

1. Topics Covered

Biodiversity Values Map Version 5 Update

Version 5 of the Biodiversity Values (BV) map was published on 27 February 2019.

This update involved changes to the land included on the BV Map and enhancements to the [Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold \(BMAT\) Tool](#).

Changes to the areas on the BV Map

1. Amend Coastal Management SEPP – coastal wetlands and littoral rainforest mapping

In 2018 the Department of Planning and Environment reviewed the *Coastal Management SEPP - coastal wetlands and littoral rainforest mapping*. The amendments involved removing approximately 1% of the mapped areas. The amended mapping commenced on the 17 December 2018 and has been incorporated into the BV Map.

2. Correct core koala habitat mapping in Lismore

Primary Koala Habitat mapped in the *Lismore Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (CKPoM)* is interpreted as Core Koala Habitat for the purposes of the BV Map. At the time the BV Map was initially developed mapping covering 2081ha, including more recent mapping that was done for council, was provided. However, only core areas identified in an approved CKPoM can be included in the BV Map. Accordingly, approximately 1225 ha of the land has been removed from the BV Map.

3. Landholder – initiated map reviews

Changes arising from 6 map reviews have been incorporated into the BV Map.

Enhancements to the BMAT Tool

The [BMAT Tool User Guide](#) has been updated to explain how to utilise these additional functions.

1. Identify the type of Biodiversity Value

There are 11 categories of land that can be included on the BV Map e.g. core koala habitat. Users can now use the Identify Tool to determine which category(ies) of land occur at a specific location. Landholders or their agents can continue to request a Biodiversity Values Map Explanation Report (BVER) that will provide information and maps of the types of land on their properties – including the specific threatened species and/or TEC. BVER application forms are available from the [BV Map webpage](#).

2. Date that the 90 days expires

When an area is added to the BV Map landholders have 90 days to submit a development application without triggering the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme based on the BV map. Areas that have been added to the BV Map in the last 90 days are shown in dark purple to distinguish them from areas that have been on the map more than 90 days that are shown in light purple. For areas that have been added in the last 90 days the report that can be generated from the BMAT Tool states the date when the 90 day period expires and a BDAR would be required.