



Arbor Survey

NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL REPORT

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CLAYTON SOUTH

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1. SUMMARY

The Native Vegetation Removal Report has been undertaken to determine the offset requirements for the proposed removal of 1 small patch of native vegetation and 1 large and 1 small trees (Note: only 1 tree meets the requirements for a large tree) at 618 Clayton Road, Clayton South.

This report presents the information relevant to native vegetation proposed for removal on the site to accompany a planning permit application under Clause 52.17 of the Kingston Planning Scheme, in accordance with the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation (DELWP2017a), herein referred to as 'the Guidelines'. The following native vegetation is proposed to be removed within the project site:

- **1 large tree to be removed.**
- **Total area of vegetation loss = 0.114 Hectares**
- **No listed flora species were found during the field survey.**
- **Location of proposed vegetation removal – Location 1**

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The application site lies within Location 1 and 1 large tree is proposed to be removed. As such, the proposal will be assessed under the Intermediate Assessment Pathway. **This would not trigger a referral to DEECA.**

The following offsets will be required to compensate for this removal of native vegetation:

- **0.019 general habitat units and must include the following offset attribute requirements:**
 - **Minimum strategic biodiversity value (SBV) of 0.084; and**
 - **1 Large trees**
 - **Occur within the Port Phillip And Westernport Catchment Management Authority (CMA) or the Kingston City Council area.**

These offsets will be acquired via third-party and must be secured prior to any native vegetation removal (Likely through Vegetation Link or another Native Vegetation broker).

The Native Vegetation Removal (NVR) report for this proposed removal is provided in the Appendices. The table below summarises the compliance of the information in this report with the relevant application requirements of the Guidelines (DELWP 2017a).

No	Summary of Application Requirements	Response
1	Information about the native vegetation to be removed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the assessment pathway and reason for the assessment pathway. This includes the location category of the native vegetation to be removed • a description of the native vegetation to be removed • maps showing the native vegetation and property in context • the offset requirement, determined in accordance with section 5 of the Guidelines, that will apply if the native vegetation is approved to be removed. 	The assessment Pathway is identified as 'Intermediate' based on 1 large tree being removed and the Location Category (Location 1). Refer to Section 1
2	Topographic and land information relating to the native vegetation to be removed, showing ridges, crests and hilltops, wetlands and waterways, slopes of more than 20 percent, drainage lines, low lying areas, saline discharge areas, and areas of existing erosion, as appropriate.	Refer to Section 2
3	Recent, dated photographs of the native vegetation to be removed.	Photographs of vegetation to be removed are provided. In the submitted Arboricultural Report. Refer Section 3
4	Details of any other native vegetation approved to be removed, or that was removed without the required approvals, on the same property or	Not Applicable

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	on contiguous land in the same ownership as the applicant, in the five-year period before the application for a permit is lodged.	
5	An avoid and minimise statement. The statement describes any efforts to avoid the removal of and minimise the impacts on the biodiversity and other values of native vegetation, and how these efforts focussed on areas of native vegetation that have the most value.	Removal of native vegetation is required for the construction of the warehouse and access road. This area is zoned as Industrial 1 and as such, the proposed design has been created to make use of the maximum area available Refer Section 4
6	A copy of any Property Vegetation Plan contained within an agreement made pursuant to section 69 of the Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 that applies to the native vegetation to be removed.	Not Applicable
7	Where the removal of native vegetation is to create defensible space, a written statement explaining why the removal of native vegetation is necessary. This is not required when the creation of defensible space is in conjunction with an application under the Bushfire Management Overlay	Not Applicable
8	If the application is under Clause 52.16, a statement that explains how the proposal responds to the Native Vegetation Precinct Plan considerations at decision guideline 6.	Not applicable
9	An offset statement explaining that an offset that meets the offset requirements for the native vegetation to be removed has been identified and how it will be secured.	An offset will be sought as a condition of permit. Refer to Section 4
10	A site assessment report of the native vegetation to be removed, completed by an accredited native vegetation assessor.	Application is not in the Detailed Pathway and therefore this is Not Applicable
11	Information about impacts on rare or threatened species habitat.	Application is not in the Detailed Pathway and therefore this is Not Applicable

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2. SECTION 1

2.1 INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIVE VEGETATION TO BE REMOVED

The native vegetation to be removed consists of 4 individual *Eucalyptus botryoides* (Southern Mahogany Gum). These trees are likely to be self-sown from the adjacent street and private tree plantings along Fraser Road. These trees are likely to be regrowth from old, removed trees due to the size of the base and the small multi stemmed form of the trees. All trees are considered to be of low retention value.

Two of the trees are located in a patch due to the canopies being combined and 2 trees are individual or scattered trees with only 1 tree being considered a large tree based on the benchmark size ((as determined by DEECA).

Maps of the proposed trees to be removed is found in Figure 1

2.2 ASSESSMENT PATHWAY

The assessment pathway is considered to be in the Intermediate Assessment Pathway as there is 1 large tree to be removed and the location category is 1 (**Not** an Endangered Ecological Vegetation Class). Removal of less than 0.5 hectares in this location will not have a significant impact on any habitat for a rare or threatened species.

This application is only for the removal of 0.114 hectares of native vegetation so the application will not have an impact on any habitat for a rare or threatened species.

2.3 OFFSET REQUIREMENT

Based on the proposed removal of vegetation, the following is an extract from the Native Vegetation Removal Report created using the DELWP Native Vegetation Information Management system (NVIM).

Offset requirements if a permit is granted

Any approval granted will include a condition to obtain an offset that meets the following requirements:

General offset amount ¹	0.019 general habitat units
Vicinity	Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (CMA) or Kingston City Council
Minimum strategic biodiversity value score ²	0.084
Large trees	1 large tree

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3. FIGURE 1 – MAP OF VEGETATION TO BE REMOVED



4. SECTION 2 – TOPOGRAPHIC AND LAND INFORMATION

The location of the proposed vegetation for removal is to the northwest of the subject site, close to the corner of Clayton Road and Fraser Road. The area is not in an area of ecological sensitivity.

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5. SECTION 3 - PHOTOGRAPHS OF TREES TO BE REMOVED



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6. SECTION 4 – AVOID AND MINIMISE STATEMENT AND OFFSET STATEMENT

6.1 AVOID AND MINIMISE STATEMENT

The proposed removal of the single patch and 2 individual scattered trees is required to allow for the construction of the Warehouse on the industrial 1 zoned land. These trees are not of high retention value nor ecological value with no significant habitat provided (i.e. through hollows etc).

For the functional use of the site, these trees are not considered of such high value to warrant avoiding or minimising the loss of these trees.

6.2 OFFSET STATEMENT

An offset will be purchased from an existing native vegetation credit site as a condition of permit. The costs associated with the offset purchase are understood by the applicant.

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7. APPENDIX – NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL REPORT

See Attached

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