

6.3.2 VEGETATION CLEARANCE AND SOIL DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Matters for Control/Discretion	Non-notification
<p>7 Vegetation clearance²⁵ and soil disturbance <i>Refer to POL 3, 67, 71</i></p>	<p>Vegetation clearance or soil activities²⁵.</p>	<p>Permitted</p>	<p>a. All cleared vegetation, disturbed soil or debris shall be deposited or contained to reasonably prevent the transportation or deposition of disturbed matter into any water body²⁶.</p> <p>b. Vegetation clearance or soil disturbance shall not give rise to any significant change in the colour or clarity of any adjacent water body, after reasonable mixing.</p> <p>c. No vegetation clearance shall occur within 5 metres of any permanently flowing river, or any other river with a bed width in excess of 2 metres, or any other lake or wetland, except that this condition shall not apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the clearance of plantation forestry established prior to the date of this Plan becoming operative, or ii. the areas identified in Schedule X to this Plan. <p>d. Deposition of soil or soil particles across a property boundary shall not be objectionable or offensive, cause property damage or exceed 10 kg/m².</p> <p>e. Where the clearance of vegetation or the disturbance of soil increases the risk of soil loss the land shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. re-vegetated as soon as practicable after completion of the activity, but in any event no later than 18 months with species providing equivalent or better land stabilisation; or ii. retained in a manner which inhibits soil loss. 		

²⁵ "Vegetation clearance" means the cutting, burning, clearing or destruction (including destruction by spraying) of trees, shrubs, or plants.
"Soil disturbance" means the disturbance of soil by any means including blading, contouring, ripping, discing, root raking, moving, ploughing, removing, cutting and blasting.

Vegetation clearance and soil disturbance exclude: