

IT IS THE LAW TO ASK COUNCIL FOR CONSENT

You need consent to remove vegetation from Council managed land, except in the case of an emergency. You need written consent to remove vegetation from roadsides and all other land managed by Mildura Rural City Council.

Native Vegetation is protected. Council will consent to the removal of vegetation for boundary fencing if it is to the practical minimum extent necessary.

Each case is unique and will be assessed individually – the first step is to contact Council's Environmental Sustainability Unit on (03) 5018 8100.

Lodging an application

You may need a Planning Permit to remove vegetation. A Planning Permit, if approved, will likely come with conditions to offset (compensate for) the removed native vegetation. This is required by law and can be expensive.



Healthy Mallee Trees on Council roadsides

NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING ON RURAL ROADSIDES

Asking Council for consent



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NATIVE VEGETATION PROTECTED

What are the rules?

Native vegetation is protected by law across all levels of government.

The Mildura Planning Scheme provides explicit and enforceable protections for native vegetation throughout the Council area. Relevant sections include Clause 52.16 and Clause 52.17. Vegetation on Council land is also protected by local laws.

On Council managed land, all native vegetation is protected. This includes trees, shrubs, ground covers and grasses. On roadsides even the dead trees and logs on the ground are protected.

What is allowed?

On rural roadsides it is expected that native vegetation is left to grow. In most cases, consent will be limited to lopping or removal of only those parts of plants either touching, growing through or overhanging a boundary fence, over a driveway or threatening important assets such as a home.

Who manages roadsides?

For highways and larger arterial roads, the responsible road authority is usually VicRoads. Council has responsibility for smaller roads. To check your road type visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

DID YOU KNOW?

- Native vegetation includes trees, shrubs, herbs, climbers, flowers and grasses.
- Less than 1% of Victoria's native grasslands remain.



WHY CAN'T ALL VEGETATION ON THE ROADSIDES BE REMOVED?

Wildlife habitat and corridors

Roadsides are crucial to maintaining biodiversity. Vegetation on roadsides provide wildlife corridors for movement between larger areas of habitat and provide a refuge for many native plant and animal species.

Shelter from sun, wind, noise and dust

Trees and shrubs, reduce everyday environmental stresses on crops, stock and humans.

In the Mallee we recognise and take pride in the quality of our natural environment

Simple ways we can all help to look after roadside native vegetation:

- Keep garden plants within your property boundary
- Include native vegetation values, for example include shade and shelter into your farm plan.
- Support local community groups that protect the environment.
- Report issues or unauthorised activity.