

Native Vegetation Removal Report

NVRR ID: 353_20251003_WEM

This report provides information to support an application to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation in accordance with the [Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation](#) (the Guidelines). This report is **not an assessment by DEECA** of the proposed native vegetation removal. Offset requirements have been calculated using modelled condition scores.

Report details

Date created: 03/10/2025

Local Government Area: MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Registered Aboriginal Party: Dja Dja Wurrung

Coordinates: 144.21198, -37.06586

Address: 11 FOREST STREET CASTLEMAINE 3450

Regulator Notes

Removal polygons are located:

- On Crown Land

Summary of native vegetation to be removed

Assessment pathway	Intermediate Assessment Pathway		
Location category	Location 1 The native vegetation extent map indicates that this area is not typically characterised as supporting native vegetation. It does not meet the criteria to be classified as Location Category 2 or 3. The removal of less than 0.5 hectares of native vegetation in this area will not require a Species Offset.		
Total extent including past and proposed removal (ha) <i>Includes endangered EVCs (ha): 0</i>	0.087	<i>Extent of past removal (ha)</i>	<i>0</i>
		<i>Extent of proposed removal - Patches (ha)</i>	<i>0.000</i>
		<i>Extent of proposed removal - Scattered Trees (ha)</i>	<i>0.087</i>
No. Large Trees proposed to be removed	2	<i>No. Large Patch Trees</i>	<i>0</i>
		<i>No. Large Scattered Trees</i>	<i>2</i>
No. Small Scattered Trees	0		



Offset requirements if approval is granted

Any approval granted will include a condition to secure an offset, before the removal of native vegetation, that meets the following requirements:

General Offset amount ¹	0.021 General Habitat Units
Minimum strategic biodiversity value score ²	0.504
Large Trees	2
Vicinity	North Central CMA or MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE LGA

NB: values within tables in this document may not add to the totals shown above due to rounding

The availability of third-party offset credits can be checked using the Native Vegetation Credit Register (NVCR) Search Tool - <https://nvcr.delwp.vic.gov.au>

1. The General Offset amount required is the sum of all General Habitat Units in Appendix 1.

2. Minimum strategic biodiversity value score is 80 per cent of the weighted average score across habitat zones where a General Offset is required.



Application requirements

Applications to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation must include all the below information. If an appropriate response has not been provided the application is not complete.

Application Requirement 1 - Native vegetation removal information

If the native vegetation removal is mapped correctly, the information presented in this Native Vegetation Removal Report addresses Application Requirement 1.

Application Requirement 2 - Topographical and land information

This statement describes the topographical and land features in the vicinity of the proposed works, including the location and extent of any ridges, hilltops, wetlands and waterways, slopes of more than 20% gradient, low-lying areas, saline discharge areas or areas of erosion.

Camp Reserve is an historic public space and premier sporting reserve located centrally in the Mount Alexander Shire's main population centre of Castlemaine. Situated a short distance west of the Castlemaine Town Centre, the Reserve occupies an area of approximately 3.8ha and is bounded by Barkers Creek, Forest Street and Gingell Street.

The area of prime concern is a small section of the reserve in the south-west corner totalling approximately 1ha.

The assessment area is generally flat, with no waterways and mostly comprised of planted specimens with coniferous species being prominent along the boundary with Gingell Street. Several other exotics are present including Dutch Elm *Ulmus ×hollandica* and English Oak *Quercus robur*.

There are 3 species identified during an arboricultural assessment of the site (C&R Ryder Consulting P/L 2025) likely to be indigenous and remnant to the site. Trees 3 & 4 River Red Gum *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and Tree 7 Yellow Box *Eucalyptus melliodora*. Trees 3 & 4 are centrally located within the reserve and have suffered decline in recent years. These trees are proposed for removal.

Application Requirement 3 - Photographs of the native vegetation to be removed

Application Requirement 3 is not addressed in this Native Vegetation Removal Report. All applications must include recent, timestamped photos of each Patch, Large Patch Tree and Scattered Tree which has been mapped in this report.

Application Requirement 4 - Past removal


If past removal has been considered correctly, the information presented in this Native Vegetation Removal Report addresses Application Requirement 4.

Application Requirement 5 - Avoid and minimise statement

This statement describes what has been done to avoid and minimise impacts on native vegetation and associated biodiversity values.

There has been no strategic level planning for the site.

The location of the proposed new pavilion, change rooms, spectator areas and surrounding infrastructure can only be located in this part of the reserve, as other built infrastructure in the park means that the



proposed location is the only feasible location for the development.

Application Requirement 6 - Property Vegetation Plan

This requirement only applies if an approved Property Vegetation Plan (PVP) applies to the property
Does a PVP apply to the proposal?

No

Application Requirement 7 - Defendable space statement

Where the removal of native vegetation is to create defendable space, this statement:

- Describes the bushfire threat; and
- Describes how other bushfire risk mitigation measures were considered to reduce the amount of native vegetation proposed for removal (this can also be part of the avoid and minimise statement).

This statement is not required if, If the proposed defendable space is within the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO), and in accordance with the 'Exemption to create defendable space for a dwelling under Clause 44.06 of local planning schemes' in Clause 52.12-5.

N/A

Application Requirement 8 - Native Vegetation Precinct Plan

This requirement is only applicable if you are removing native vegetation from within an area covered by Native Vegetation Precinct Plan (NVPP), and the proposed removal is not identified as 'to be removed' within the NVPP.

Does an NVPP apply to the proposal?

No

Application Requirement 9 - Offset statement

This statement demonstrates that an offset is available and describes how the required offset will be secured. The Applicant's Guide provides information relating to this requirement.

A third party offset will be achieved through a broker. We have confirmed that the required offsets are readily available for purchase.



Next steps

Applications to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation must address all the application requirements specified in the Guidelines. If you wish to remove the mapped native vegetation you are required to apply for approval from the responsible authority (e.g. local Council). This Native vegetation removal report must be submitted with your application and meets most of the application requirements. The following requirements need to be addressed, as applicable.

Application Requirement 3 - Photographs of the native vegetation to be removed

Recent, dated photographs of the native vegetation to be removed **must be provided** with the application. All photographs must be clear, show whether the vegetation is a Patch of native vegetation, Patch Tree or Scattered Tree, and identify any Large Trees. If the area of native vegetation to be removed is large, provide photos that are indicative of the native vegetation.

Ensure photographs are attached to the application. If appropriate photographs have not been provided the application is not complete.

Application Requirement 6 - Property Vegetation Plan

If a PVP is applicable, it must be provided with the application.

Appendix 1: Description of native vegetation to be removed

General Habitat Units for each zone (Patch, Scattered Tree or Patch Tree) are calculated by the following equation in accordance with the Guidelines

General Habitat Units = extent without overlap x condition score x general landscape factor x 1.5, where the general landscape factor = 0.5 + (strategic biodiversity value score/2)

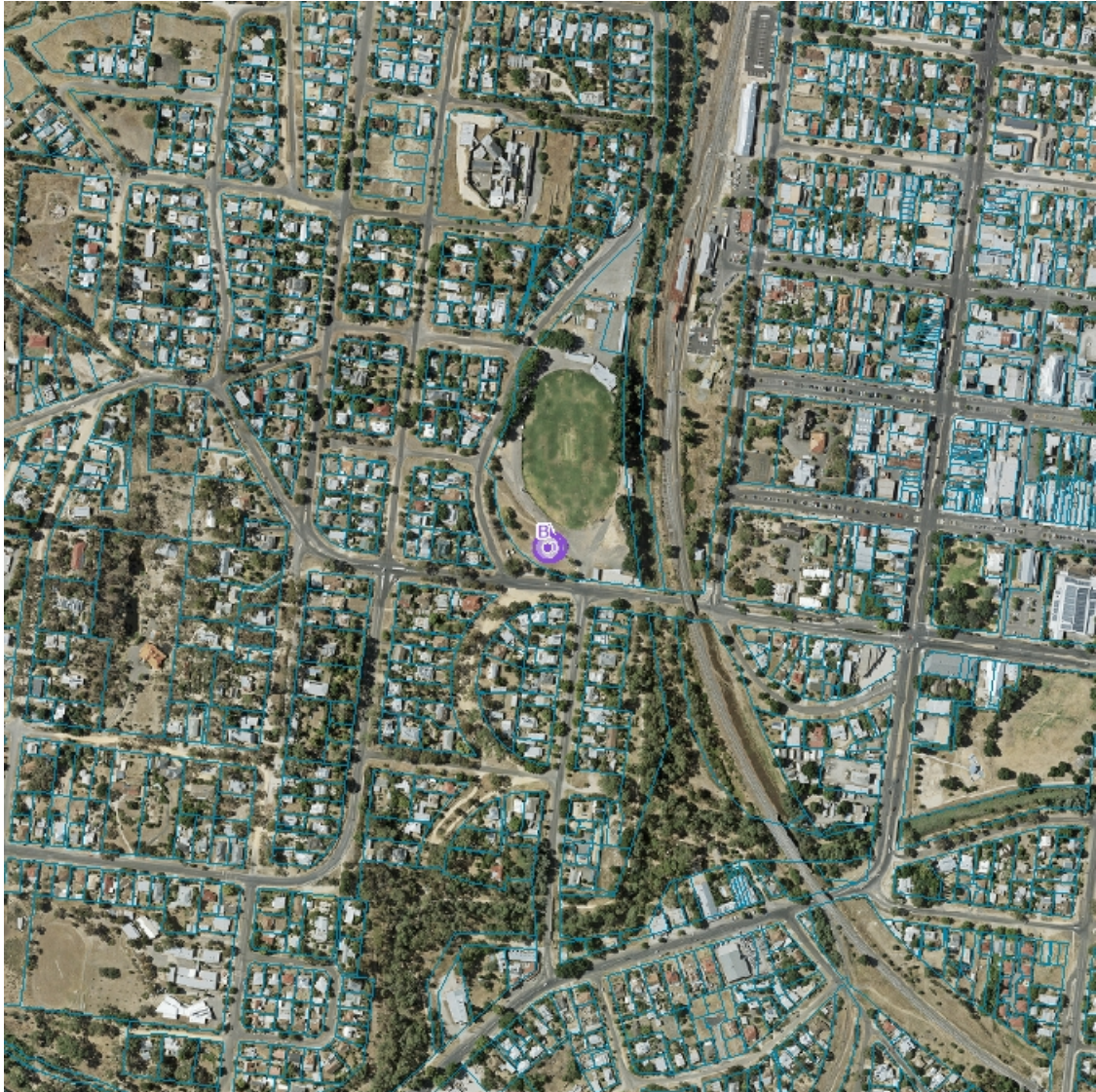
The General Offset amount required is the sum of all General Habitat Units per zone.

Native vegetation to be removed

Information provided by or on behalf of the applicant			Information calculated by NVR Map							
Zone	Type	DBH (cm)	EVC code (modelled)	Bioregional conservation status	Large Tree(s)	Condition score (modelled)	Polygon extent (ha)	Extent without overlap (ha)	SBV score	General Habitat Units
A	Scattered Tree	137	Gold0081	Vulnerable	1	0.200	0.070	0.044	0.630	0.011
B	Scattered Tree	78	Gold0081	Vulnerable	1	0.200	0.070	0.044	0.630	0.011

Appendix 2: Images of mapped native vegetation

1. Property in context



- Proposed Removal
- Property Boundaries



200 m

2. Aerial photograph showing mapped native vegetation



□ Proposed Removal



30 m

3. Location Risk Map



Proposed Removal

Location 1

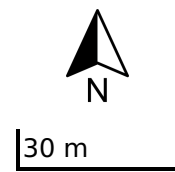
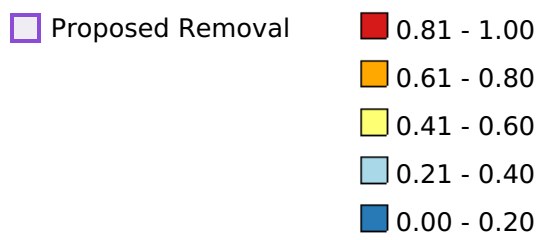
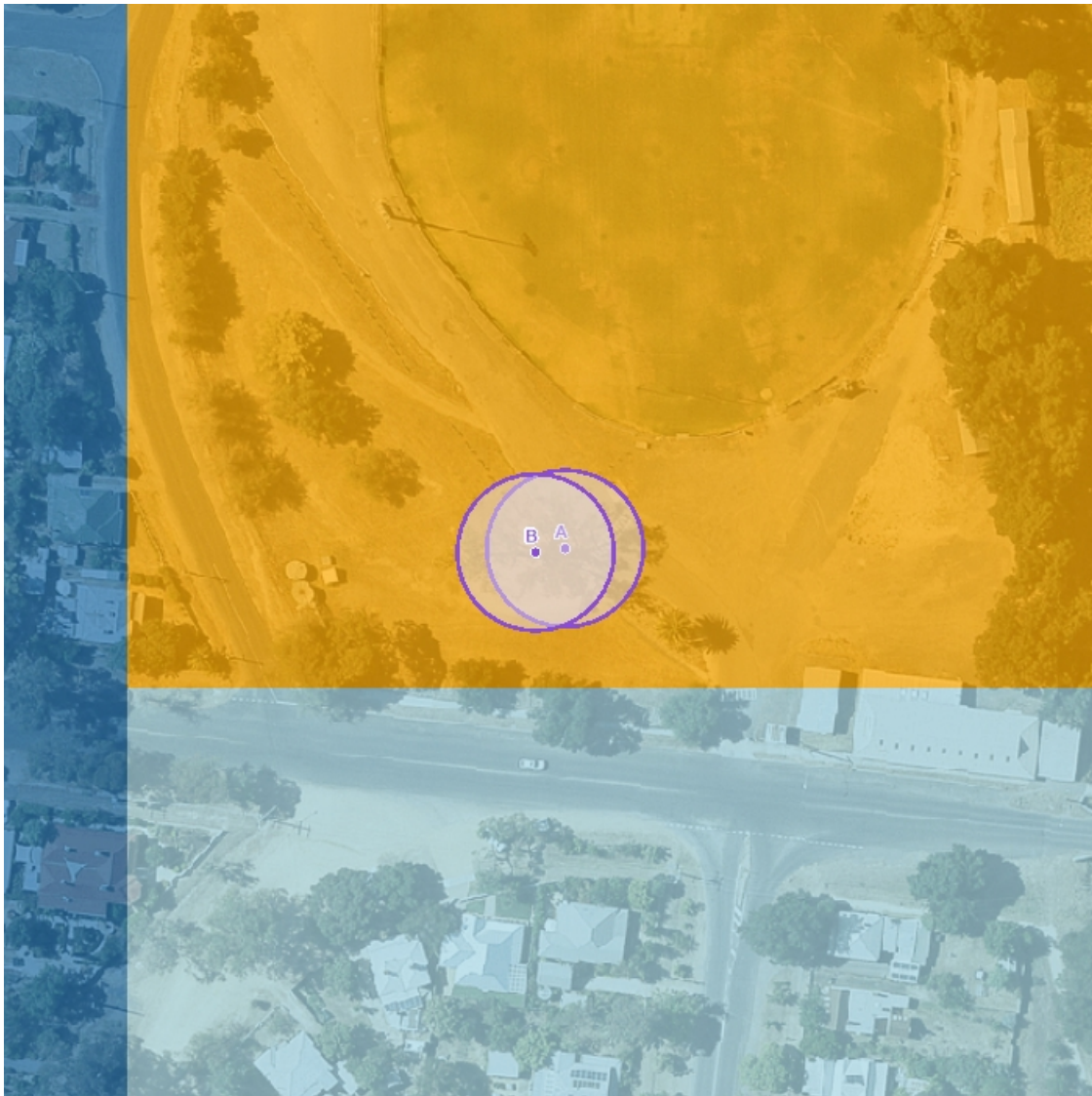
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Location 3



30 m

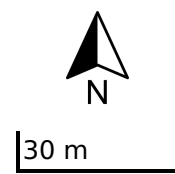
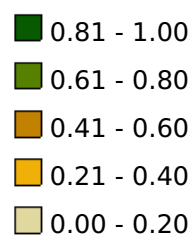
4. Strategic Biodiversity Value Score Map



5. Condition Score Map



Proposed Removal



6. Endangered EVCs

Not Applicable

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