

## Treatment of Small Areas under Part 5, Division 3 of the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018

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### Policy Statement

The aim of this policy is to clarify the use of small areas as defined under Part 5, Division 3 Removing Native Vegetation from small areas.

### Context

[Part 5 Division 3 of the Land Management \(Native Vegetation\) Code 2018 \(the Code\)](#) authorises clearing native vegetation from small areas, when carried out in accordance with the prescribed conditions.

For the purposes of Part 5 Division 3 of the Code, small area means:

- a. in the case of a landholding wholly or predominately in the Western Zone—an area of Category 2-regulated land not more than 4 hectares, or
- b. in the case of a landholding wholly or predominately in the Central Zone—an area of Category 2-regulated land not more than 3 hectares, or
- c. in the case of a landholding wholly or predominately in the Coastal Zone—an area of Category 2-regulated land not more than 1 hectare

### Scope

This policy applies to areas of the State to which the Local Land Services Act is in effect.

### Policy Position

The small area provision was intended to deal with the management of small areas (see areas identified per region) to allow for improved agricultural techniques - such as use of centre pivots or larger guided farm machinery. Clearing under this provision was intended to support straightening vegetation around edges of paddocks and manage areas slightly larger than Paddock Tree Areas.

Small areas are not to be aggregated or managed in a contiguous manner, this includes using allowables or other Code divisions between areas. This means areas of vegetation cannot be divided into multiple small areas in the same certificate, or in certificates in subsequent years.

Clearing of larger areas can be accommodated using other parts of the Code.

### Roles and responsibilities

LLS has responsibility for ensuring that landholders in NSW apply the Land Management Framework consistent with the LLS Act.

### Policy Products

Staff will be provided with a staff guide and a fact sheet will be developed for landholders.

### Legislation

Local Land Services Act 2013

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Related policies

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