

# CALL BEFORE YOU CLEAR!

## Guide to Clearing Trees, Grasses & Vegetation in the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area

Approval of some kind is typically required to clear trees, grasses and other vegetation on rural and non-rural properties across NSW. Clearing includes **cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning vegetation**. This guide will assist property owners and businesses to understand what approvals are required. If you are planning to remove trees, grasses and other vegetation, please contact the agencies below **prior to carrying out any works**, as regulatory action and penalties can apply where the removal is unlawful.

I want to:	Information
<p><b>Check zoning for my property.</b></p> <p>(You will need to know your zone to know who to seek advice from).</p>	<p>All land/property in NSW has a zone. Zoning information can be found on the NSW Planning Portal by selecting 'find a property' at <a href="http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/">www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/</a></p>
<p><b>Remove trees and vegetation that is part of, ancillary to or in preparation for development requiring any approvals or a Development Application (DA) OR Remove vegetation on land NOT zoned RU1, RU2, RU3, RU4 or RU6 that does not require approval or a DA.</b></p> <p><i>Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i></p>	<p>All trees are protected in the Goulburn Mulwaree Council area. Approval is required to remove native vegetation for a development under the Council's Development Control Plan either through a development consent or other approval. These approvals may overrule other authorisations – for example assessments under the Rural Fires Act.</p> <p><b>Contact Council</b></p>
<p><b>Remove trees and vegetation on land zoned RU1, RU2, RU3, RU4, RU6 that is NOT for development requiring a DA or any other permissions.</b></p> <p><i>Local Land Services Act 2013 (LLS Act)</i></p>	<p>These activities are related to the ongoing operation of agricultural businesses within the LGA that may require the removal of native vegetation. This includes farming, hobby farming and maintenance on rural properties.</p> <p><b>Contact Local Land Services</b></p>
<p><b>Remove vegetation on Crown Land or undertake work on Crown Road that is on, through or adjacent to your property.</b></p> <p><i>The Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Roads Act 1993</i></p>	<p>The property title may include Crown Land easements, a 'paper road' (mapped but maybe not visible on the ground) or Crown Road that is used as a 'right of way' through the property.</p> <p><b>Contact Crown Lands</b></p>
<p><b>Remove vegetation for bushfire hazard reduction on my property.</b></p> <p><i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i></p>	<p>Removal maybe possible but a property must be deemed eligible through online tools or assessment.</p> <p><b>Contact Rural Fire Services</b></p>

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<p>Remove vegetation to build or convert an existing structure for a 'weekender'.</p> <p><i>Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i></p>	<p>Development approval is required for habitable use (staying or living in a structure for any period of time). Unlawful alterations and/or use of a structure for habitation/living purposes may result in regulatory action.</p> <p><b>Contact Council</b></p>
<p>Remove native vegetation (this includes native grasses, black wattle and purple kunzea) for agricultural activities such as farm sheds, fences, tracks, remove/manage weeds or to plant crops or grow fodder to feed animals.</p>	<p>If located in zones RU1, RU2, RU3, RU4 or RU6:</p> <p><b>Contact Local Land Services</b></p> <p>If located in any other zone <b>Contact Council</b></p>
<p>Report a concern for clearing in the area that I believe may be unlawful, or am unsure about.</p>	<p>If you observe clearing of trees, grasses and other vegetation and believe it may be being carried out without approval, you can report this to Enviroline or Council for investigation.</p> <p><b>Contact Enviroline or Council</b></p>

**Approval is required to clear vegetation on another person's land/property, including Council road reserves, Crown roads and Crown land**

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### Council

[council@goulburn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@goulburn.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: 02 4823 4444

[www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Home](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Home)

### Local Land Services

[lm.info@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lm.info@lls.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: 1300 795 299

[www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/land-management-in-nsw](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/land-management-in-nsw)

### Crown lands

[cl.enquiries@crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crownland.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: 1300 886 235

[www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/)

### Enviroline

[info@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: 131 555

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/)

**NSW RFS Southern Tablelands Zone 02 6226 3100**

### Other Handy Information Links

[www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Development/Environment-Heritage/Tree-and-Vegetation-Management](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Development/Environment-Heritage/Tree-and-Vegetation-Management)

[www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Development/Plans-Strategies#section-4](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Development/Plans-Strategies#section-4)

[www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Development/Development-Process-What-approvals-do-I-need](http://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/Development/Development-Process-What-approvals-do-I-need)

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/report-a-problem-or-incident](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/report-a-problem-or-incident)

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare)