

Summary of Amendments – C2 Vegetation Management

Section of DCP
DCP Volume 1 C2 Vegetation Management Entire section
Reason for Change
<p>Legislative amendments including the introduction of State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017 (Vegetation SEPP) have changed the way applications for tree and vegetation removal on private land are assessed. As a result of this, an amendment to <i>C2 Vegetation Management</i> controls in DCP 2014 is necessary to ensure the DCP is consistent with the new legislation. The proposed amendments seek to update the existing Vegetation Management controls to make the DCP controls consistent with the requirements of the Vegetation SEPP.</p> <p>The following development controls changes are proposed to ensure the DCP is consistent with the SEPP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updating of reference terms and legislative references.• Condense section objectives and include a new objective recognising the importance of Cooling the City.• Remove references to a historical chapter of Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010.• Clarify what is considered prescribed vegetation.• Reflect updates to relevant Acts pertaining to biodiversity and vegetation management.• Update legislative approval requirements for tree and vegetation removal on private land (e.g. Development Consent, Vegetation Permit or Native Vegetation Panel).• Include Biodiversity Offset Scheme approval requirements where clearing/removal exceeds area clearing thresholds, or is located on land identified by the Biodiversity Values Map.• Update and add further approval/vegetation permit exemptions such as: e.g. new pruning exemptions & increased exemption within proximity to dwellings from 2m to 3m. The draft DCP increases the number of exemptions from 11 to 20.• Clarify application submission information requirements to reflect legislative changes e.g. Flora & Fauna Test of Significance and Biodiversity Development Assessments.• Update controls to be more consistent with relevant Australian Standards e.g. AS 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites & AS 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees.
Amendments to DCP
Whole section, except 2.3 Bushfire Management