79.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where:	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	

Table 16.8: Material change of use and / or reconfiguring a lot for all other purposes

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO80 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: 1. reasonably avoided; or 2. reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO80. Clearing has been reasonably avoided wherever possible, with the development confined to an existing previously cleared area and limited to removal of weed species only. Any unavoidable clearing has been minimised and authorised under the Relevant Purpose Determination, ensuring no adverse impacts to intact native vegetation or ecological values.
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO81 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO81.1 Clearing does not occur in a natural wetland or within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland . OR AO81.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland : 1. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland; and 2. does not exceed widths in reference table 1 in this code.	Complies with AO81.2. No clearing is proposed within Healy Creek or its immediate surrounds, with the nearest structure located approximately 30 m from the top of the defining bank. Although this is within the 100 m buffer, all works remain well outside the 10 m exclusion area and comply with the allowable widths under Reference Table 1. The creek corridor will be left completely untouched, ensuring no impact to bank stability or aquatic and terrestrial habitat.
PO82 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO82. No clearing is proposed within the regional ecosystem associated with Healy Creek, and the wetland corridor will remain completely untouched. As no impacts will occur,

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .		there is no significant residual impact and therefore no offset is required.
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features		
PO83 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and /or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature , maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem associated with the watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO83.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code. OR AO83.2 Clearing within any watercourse or drainage feature , or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code: 1. does not exceed the widths in table reference table 1 of this code; and 2. does not occur within 10 metres of the defining bank, unless clearing is required into or across the watercourse or drainage feature.	Complies with AO83.1. No clearing is proposed within Healy Creek, any drainage feature, or within the relevant buffer distance identified in Reference Table 2. All works are located well outside the defining bank, ensuring bank stability, water quality, and both aquatic and terrestrial habitats are fully protected and remain unaffected by the development.
PO84 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO84. No clearing is proposed within the regional ecosystem associated with Healy Creek or any drainage feature, and the watercourse corridor will remain entirely undisturbed. As there is no impact, no residual effects arise and therefore no offset is required.
Connectivity		
PO85 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land, retain sufficient vegetation to maintain: 1. ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO85.1 Clearing occurs in accordance with reference table 3 in this code.	Complies with AO85.1. The proposal retains all regional ecosystems on and adjacent to the site, with clearing limited to a small previously disturbed area that is predominantly weed-affected. No high-value native vegetation, remnant vegetation, or habitat associated with regional ecosystems will be

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		removed. The broader site, including the Healy Creek corridor and mapped high and very high environmental importance areas, remains fully protected, ensuring ecological processes, habitat connectivity, and long-term ecosystem resilience are maintained in accordance with Reference Table 3.
Soil erosion if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO86 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land the subject of the development application.	AO86.1 Clearing only occurs if an erosion and sediment control plan is developed and implemented to prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing .	Complies with AO86.1. Clearing is minimal and limited to a previously disturbed, weed-affected area; however, an erosion and sediment control plan will be prepared and implemented prior to works to ensure soil stability is maintained and erosion risks are fully managed.
Salinity		
PO87 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or accelerate land degradation through either of the following: 1. waterlogging ; 2. the salinisation of groundwater , surface water or soil.	AO87.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Complies with AO87.1. No clearing is proposed within 100 metres of any mapped salinity expression area, and all works are located well outside these constraint areas.
Conserving endangered and of concern regional ecosystems		
PO88 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of endangered regional ecosystems and/or of concern regional ecosystems .	AO88.1 Clearing does not occur in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystem . OR AO88.2 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR	Complies with AO88.2. No clearing of endangered or of concern regional ecosystems is proposed, however any vegetation removal remains well below the widths prescribed in Reference Table 1.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO88.3 Total clearing of endangered regional ecosystems and of concern regional ecosystems combined does not exceed areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	
PO89 Where clearing of vegetation in an endangered regional ecosystem or an of concern regional ecosystems does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated ; or 2. where the cleared area cannot be rehabilitated , an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO89. No clearing is proposed within any endangered or of concern regional ecosystems, and the development avoids all intact native vegetation. As there is no impact, neither rehabilitation nor an environmental offset is required. The proposed clearing is fully consistent with the Relevant Purpose Determination issued under section 22A of the Vegetation Management Act 1999 on 17 March 2025.
Essential habitat excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO90 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	AO90.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat . OR AO90.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO90.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	Complies with AO90.2. No clearing is proposed within mapped essential habitat, and all vegetation removal is limited to previously disturbed areas, remaining well below the allowable widths in Reference Table 1. The proposed clearing is fully consistent with the Relevant Purpose Determination issued under section 22A of the Vegetation Management Act 1999 on 17 March 2025.
PO91 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Complies with PO91. No clearing is proposed within mapped essential habitat, and the development avoids all areas supporting protected wildlife species; therefore, no residual impacts occur and no offsets are required.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
impact for each protected wildlife species individually.		
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO92 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: - aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; - mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO92.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 . OR AO92.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and - acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Complies with AO92.1. No clearing is proposed within land zone 1, land zone 2, or land zone 3, and all works are confined to an already cleared and previously disturbed portion of the site.

Table 16.9: Material change of use and / or reconfiguring a lot for which there will be no clearing as a result of the material change of use or reconfiguring a lot

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
PO93 Clearing as a result of a material change of use or clearing as a result of reconfiguring a lot does not occur.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Table 16.10: Material change of use and / or reconfiguring a lot for which clearing is limited to clearing that could be done as exempt clearing work for the purpose of the development prior to the material change of use or reconfiguring a lot application being approved

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO94 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been:	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

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- reasonably avoided; or - reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.		
Clearing that could already be done under an exemption		
PO95 Clearing of vegetation does not occur unless it is clearing that could be done as exempt clearing work for the purpose of the development prior to the material change of use or reconfiguring a lot application being approved.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Table 16.11: Necessary environmental clearing

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO96 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: - reasonably avoided; or - reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with wetlands (Land Restoration and Natural Disaster Preparation)		
PO97 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following: - bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; - water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; - aquatic habitat; - terrestrial habitat.	AO97.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: - inside the defining bank of any natural wetland; and - within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland. OR AO97.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland only occurs where: clearing does not exceed 0.5 hectares; and	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	2. clearing retains all mature trees and habitat trees; and 3. clearing that is for flood preparation complies with all of the following: a. clearing is undertaken by felling only; and; b. clearing does not exceed 100 square metres; and c. clearing does not occur outside the defining banks of a natural wetland.. OR AO97.3 Clearing to provide necessary access to undertake necessary environmental clearing only occurs where clearing: 1. does not exceed 10 metres in width; and 2. retains all mature trees and habitat trees; and 3. the access track: a. runs parallel to a natural wetland and clearing is not within 10 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland; or b. is required to provide access across the wetland.	
PO98 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area is rehabilitated .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with wetlands (natural channel diversion and contaminants removal)		
PO99 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any natural wetland to protect all of the following:	AO99.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of any natural wetland; and 2. within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	OR AO99.2 Clearing within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland only occurs where: 1. clearing does not exceed 0.5 hectares; and 2. clearing retains all mature trees and habitat trees. OR AO99.3 Clearing to provide necessary access to undertake necessary environmental clearing only occurs where clearing: 1. does not exceed 10 metres in width; and 2. retains all mature trees and habitat trees; and 3. the access track: a. runs parallel to a natural wetland and clearing is not within 10 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland; or b. is required to provide access across the wetland.	
PO100 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem, and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated; or 2. where the cleared area cannot reasonably be rehabilitated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features (Land Restoration and Natural Disaster Preparation)		
PO101 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and/or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a	AO101.1 Clearing does not occur in any of the following areas:	Not applicable.

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watercourse and/or drainage feature maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code. OR AO101.2 Clearing in any watercourse or drainage feature, or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code only occurs where: 1. clearing does not exceed 0.5 hectares; and 2. clearing retains all mature trees and habitat trees; and 3. clearing that is for flood preparation complies with all of the following: a. clearing is undertaken by felling only; and b. clearing does not exceed 100 square metres; and c. clearing does not occur outside of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature. OR AO101.3 Clearing to provide necessary access to undertake necessary environmental clearing only occurs where clearing: 1. does not exceed 10 metres in width; and 2. retains all mature trees and habitat trees; and 3. the access track: a. runs parallel to a watercourse or drainage feature and clearing is not	

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	within 10 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; or b. is required to provide access across the watercourse or drainage feature.	
PO102 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area is rehabilitated .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with watercourses and drainage features (natural channel diversion and contaminants removal)		
PO103 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and/or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any watercourse or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO103.1 Clearing does not occur within any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code. OR AO103.2 Clearing in any watercourse or drainage feature, or within the relevant distance of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature in reference table 2 of this code only occurs where: 1. clearing does not exceed 0.5 hectares; and 2. clearing retains all mature trees and habitat trees. OR AO103.3 Clearing to provide necessary access to undertake necessary environmental clearing only occurs where: 1. clearing does not exceed 10 metres in width; and	

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	2. clearing retains all mature trees and habitat trees ; and 3. the access track: a. runs parallel to a watercourse or drainage feature and clearing is not within 10 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature; or b. is required to provide access across the watercourse or drainage feature.	
PO104 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem associated with a watercourse and/or drainage feature does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated; or 2. where the cleared area cannot reasonably be rehabilitated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Connectivity (land restoration and natural disaster preparation)		
PO105 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land retain sufficient vegetation to: 1. maintain ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO105.1 Clearing occurs in accordance with reference table 3 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO106 Where: 1. clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem does not maintain ecological processes; and 2. the regional ecosystem does not remain in the landscape despite threatening processes; and 3. the clearing cannot be avoided; and 4. the clearing has been mitigated; the cleared area is rehabilitated .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Connectivity (natural channel diversion and contaminants removal)		

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PO107 Regional ecosystems on the subject land and any adjacent land retain sufficient vegetation to: 1. maintain ecological processes; and 2. ensure the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape despite threatening processes.	AO107.1 Clearing occurs in accordance with reference table 3 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO108 Where: 1. clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem does not maintain ecological processes; and 2. the regional ecosystem does not remain in the landscape despite threatening processes; and 3. the clearing cannot be avoided; and 4. the clearing has been mitigated; the cleared area: a. is rehabilitated; or b. where the cleared area cannot reasonably be rehabilitated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Soil erosion if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO109 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land the subject of the development application.	AO109.1 Clearing only occurs if an erosion and sediment control plan is developed and implemented to prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing .	Not applicable.
Salinity		
PO110 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or accelerate land degradation through either of the following: 1. waterlogging; 2. the salinisation of groundwater, surface water or soil.	AO110.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.
Essential habitat (land restoration and natural disaster preparation) excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO111 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat	AO111.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat .	Not applicable.

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maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	OR AO111.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO111.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	
PO112 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually, and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area is rehabilitated .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Essential habitat (natural channel diversion and contaminants removal) excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO113 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	AO113.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat. OR AO113.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO113.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO114 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

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does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually, and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated; or 2. where the cleared area cannot reasonably be rehabilitated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact for each protected wildlife species individually.		
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO115 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO115.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3. OR AO115.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: 1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Not applicable.
Maintaining the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem (land restoration and natural disaster preparation)		
PO116 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem.	AO116.1 Clearing retains all of the following: 1. habitat trees; 2. mature trees; and 3. the natural floristic composition and range of sizes across the application area. OR AO116.2 Clearing is for the purpose of natural disaster preparation and does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	OR AO116.3 Clearing is for the purpose of natural disaster preparation and does not exceed the areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	
PO117 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area is rehabilitated .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Maintaining the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem (natural channel diversion and contaminants removal)		
PO118 Clearing of vegetation maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem .	AO118.1 Clearing retains all of the following: 1. habitat trees ; 2. mature trees ; and 3. the natural floristic composition and range of sizes across the application area .	Not applicable.
PO119 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, the cleared area: 1. is rehabilitated ; or 2. where the cleared area cannot reasonably be rehabilitated , an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Duration of clearing, preventing land degradation, and maintaining biodiversity, ecological processes and regional ecosystems (Land Restoration, Natural Disaster Preparation and Contaminates Removal)		
PO120 Clearing occurs only during a period that: 1. will not contribute to land degradation ; and 2. ensures the ongoing maintenance of ecological processes and biodiversity ; and 3. maintains the regional ecosystem .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Table 16.12: Control non-native plants or declared pests

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing avoids and minimises impacts		
PO121 Clearing of vegetation and adverse impacts of clearing vegetation do not occur unless the application has demonstrated that the clearing and the adverse impacts of clearing have been: 1. reasonably avoided; or 2. reasonably minimised where it cannot be reasonably avoided.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO122 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO122.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas, unless it is required to provide necessary access to control non-native plants or declared pests: 1. inside the defining bank of any natural wetland; and 2. within 20 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland. AND AO122.2 Clearing to provide necessary access to control non-native plants or declared pests only occurs where: 1. clearing does not exceed five metres in width; and 2. clearing retains all mature trees and habitat trees; and 3. the access track: a. runs parallel to a natural wetland and clearing is not within 10 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland; or b. is required to provide access across the wetland. AND	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO122.3 Chemical clearing retains: 1. all mature trees; and 2. all habitat trees; and 3. at least 50 per cent of immature trees in each 50 metre by 50 metre area. AND AO122.4 Root absorbed broad spectrum herbicides are not applied within whichever is the greater distance from the defining bank of a natural wetland: 1. 100 metres; or 2. the distance specified on the approved product label; or 3. the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. AND AO122.5 Aerial application of a foliar herbicide does not occur within whichever is the greater distance from the defining bank of a natural wetland; 1. 50 metres; or 2. the distance specified for wetlands on the approved product label; or 3. the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.	
Clearing associated with watercourses or drainage features		
PO123 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and/or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature maintains the	AO123.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas, unless it is required to provide necessary access to control non-native plants or declared pests :	Not applicable.

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composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	1. inside the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature; and 2. within 10 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 1 or 2 watercourse or drainage feature; and 3. within 15 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 3 or 4 watercourse or drainage feature; and 4. within 20 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 5 or more watercourse or drainage feature. AND AO123.2 Clearing to provide necessary access to control non-native plants or declared pests only occurs where: 1. clearing does not exceed five metres in width; and 2. clearing retains all habitat trees and mature trees; and 3. the access track: a. runs parallel to the watercourse or drainage feature and is not within 10 metres of the defining bank of the watercourse or drainage feature; or b. is required to provide access across the watercourse or drainage feature. AND AO123.3 Chemical clearing retains all of the following: 1. mature trees; and	

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	2. habitat trees; and 3. at least 50 per cent of immature trees in any 50 metre by 50 metre area. AND AO123.4 Root absorbed broad spectrum herbicides are not applied within whichever is the greater distance from the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature: 1. 100 metres; or 2. any distance specified on the approved product label; or 3. the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. AND AO123.5 Aerial application of a foliar herbicide does not occur within whichever is the greater distance from the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature: 1. 50 metres; or 2. any distance specified on the approved product label; or 3. the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.	
Soil erosion		
PO124 Clearing of vegetation does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land subject of the development application.	AO124.1 Clearing only occurs where recognised best practice methods are employed to: 1. prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing; and 2. stabilise soil erosion and instability which would result from clearing; and	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	3. prevent increased sediment run-off entering a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature as a result of the clearing. AND AO124.2 Mechanical clearing: 1. does not occur on a slope greater than 15 percent; and 2. in each 50 by 50 metre area (0.25 hectares), retains 50 per cent of the ground cover and does not disturb more than 50 per cent of the ground cover. AND AO124.3 New access tracks required to provide necessary access to control a non-native plant or declared pests do not exceed five metres in width or de-stabilise the banks of any watercourse or drainage feature as a result of crossing, construction or use.	
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO125 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO125.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3. OR AO125.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: 1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Conserving remnant vegetation that is a regional ecosystem		
PO126 Clearing activities: 1. maintain the natural floristic composition and range of sizes of each species of the regional ecosystem evenly spaced across the application area ; and 2. retain all habitat trees and mature trees .	AO126.1 Mechanical clearing: 1. only occurs within 1.5 metres from the edge of the canopy of individual non-native plants, unless the clearing is required to provide necessary access to control a non-native plant or declared pest ; and 2. does not occur using two machines linked by chain or cable; and 3. retains all habitat trees and mature trees . AND AO126.2 Clearing to provide necessary access to control non-native plants or declared pests does not exceed five metres in width. AND AO126.3 Any regional ecosystem burn is undertaken in accordance with the fire guideline for the regional ecosystem , as outlined in the Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD). AND AO126.4 Chemical clearing retains all of the following: 1. mature trees ; and 2. habitat trees ; and 3. at least 50 per cent of immature trees in each 50 metre by 50 metre area. AND	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO126.5 Aerial application of a root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicides does not occur. AND AO126.6 Root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicides are not applied within whichever distance is the greater from a mature tree or a habitat tree; 30 metres; or - the distance specified on the approved product label; or - the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.	
Duration of clearing, preventing land degradation, and maintaining biodiversity, ecological processes and regional ecosystems		
PO127 Clearing occurs only during a period that: - will not contribute to land degradation; and - ensures the ongoing maintenance of ecological processes and biodiversity; and - maintains the regional ecosystem.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Table 16.13: Encroachment

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO128 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland to protect all of the following: - bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; - water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; - aquatic habitat; - terrestrial habitat.	AO128.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: - inside the defining bank of any natural wetland; and - within 20 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland. AND AO128.2 Root absorbed broad spectrum herbicides are not applied within whichever is the	Not applicable.

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	greater distance from the defining bank of a natural wetland : 100 metres; or - the distance specified on the approved product label; or - the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.	
Clearing associated with watercourses or drainage features		
PO129 Clearing of encroachment maintains: - bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; and - water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; and - aquatic habitat; and - terrestrial habitat.	AO129.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: - inside the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature; and - within 10 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 1 or 2 watercourse or drainage feature; and - within 15 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 3 or 4 watercourse or drainage feature; and - within 20 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 5 or more watercourse or drainage feature. AND AO129.2 Root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicides are not applied within whichever is the greater distance from the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature : 100 metres; or - any distance specified on the approved product label; or	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	3. the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.	
Soil erosion		
PO130 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land subject of the development application.	AO130.1 Clearing only occurs where recognised best practice methods are employed to: 1. prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing; and 2. stabilise soil erosion and instability which would result from clearing; and 3. prevent increased sediment run-off entering a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature as a result of the clearing. AND AO130.2 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. within 50 metres of an area of soil erosion and instability; and 2. slopes greater than five per cent.	Not applicable.
Salinity		
PO131 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or accelerate land degradation through either of the following:	AO131.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO132 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following:	AO132.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3. OR	Not applicable.
1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; or 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.		

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO132.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and - acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	
Clearing limited to specific regional ecosystems		
PO133 Clearing of encroachment does not occur, other than in the regional ecosystems listed in reference table 5 of this code.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	
Conserving vegetation		
PO134 Clearing activities: - result in the restoration of the regional ecosystem; and - retain all habitat trees; and - retain all groves; and - retain species which make up the natural floristic composition of the regional ecosystem, distributed in a natural pattern.	AO134.1 Clearing retains all of the following: - all mature trees; and - all habitat trees; and - all woody vegetation within a grove, unless it is undertaken by a regional ecosystem burn. AND AO134.2 Any regional ecosystem burn is undertaken in accordance with the fire guideline for the regional ecosystem, as outlined in the Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD). AND AO134.3 Clearing does not result in debris being stacked or pushed against a mature tree or a habitat tree. AND	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	AO134.4 Mechanical clearing does not occur within 10 metres of a mature tree or a habitat tree. AND AO134.5 Aerial application of a herbicide does not occur. AND AO134.6 Chemical clearing does not occur within five metres of a mature tree or a habitat tree. AND AO134.7 Root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicides are not applied in any of the following areas: 1. regional ecosystems 11.4.11 and 11.8.11; and 2. within whichever is the greater distance from a mature tree or a habitat tree: a. 10 metres; or b. the distance specified by the approved product label; or c. the distance specified in the safety and use conditions prescribed by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority; and 3. within whichever is the greater distance from a grove: a. 30 metres; or b. the distance specified by the approved product label; or	

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	c. the distance specified in the safety and use conditions issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.	
Duration of clearing, preventing land degradation, and maintaining biodiversity, ecological processes and regional ecosystems		
PO135 Clearing occurs only during a period that: 1. will not contribute to land degradation ; and 2. ensures the ongoing maintenance of ecological processes and biodiversity ; and 3. maintains the regional ecosystem .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Table 16.14: Fodder harvesting

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO136 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO136.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of any natural wetland ; and 2. within 20 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland . AND AO136.2 Mechanical clearing that is strip harvesting or block harvesting does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of any natural wetland ; and 2. within 100 metres of the defining bank of any natural wetland .	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with watercourses or drainage features		
PO137 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and/or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature maintains the	AO137.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature ; and	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	2. within 20 metres of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature . AND AO137.2 Mechanical clearing that is strip harvesting or block harvesting does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature ; and 2. within 100 metres of the defining bank of any watercourse or drainage feature .	
Soil erosion		
PO138 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land subject of the development application.	AO138.1 Clearing only occurs where recognised best practice methods are employed to: 1. prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing ; and 2. stabilise soil erosion and instability which would result from clearing ; and 3. prevent increased sediment run-off entering a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature as a result of the clearing . AND AO138.2 Mechanical clearing does not occur on a slope greater than five percent. OR AO138.3 Mechanical clearing does not occur within 50 metres of an area of soil erosion and instability .	Not applicable.
Salinity		
PO139 Clearing within 100 metres of a salinity expression area does not contribute to or	AO139.1 Clearing does not occur within 100 metres of a salinity expression area .	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
accelerate land degradation through either of the following: 1. waterlogging ; 2. the salinisation of groundwater , surface water or soil.		
Essential habitat excluding essential habitat for <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (koalas) if development is assessable under Schedule 10, Part 10 of the Planning Regulation 2017		
PO140 Clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem for each protected wildlife species individually.	AO140.1 Clearing does not occur in essential habitat . OR AO140.2 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the widths prescribed in reference table 1 of this code. OR AO140.3 Clearing in essential habitat does not exceed the areas prescribed in reference table 1 of this code.	Not applicable.
PO141 Where clearing of vegetation in a regional ecosystem that is an area of essential habitat does not maintain the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem , and cannot be avoided and has been mitigated, an offset is provided for any acceptable significant residual impact for each protected wildlife species individually.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Limits to clearing for fodder harvesting		
PO142 Clearing is limited to: 1. the extent necessary to provide fodder for stock; and 2. areas where the stock is located, and the stock have sufficient water.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
PO143 Clearing must only occur:	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
1. in regional ecosystems listed in reference table 6 or reference table 7 of this code; and 2. in accordance with the harvesting method limitations for the regional ecosystem listed in reference table 6 or reference table 7 of this code.		
PO144 Clearing consists predominantly of fodder species .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Conserving vegetation		
PO145 Clearing is carried out in a way that conserves: 1. remnant vegetation in perpetuity; and 2. the regional ecosystem in which the vegetation is situated.	AO145.1 Clearing does not result in the removal of non-fodder species with a height of four metres or more. AND AO145.2 Selective harvesting: 1. retains all non-fodder species except where the damage is an unavoidable consequence of clearing the selected fodder tree; and 2. when using a chainsaw in regional ecosystems listed in reference table 6 of this code, retains at least one fodder tree for every fodder tree cleared; and 3. in least concern regional ecosystems listed in reference table 7 of this code, retains at least one fodder tree for each fodder tree cleared; and 4. in of concern regional ecosystems listed in reference table 7 of this code, retains at least two fodder trees for each fodder tree cleared. AND AO145.3 Strip harvesting and block harvesting: 1. where fodder harvesting has previously occurred in an area of a lot, only occurs if all of the following apply:	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	a. the vegetation has not been cleared in the last 10 years; and b. the average height of the fodder trees is at least 70 per cent of the height of the tallest stands of fodder species in the regional ecosystem; and c. the fodder trees that were previously harvested have now attained an average height of at least 4 metres; and 2. aligns clearing along the contour where practical; and 3. does not occur in patches of regional ecosystems that are less than 10 hectares in area or less than 500 metres wide. AND AO145.4 Strip harvesting: 1. does not result in any strip harvesting area exceeding 50 metres in width; and 2. results in all strip retention areas: a. being preserved along the length of strip harvest areas to a width of at least 1.5 times that of the adjacent strip harvest area; and b. containing fodder species with an average height of at least four metres; and 3. does not result in clearing for machinery access between strip harvest areas exceeding 15 metres in width. AND AO145.5 Block harvesting: 1. does not result in any block harvest area exceeding one hectare; and	

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	2. results in block retention areas: a. being preserved between block harvest areas in accordance with the widths specified in reference table 8 of this code; and b. containing fodder species with an average height of at least four metres; and 3. does not result in clearing for machinery access between block harvest areas exceeding 10 metres in width.	
Cleared vegetation		
PO146 Fodder harvesting is carried out in a way that results in the woody biomass of the cleared vegetation remaining where it is cleared .	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.
Conserving the fodder resource		
PO147 Fodder harvesting is carried out in a way that will conserve the fodder resource.	AO147.1 Clearing does not occur: 1. in an area that has been cleared in the previous 10-year period; and 2. more than once in the same area of a lot; and 3. in more than 50 per cent of the area of the regional ecosystem listed in reference table 6 and reference table 7 of this code on the lot; and 4. in areas required to be retained under this code, a development approval or any accepted development vegetation clearing code.	Not applicable.
Duration of clearing, preventing land degradation, and maintaining biodiversity, ecological processes and regional ecosystems		
PO148 Clearing occurs only during a period that: 1. will not contribute to land degradation; and 2. ensures the ongoing maintenance of ecological processes and biodiversity; and 3. maintains the regional ecosystem.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Table 16.15: Managing thickened vegetation

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Clearing associated with wetlands		
PO149 Clearing of vegetation within a natural wetland and/or within 100 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with a natural wetland to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO149.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of a natural wetland; and 2. within 20 metres of the defining bank of a natural wetland.	Not applicable.
Clearing associated with watercourses or drainage features		
PO150 Clearing of vegetation within a watercourse and/or drainage feature and/or within the relevant distance (listed in reference table 2) of a watercourse and/or drainage feature maintains the composition, structure and function of any regional ecosystem associated with any watercourse and/or drainage feature to protect all of the following: 1. bank stability by protecting against bank erosion; 2. water quality by filtering sediments, nutrients and other pollutants; 3. aquatic habitat; 4. terrestrial habitat.	AO150.1 Mechanical clearing does not occur in any of the following areas: 1. inside the defining bank of any watercourse drainage feature; 2. within 10 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 1 or 2 watercourse or drainage feature; 3. within 15 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 3 or 4 watercourse or drainage feature; 4. within 20 metres of the defining bank of a watercourse or drainage feature that is a stream order 5 or more watercourse or drainage feature.	Not applicable.
Soil erosion		
PO151 Clearing does not result in accelerated soil erosion within or outside the land subject of the development application.	AO151.1 Clearing only occurs where recognised best practice methods are employed to: 1. prevent soil erosion and instability resulting from the clearing; and	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	2. stabilise soil erosion and instability which would result from clearing; and 3. prevent increased sediment run-off entering a wetland, watercourse or drainage feature as a result of the clearing. AND AO151.2 Mechanical clearing does not: 1. occur in a regional ecosystem in reference table 4 of this code that states 'mechanical clearing not permitted'; 2. disturb more than 50 per cent of the ground surface or result in any hectare having less than 50 per cent ground cover; 3. occur on a slope greater than five per cent; and 4. occur within 50 metres of an area of soil erosion and instability.	
Acid sulfate soils if the local government is not the assessment manager for the development application		
PO152 Clearing does not result in, or accelerate, disturbance of acid sulfate soils or changes to the hydrology of the location that will result in either of the following: 1. aeration of horizons containing iron sulphides; 2. mobilisation of acid or metals.	AO152.1 Clearing does not occur in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3. OR AO152.2 Clearing in land zone 1, land zone 2 or land zone 3 in areas below the five metre Australian Height Datum only occurs where: 1. mechanical clearing does not disturb the soil to a depth greater than 30 centimetres; and 2. acid sulfate soils are managed consistent with the soil management guidelines in the Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual.	Not applicable.
Restoring the regional ecosystem		
PO153 Clearing activities:	AO153.1 Clearing does not occur in thickets .	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
1. restore the natural floristic composition and range of sizes of each species of the regional ecosystem evenly spaced across the application area; and 2. retain mature trees, habitat trees and tall immature trees and thickets.	AND AO153.2 Clearing retains: 1. all mature trees and habitat trees; 2. a full range of sizes and species typical of the regional ecosystem in the area; and 3. where the number of mature trees plus habitat trees is less than 20 per hectare, tall immature trees to total 20 mature trees, habitat trees and tall immature trees per hectare. AND AO153.3 Clearing does not result in debris stacked or pushed against a mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree. AND AO153.4 If clearing immature trees, retain immature trees in each 50 metre by 50 metre area to at least the density specified reference table 4 of this code. AND AO153.5 If clearing low shrubs: 1. in regional ecosystems where clearing is restricted to low shrubs as specified in reference table 4 of this code – clearing retains all immature trees; 2. in regional ecosystems where clearing is not restricted to low shrubs as specified in reference table 4 of this code – clearing retains at least the number of immature trees specified in reference table 4 of this code; and	

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
	3. clearing retains at least 10 per cent of the predominate species that have thickened. AND AO153.6 Mechanical clearing does not occur within 5 metres of the trunk of a mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree. AND AO153.7 Clearing is not undertaken by: 1. aerial application of any herbicide; and/or 2. application of a root-absorbed broad spectrum herbicide. AND AO153.8 Chemical clearing does not occur within five metres of the trunk of a mature tree, habitat tree or tall immature tree. AND AO153.9 Any regional ecosystem burn is undertaken in accordance with the fire guideline for the regional ecosystem, as outlined in the Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD).	
Clearing limited to specific regional ecosystems and specific clearing methods		
PO154 Clearing must be for the purpose of restoring the remnant regional ecosystem and only occur if all of the following apply: 1. clearing is in regional ecosystems prescribed in reference table 4 of this code; and 2. clearing is in accordance with the clearing restrictions for the regional ecosystem prescribed in reference table 4 of this code.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes	Response
PO155 Clearing occurs only during a period that: - will not contribute to land degradation; and - ensures the ongoing maintenance of ecological processes and biodiversity; and - maintains the regional ecosystem.	No acceptable outcome is prescribed.	Not applicable.