

Operational policy - Vegetation Management Map updates

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1 Purpose

This operational policy outlines the frequency and scheduling of certified vegetation management map updates under the vegetation management framework.

2 Policy

Vegetation management maps include the:

- Regulated Vegetation Management Map
- Vegetation Management Supporting Map
- Essential Habitat Map
- Vegetation Management Watercourse and Drainage Feature Map
- Vegetation Management Wetland Map.

The regulated vegetation management map and the vegetation management supporting map identify the vegetation categories and regional ecosystems, wetlands, watercourse and drainage features and essential habitat needed to determine clearing requirements as specified in the vegetation management framework. Scheduling the frequency and timing of vegetation management map updates delivers certainty to users of the currency of the data and ensures that mapping is based on the best available information.

Principles for updates include the following:

1. Major updates to vegetation management maps will be scheduled annually. However, additional updates may be triggered if there are relevant legislative or policy changes.
2. Major updates may incorporate any new information received from relevant agencies since the last major update on regional ecosystem extent and class, essential habitat, watercourses and drainage features and wetlands.
3. Minor updates to vegetation management maps, which include incorporating certified Property Maps of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) and minor corrections, will be made in the first week of every month.
4. Vegetation management maps are authorised by the delegate.
5. Where regional ecosystem numbers, descriptions and classes have been revised through a new version of regional ecosystem mapping, an amended Vegetation Management Regional Ecosystem Description Database may be tabled in parliament by the Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals, once the chief executive (or delegate) has ensured that the stated regional ecosystem vegetation management classes reflect the requirements of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* and certifies the database.

3 Further information

- Contact your nearest business centre (<https://www.resources.qld.gov.au/contact-us/by-business-centre-locations>), or
- Refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/management/vegetation>, or
- Call 135 VEG (13 58 34), or
- Email vegetation@resources.qld.gov.au.

4 Legislation

- Section 20A, *Vegetation Management Act 1999* (VMA)
- Section 20AA, VMA
- Section 20AB, VMA
- Section 20AC, VMA
- Section 20HA, VMA
- Section 20HB, VMA
- Section 22J, VMA

5 Review

Review of this document will be undertaken every 2 years.

6 Keywords

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