

# Operational policy

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## Vegetation Management Map updates

### Purpose

This policy outlines the frequency and scheduling of certified vegetation management map updates.

### Legislation

Section 20A of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* (Vegetation Management Act)

Section 20AA of the *Vegetation Management Act*

Section 20AB of the *Vegetation Management Act*

Section 20AC (1), (3) of the *Vegetation Management Act*

Section 20HA of the *Vegetation Management Act*

Section 20HB of the *Vegetation Management Act*

### Rationale

Vegetation management maps are:

- Regulated Vegetation Management Map
- Vegetation Management Supporting Map
- Essential Habitat Map
- Vegetation Management Watercourse and Drainage Feature Map
- Vegetation Management Wetland Map

The regulated vegetation management map and the vegetation management supporting map identifies the vegetation categories and regional ecosystems, wetlands, watercourse and drainage features and essential habitat needed to determine clearing requirements as specified in the vegetation management framework. Scheduling the frequency and timing of vegetation management map updates delivers certainty to users of the currency of the data and ensures that mapping is based on the best available information.

### Policy

1. Major updates to vegetation management maps will be made annually on the first business day of April each year.
2. Major updates will incorporate any new information received from relevant agencies prior to 31 December of the previous year on regional ecosystem extent and class, essential habitat, watercourses and drainage features and wetlands.
3. Minor updates to vegetation management maps, which include incorporating certified Property Maps of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) and minor corrections, will be made in the first week of every month.
4. Vegetation management maps are authorised by the delegate.

5. Where classes of regional ecosystems have been revised through a new version of regional ecosystem mapping, an amendment to the Vegetation Management Regulation 2012 may be required to declare the stated regional ecosystem to an endangered, of concern or least concern vegetation management class.

## Approval

Position	Name	Date
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## Version history

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## Further information

- Contact your nearest business centre (<https://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/our-department/contact-us/state-land-lodgement-offices>), or
- Refer to <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/state>, or
- Call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

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