

# Crown Land and Tree/Bush Removal

## Vegetation Removal

Pursuant to Section 61(f) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2009*, the damaging of trees and bushes; both native and non-native; alive or dead on Crown land is not permitted without approval.

Damage can occur for numerous reasons as detailed further below.

As a result when dealing with any trees on Crown land the Department for Environment and Water's Crown Lands Program should be contacted.

For further information refer to:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/managing-natural-resources/native-vegetation/clearing/firewood>

## Firewood collection

Approval for firewood collection may be permitted provided that it is in accordance with all other statutory requirements that exist, including the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and Local Council by laws.

## Cultural activities

Aboriginal person/s can remove native vegetation for non-commercial use, in accordance with Aboriginal culture and tradition. This is in accordance with Regulation 8(8) of the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*.

## Seeds and Specimens

A permit is required to collect native plants or native plant material from public land in South Australia including Crown land. Further information is available from:

[https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/managing-natural-resources/Plants\\_Animals/Permits\\_licences/Native\\_plants\\_in\\_the\\_wild](https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/managing-natural-resources/Plants_Animals/Permits_licences/Native_plants_in_the_wild)

## Establishment and maintenance of fences

The removal of vegetation on Crown land to establish and maintain fences requires approval from an Authorised Officer. Regulation 8(14) of the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017* provides further information regarding requirements for the removal of native vegetation for fences. Crown land approvals must be in accordance with the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*. Further information:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/native-vegetation/clearing/fences>

## Other Statutory Considerations

- Pursuant to Section 30 of the *National Parks and Wildlife (National Parks) Regulations 2016* the removal of wood from national parks and reserves is not

permitted without permission of the relevant authority, even if the wood is dead or fallen.

- On some road verges, Local Council may permit firewood collection. Check with the relevant Local Council to find out their policy on firewood collection.
- In some ForestrySA plantation forests firewood can be collected, but only by agreement with the ranger.
- The *Development Act 1993* (Significant and Regulated Trees) and the *Fences Act 1975*.
- Trees with State or Aboriginal Heritage significance also have protection on a national.

## Fire hazard reduction and fire prevention

The Department for Environment and Water takes a risk based approach to fire management over National Park and Crown land. Fire Management Officers within Parks and Regions are responsible for assessing and managing fire risks.

If you have any concerns in relation to fire hazards and safety on Crown Land please contact the Department of Environment and Water's Crown Lands Program.

## Safety of persons or property

Authorised Officers may approve the removal of trees or vegetation that are assessed as being a risk to either public safety or property, including those damaged in storms or emergency situations. This approval must be in accordance with all statutory standards or requirements that apply to or in relation to the land.

These may include, but not limited to:

- Regulation 8(6) of the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017* provides a pathway to facilitate the removal of large trees (or limbs) for the purpose of removing risk to the safety of people or property.
- Sections 23(4a), 54A and 54B of the *Development Act 1993* and Regulations, establish the legislative requirements in relation to the management of significant trees, and define where approvals from the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) are required.

## For more information

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For enquiries, please contact the Department of Environment and Water:

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