

# Statutory Planning Information Sheet

## Vegetation and Tree Removal for Bushfire Protection

In areas of Manningham with significant environmental or landscape values, the planning scheme controls the removal of vegetation, particularly native vegetation. In these areas you are generally required to obtain a planning permit *before* vegetation can be removed.

However, Clause 52.12 of the Manningham Planning Scheme provides certain exemptions that may allow you to remove vegetation to create a defensible space around buildings used for accommodation, including associated outbuildings and boundary fences, *without* the need to obtain a planning permit if your property is **with an identified Bushfire Prone Area**.

The exemptions are as follows:

- Remove, destroy or lop any vegetation within 10 metres of an existing building used for accommodation and any associated outbuilding, provided it was constructed or approved by a permit before 10 September 2009.
- Remove, destroy or lop any vegetation (except trees) within 30 metres of an existing building used for accommodation and any associated outbuilding, provided it was constructed or approved by a permit before 10 September 2009.
- Remove, destroy or lop any vegetation (except trees) within 50 metres of an existing building used for accommodation and any associated outbuilding, provided the land is within the Bushfire Management Overlay and the building was approved by a permit before 10 September 2009 and erected before 18 November 2011.
- Remove, destroy or lop any vegetation for a combined maximum width of 4 metres either side of an existing fence on a boundary between properties in different ownership, constructed before 10 September 2009. This exemption does not apply if there is already four metres of cleared land on one side of the fence.

**Please contact Council's Statutory Planning Unit on 9840 9333 to obtain specific information regarding other permit requirements for vegetation and tree removal beyond the distances provided above, and/or to confirm your proposal meets the exemption requirements before removing trees and vegetation.**

Further information and advice on preparing for bushfire is also available from the CFA, which can be found at [CFA website](#).

### Useful Links:

- [VicPlan](#) – Search for your property to identify whether your property is within a Bushfire Prone Area or Bushfire Management Overlay
- [Clause 52.12](#) of the Manningham Planning Scheme.



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