

Implementation stages

The new Native Vegetation Regulation 2013 (the Regulation) will start on 23 September 2013 and will be implemented in stages.

Key changes starting on 23 September 2013

- changes to routine agricultural management activities (RAMAs) for local council infrastructure, dwellings and telecommunications facilities
- greater discretion for Catchment Management Authorities (soon to be Local Land Services) to change the regrowth date specified in the Act to an earlier date where there is a demonstrated history of rotational farming practices
- new RAMAs for:
 - clearing for the construction of non-rural infrastructure including boundary fences and sheds, tracks and trails
 - clearing for conservation purposes
 - clearing planted native vegetation.

More information about the changes can be found in the following fact sheets:

Snapshot of changes to the Regulation

What's new for landholders?

Changes commencing first quarter 2014



The new Regulation makes it possible to develop ministerial orders (i.e. self-assessable codes) for certain clearing activities.

The first self-assessable codes will be developed for invasive native species, thinning native vegetation and clearing paddock trees. OEH will release these draft codes for public comment in 2014 and expects they will start in 2014.

The remaining self-assessable codes will be developed later in 2014.

Changes commencing mid 2014

The existing process for assessing PVPs will continue under the new Regulation.

OEH is currently reviewing the Environmental Outcomes Assessment Methodology (EOAM) to make it streamlined and simpler.

Public consultation on proposed changes to the EOAM will occur in the first half of 2014. The new EOAM is expected to start later in 2014.

More information

For more information, visit the Office of Environment and Heritage web site at:
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/

On this website, you can download the Regulation and further information that explains the changes to the Regulation.

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