

## Native Vegetation Removal – Bushfire Recovery – March 2018 Moyne Planning Scheme Provisions

### How can Moyne help?

If you would like assistance in working out where and how you can remove native vegetation as a result of the bushfires, Richard Hodgens, Moyne Environment Officer can come out and meet you on site – **please call 1300 656 564**

### Clause 52.17 – Native Vegetation

**Emergency works** – native vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped – where it presents an immediate risk of personal injury or damage to property. Only that part of the vegetation that presents the immediate risk may be removed, destroyed or lopped under these provisions.

**Fences** – native vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to enable the operation or maintenance of an existing fence or the construction of a boundary fence between properties in different ownership –

- allow for clearing along both sides of the fence when combined must not exceed 4 metres in width,
- except where land has already been cleared 4 metres or more along one side of the fence, then up to 1 metre can be cleared along the other side of the fence.

**(please see diagram on the other side of this sheet)**

**Fire Protection** – native vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped to the minimum extent necessary to carry out fire protection activities being:

- fire fighting;
- planned burning
- making or maintenance of a fuelbreak or firefighting access track (or any combination of) that does not exceed a combined width of 6 metres.

### Clause 52.48– Bushfire Protection Exemptions

Provides for the ability to remove, destruct or lop native vegetation without a planning permit in the following circumstances:

- Removal of any vegetation within 10 metres of a dwelling or building used for accommodation.
- Removal of shrubs and grasses (not trees) with 30 metres of a dwelling or building used for accommodation
- In areas where the Bushfire Management Overlay applies the removal of shrubs and grasses (not trees) within 50 metres of a dwelling or a building used for accommodation.

### Fence lines – Clause 52.48-2

- Removal, destruction and lopping of vegetation for a combined maximum area of 4 metres either side of an existing fence on a boundary between properties in different ownership.

\* Native Vegetation is vegetation including trees, shrubs and grasses native to Victoria

Blue gum, sugar gum and cypress trees that are used as shelter belts or plantations are not native to Victoria.

**A full copy of the native vegetation controls in the Moyne Planning Scheme can be accessed via Council's web site. [www.moyne.vic.gov.au/planning/statutoryplanning](http://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/planning/statutoryplanning)**

