

CLEARING VEGETATION AND REMOVING TREES FOR BUSHFIRE SAFETY

When do I need approval?

Managing fuel is a key part of being Bushfire Ready. If we manage the fine fuel we improve the chances of controlling the intensity of bushfire. We urge you to develop a Bushfire Plan for your home.

If you wish to clear or modify native trees or vegetation on your property (this includes lopping of trees and the selective removal of native understory species), to check whether you require any Council approvals you need to submit a **Request for Consent to Remove or Modify Trees and Native Vegetation Form** to Council. Depending upon your zone and the nature of vegetation removal, you may need to lodge a development application.

Reasons for Vegetation Removal or Modification:



SAFETY

If you are proposing to remove or modify vegetation or trees due to safety concerns or risk of damage, you may need to provide a supporting report from a suitably qualified arborist. This report should include a quantitative assessment of the tree(s), detailing management options or a recommendation for removal of the trees. A recommendation for removal must be supported by a 'not acceptable' outcome from the quantitative assessment.



BUSHFIRE RISK

If you are proposing to remove or modify native trees or vegetation relating to potential bushfire risk please provide a Bushfire Management Plan prepared by an accredited bushfire practitioner outlining the minimum required clearing.

<http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pagelD=colBushfirePractitionerSearch>

What you need to submit for a request to remove or modify trees and vegetation on your property:

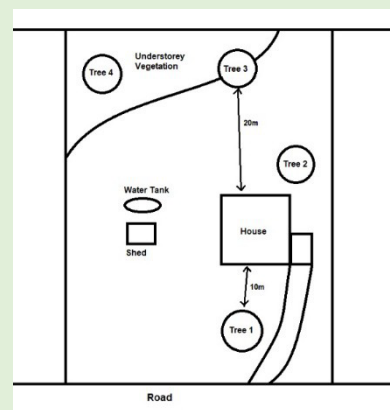
1. REQUEST FORM

Submit a Request for Consent to Remove or Modify Trees and Native Vegetation form that can be found on Council's website

<https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/services/environmental-programs/clearing-and-tree-removal/> (this assessment is free and will determine if you need to lodge a Development Application). If the proposed works require a Development Application under the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 fees may apply.

2. SKETCH PLAN

A sketch plan with each application containing sufficient details to clearly identify the vegetation you want to remove or modify to assist with the assessment process.



Example Sketch Plan

3. SUBMIT FORM

Once the form is completed email to kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au or send it directly to council.

DO NOT COMPLETE THE FORM if the proposed activity is associated with a future development. This will be assessed as part of a development application process in accordance with the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015.

It is important to note that other agencies such as, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) and Forest Practices Authority (FPA) in Tasmania also regulate vegetation removal in certain circumstances. Please check their permit requirements before removing vegetation. It is advised that you have all required approvals, or proof of exemption before commencing any work.

For more information, please contact Council's Biodiversity Officer on 6211 8200.