

Vegetation Clearance

Why can't we just clear vegetation when we need to?

- Native vegetation is protected by law. The Native Vegetation Act (1991) and associated NV Regulations (2003) in South Australia regulates all vegetation clearance activities
- The regulations above and PEPR requirements in mining areas require that we manage all vegetation clearance and soil management activities
- We have 2 QP's to ensure compliance to this legislation:

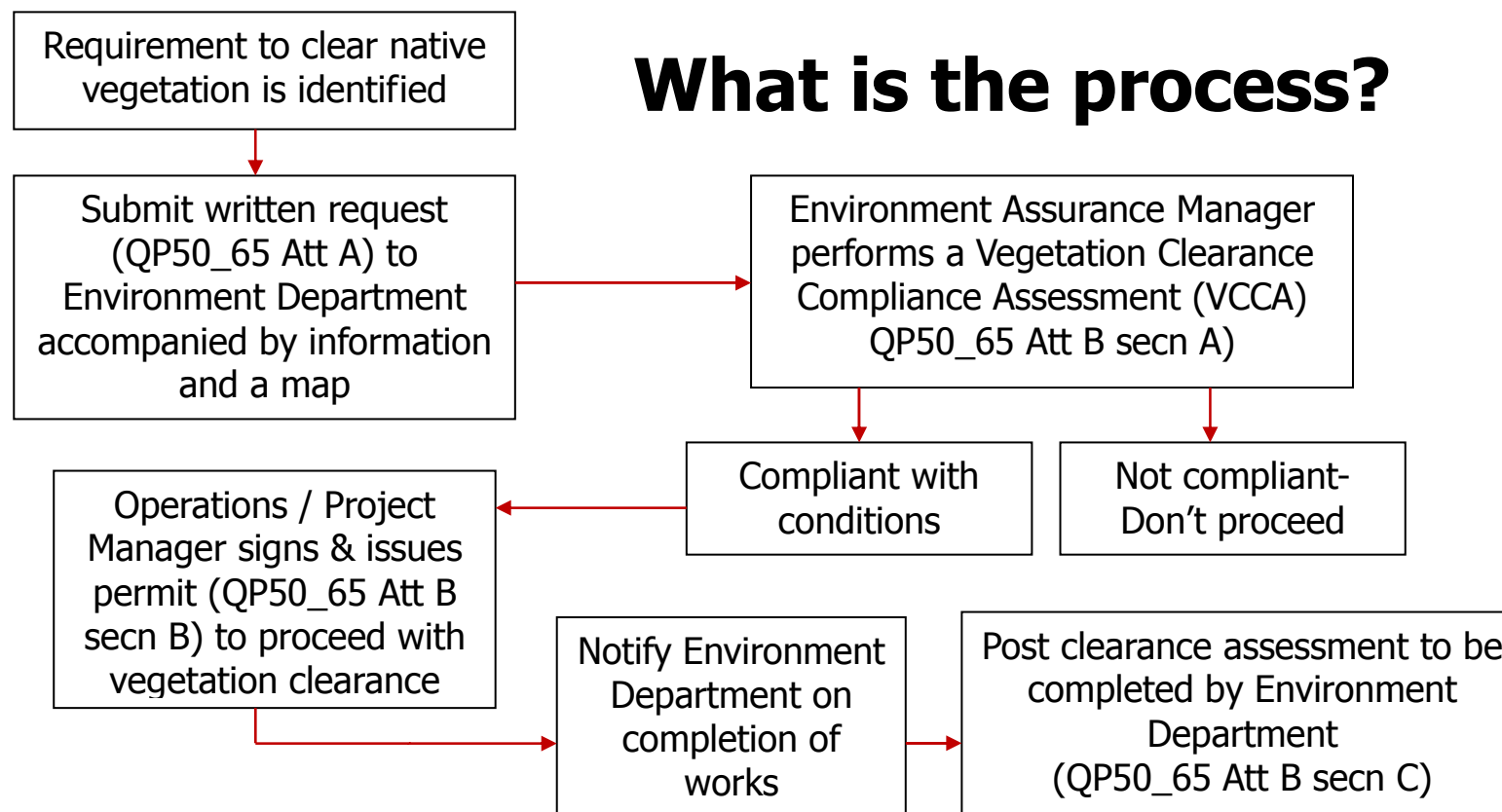
QP50.65 – Vegetation Clearance
QP50.66 – Soil Management Plan

Remember: A permit is required for ANY land disturbance or vegetation clearance

Examples of when a permit is required:

- Any clearance of vegetation for construction or maintenance of infrastructure
- Expansion of existing or new excavations (mining pit areas)
- Laydown & stockpile areas
- Access roads
- New offices
- New or expansion of WRD's, TSF's
- Any activity that will result in the removal or disturbance of native vegetation associated with the mines & exploration business unit

What is the process?



Contractors- Go through your Project Controller if any vegetation clearance is required

Any vegetation clearance without prior approvals in place must be reported as an environmental incident

Why is vegetation conservation important?

- Native vegetation plays a vital role in South Australia's ecosystems
- It contributes towards the health and prosperity of communities and natural resource based industries.
- Remnant vegetation plays an important role in rehabilitating mine sites and industrial sites