

What is the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map?



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The Native Vegetation Regulatory Map is a tool for landholders, which gives certainty when planning future management of your land.

It is a regulatory requirement – Part 5A of the *Local Land Services Act 2013* (LLS Act), requires the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to prepare and maintain a Native Vegetation Regulatory (NVR) Map.

The NVR Map generally covers rural land in NSW. It categorises land where management of native vegetation can occur without approval or where management of native vegetation may be carried out in accordance with Part 5A of the LLS Act.

What are the NVR Map categories?

Each category has been developed using a combination of scientific assessment and the application of data as specified in the legislation. Publicly released NVR Map categories are available via the NVR map viewer at: www.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/nvrmap.

Native Vegetation Regulatory Map – Land Categories and map colour code		
Colour	Category	Definition
	Category 1 Unrestricted Management (Exempt)	Rural lands where clearing is not regulated by Part 5A of the LLS Act 2013. Other legislation may apply.
	Category 2 Code Based Management (Regulated)	Rural lands where clearing is regulated and can be carried out in accordance with Part 5A of the LLS Act 2013 or other legislation. This includes complying with the Codes and Allowable activities.
	Category 2 Regulated (Vulnerable)	Rural land where clearing of native vegetation is more restricted than on other Category 2 land. This includes steep and highly erodible lands, riparian land and special category land (as declared).
	Category 2 Regulated (Sensitive)	Rural lands where clearing of native vegetation is more restricted than other Category 2 land. This includes lands that are Sensitive Lands due to factors such as the presence of coastal wetlands, certain rainforests, core koala habitat, high conservation grasslands, critically endangered entities, land subject to conservation or incentive agreements or covenants and others.
	Excluded land	Land not regulated by Part 5A of the LLS Act 2013. This land includes urban zones, environmental conservation zones and R5 large lot residential as gazetted under a Local Environment Plan (LEP). It also includes public conservation lands such as National parks and State Forests.

Getting further information about your land categorisation

If you would like detailed information about the different data layers applicable to your property, you may apply to the OEH for a free **Category Explanation Report (CER)**. A CER explains the basis for the inclusion of land in certain categories on the NVR map.

What if I disagree with the categorisation of my land?

If you disagree with the categorisation of your land, you can apply to OEH for a review. A Landholder Initiated Map Review (Map Review) allows you to provide further information to reviewers so that they can undertake further assessment. Before you apply for a Map Review it is recommended that you get a Category Explanation Report (CER). A CER explains the reasons for the inclusion of land in certain categories on the NVR Map within the area identified by the applicant.

Information

Further information about receiving a copy of the NVR Map for your landholding, CERs and the ap Review process is available at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biodiversity/regulatorymapreview.htm> or by contacting the Map Review Team on 02 6360 9000 or map.review@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Further information about the NSW Biodiversity Reforms and the NSW Native Vegetation Regulation Map can be found on the Land Management Website <http://landmanagement.nsw.gov.au>.

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