

# Third Party & Credit SEB Market

## Application for Accreditation as a Third Party Provider

September 2017

In South Australia, all clearance of native vegetation requires approval in accordance with the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* unless specified in the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*. In some instances, the clearance of native vegetation is required to be offset with a Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) Area to compensate for the environmental impact of the clearance. This can be achieved by establishing, managing and/or protecting native vegetation.

There are several options by which a clearance proponent can achieve an SEB requirement:

- 1) Establish a new SEB Area on land they own or on land under their care and control;
- 2) Apply to use SEB Credit that they have previously established;
- 3) Apply to have SEB Credit assigned from another person or body;
- 4) Engage a Third Party Provider to find and deliver an SEB on their behalf; or
- 5) Payment into the Native Vegetation Fund, if the achievement of an on-ground SEB is not practical.

The *Native Vegetation (Credit for Environmental Benefits) Regulations 2015* permit options 2, 3 and 4 above which will be facilitated by the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

### About this form

This form is an application for Accreditation as a Third Party Provider to be responsible for the management of SEB Areas on an ongoing basis. Only a person or body who is registered as an Accredited Third Party Provider can establish a Third Party SEB. Accredited Third Party Providers can also act as Brokers.

Accredited Third Party Providers must engage an independent NVC Accredited Consultant to undertake the [vegetation assessment](#) for an SEB Area that the Accredited Third Party Provider will be managing. An independent [NVC Accredited Consultant](#) must also undertake the 5 and 10 year monitoring requirements of a Third Party SEB.

A Broker is a facilitator between a landholder and other Accredited Third Party Providers. A Broker may if they choose, charge a brokerage fee or take a commission upon the establishment of a Third Party SEB or the assignment of SEB Credit.

Once a Third Party has been accredited, the information collected on this form will appear on the [Native Vegetation Credit Register](#). Clearance proponents are encouraged to check the Credit Register if they need an alternative way to achieve an SEB.

Before you complete this application form, please make sure you are aware of the long-term responsibilities of becoming a Third Party Provider and establishing Third Party SEB Areas by referring to the ***Native Vegetation Third Party and Credit SEB Kit***, which contains NVC reference material, policies and guides.

The NVC, at any time, can deregister an Accredited Third Party Provider if it becomes clear that Third Party obligations are not being met.

There are several other forms that may be required throughout the process of being a Third Party Provider:

- ***Template to register a potential SEB Credit or Third Party SEB Area*** – This template allows a landowner to register a potential SEB Area. Potential Third Party Providers can use this template to register potential SEB Areas, with authorization from the landowner, but will need to be accredited as a Third Party Provider prior to applying to establish it as a Third Party SEB Area.
- ***Application to Establish a Third Party SEB Area*** – This application form allows Accredited Third Party Providers to establish Third Party SEB Areas. This application form must be accompanied by an NVC Accredited Consultant Bushland or Rangeland Assessment and SEB Management Plan.
- ***Application to Establish and Assign SEB Credit*** – This application form allows landowners to establish SEB Credit and allows Accredited Third Party Providers and Credit Holders to assign SEB Credit to another person, body or clearance proponent. The form must be authorized by the Credit Holder (whether it be the landowner or Accredited Third Party Provider).

## For more information

**Native Vegetation Branch**  
Department of Environment,  
Water and Natural Resources

T (08) 8303 9777

E [nvc@sa.gov.au](mailto:nvc@sa.gov.au)

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

## Preparation of application

Please ensure you complete all seven (7) pages of this application. In order to complete this application and be considered for accreditation as a Third Party Provider, you will also need to **submit** the following documents:

- Current National Police Certificate
- Current Public Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance Certificate/s.

| 1. Applicant details (or Accredited Third Party Provider) |  |                                       |  |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Name:   |  | Company name:                         |  |
| Street address:   |  | Postal address:                       |  |
| Phone (work):   |  | Phone (mobile):                       |  |
| Email:  |  | ABN:                                  |  |
| Public liability insurance ref:                           |  | Professional indemnity insurance ref: |  |

| 2. Are you applying for Accreditation as a Third Party Provider, a Broker, or both?  |  |
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| This information will be used to identify your role on the Native Vegetation Credit Register.<br>Mark 'X' in the appropriate box/es. |  |
| Third Party Provider   |  |
| Broker   |  |

| 3. NRM region/s of operation       |  |                                       |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Mark 'X' in the appropriate box/es |  |                                       |  |
| Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges    |  | Northern and Yorke                    |  |
| Alinytjara Wilurara                |  | South Australian Arid Lands           |  |
| Eyre Peninsula                     |  | South Australian Murray-Darling Basin |  |
| Kangaroo Island                    |  | South East                            |  |

**4. Applicant's experience**

This information will be used for Accreditation purposes.

*List the names, qualifications and experience of the person/people undertaking the work.*

Name(s) and qualifications:

*List all names and qualifications within the organization, if applicable.*

Experience:

*Clearly demonstrate your experience in the delivery of similar native vegetation management projects, **including the management of SEB Areas.***

**5. Referees**

*List the details of two referees.*

|                        |  |                            |  |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Referee 1 name:</b> |  |                            |  |
| Organisation:          |  | Relationship to applicant: |  |
| Address:               |  | Postcode:                  |  |
| Phone:                 |  | Email:                     |  |
| <b>Referee 2 name:</b> |  |                            |  |
| Organisation:          |  | Relationship to applicant: |  |
| Address:               |  | Postcode:                  |  |
| Phone:                 |  | Email:                     |  |

| <b>6. Bona fides</b>   |  |
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| <p>Has the applicant (or, in the case of a body corporate, a director) breached environmental legislation in the past?</p> <p><i>If yes, provide details.</i></p> <p><i>Legislation includes but is not confined to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Native Vegetation Act 1991 (SA)</i></li> <li>• <i>Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (SA)</i></li> <li>• <i>Environment Protection Act 1993 (SA)</i></li> <li>• <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth).</i></li> </ul> |  |
| <p>Has the applicant (or, in the case of a body corporate, a director) been declared bankrupt or insolvent or is subject to a personal debt arrangement?</p> <p><i>If yes, provide details.</i></p>  |  |
| <p>Has the applicant been disqualified from managing corporations under Chapter 2D Part 2D.6 of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth?</p> <p><i>If yes, provide details.</i></p>  |  |

## Application fee

All applications must be accompanied by a prescribed fee that is exempt from GST. The fee as of 3 December 2015 is **\$560**.

It is payable by cheque, money order or EFT bank transfer (use the bank details below) to the Native Vegetation Council.

### Native Vegetation Council

**BSB: 065-266**

**Account: 10000960**

Please advise the Native Vegetation Branch via email at [nvc@sa.gov.au](mailto:nvc@sa.gov.au) when the funds transfer has been processed to facilitate processing.

## ALL APPLICANTS

By signing below you certify your agreement to the following:

**I certify that** - to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is complete and correct and no information is false or misleading.

- I have the agreement of all parties identified in this application to include their details in this application.
- I/the organisation I represent supports this application.
- I consent, on behalf of all parties, to this application being referred to third parties for assessment purposes.
- I understand that any changes associated with the information contained in this application relating to the eligibility for accreditation as a Third Party Provider must be disclosed to the Native Vegetation Council.
- I understand that the information provided in this application may be disclosed to various parties as deemed necessary by the Native Vegetation Council.
- I understand it is an offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to provide false or misleading information.

## DECLARATION

- I hereby certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and confirm the required items are attached.
- Signed: (Applicant)      Date    /        /
- Name (please print): .....

**Forward your application to:**

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 C/O Native Vegetation Branch  
 Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources  
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