

FLORA & FAUNA ASSESSMENT REPORT

FACT SHEET

To assist Council in assessing your Vegetation Removal application, you are required to submit a flora and fauna assessment report with your application. The Flora and Fauna Assessment Report must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person with:

- tertiary qualifications in ecology, zoology, botany or similar;
- a minimum of 5 years experience in undertaking flora and fauna surveys and assessments;
- a demonstrated knowledge of the flora and of the Penrith region; and
- appropriate licences or approvals under relevant legislation.

If Commonwealth listed threatened species or communities are present, then the assessment and report must be undertaken and prepared in accordance with the [Significant Impact Guidelines: Matters of National Environmental Significance \(2013\)](#).

WHAT MUST THE REPORT INCLUDE

The report must include as a minimum:

1. A description of the proposed vegetation works, including the specific area of the vegetation that is proposed to be cleared and the reasons for wishing to undertake the clearing.
2. A written and mapped description of the ecological communities, plant and animal species present and their habitats including a statement on whether any of the plant and animal species or their habitats are listed as threatened species or communities under the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the Cth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
3. A site plan (overlaid on a current aerial photo) showing the proposed works and any relevant site features (such as dwellings, dams, driveways, APZ, effluent disposal areas, etc) as well as the location of all native vegetation. You must clearly show any vegetation proposed to be removed and the locations of any threatened species or ecological communities and any important habitat features such as hollow-bearing trees.
4. An objective assessment of the likely impacts the proposed clearing on the flora and fauna and on any potential use of the vegetation as a fauna movement corridor and its connectivity with nearby vegetation patches.
5. An objective assessment to determine whether the proposed works and development are likely to *significantly* affect any threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats.
6. Identification of all measures proposed to mitigate any impacts of the proposed clearing. Biodiversity offsets may be proposed.