

Checklist 19 – Native Vegetation Removal

For all planning applications the following MUST be provided:	
	2 copies of the Application form completed and signed
	2 full current copies of Title for the land, including the map showing current ownership details, title plan and a full copy of any registered covenants, restrictions or Section 173 Agreements that apply to the land. (The Copy of Title must be clearly legible and no older than 30 days.)
	The prescribed application fee
In addition to the information required above for all planning applications, the following should be provided:	
2 copies of fully dimensioned site plans showing the following details: (drawn at preferred scales of 1:100 or 1:200; and at least 1 copy in A3 size suitable for scanning):	
	The boundaries and dimensions of the site
	The extent of native vegetation proposed to be removed
	A description of the vegetation proposed to be removed
	The location of any existing or proposed buildings
Additional information (2 copies):	
	Photos of vegetation to be removed including references to site plan
	Arborist Report (if required)
	Schedule of trees to be removed including species, and trunk diameter at Breast Height (DBH)
2 copies of a written response to the relevant provisions of the Ballarat Planning Scheme:	
	Clause 42.01 (Environmental Significance Overlay) – Refer to the relevant schedule in the planning scheme.
	Clause 42.02 (Vegetation Protection Overlay) Schedule 1, including a completed 'Native Vegetation Permit Applicant's Form' [refer to 'Native Vegetation Removal – Permit Applicant's Guide' (DSE; 2011)].
	Clause 52.17 (Native Vegetation) – Refer to the Department of Environment and Primary Industries 'Native vegetation permitted clearing regulations: http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/biodiversity/native-vegetation/native-vegetation-permitted-clearing-regulations

Seeking Advice Before You Apply

Different types of planning advice are available prior to lodging a planning application, depending on the nature, scale and complexity of the application:

- Telephone advice from a Statutory Planner between the hours 8.15am and 5pm Mon Fri contact 5320 5107.
- Verbal advice in person can be provided by a Statutory Planning Counter duty officer. To make an appointment telephone 5320 5107 or simply visit the Planning Counter, Phoenix Building, Armstrong Street South – between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm Monday – Friday.
- Pre-Application Meeting with a Statutory Planning Coordinator at Council's Phoenix Building. Pre-Application meetings are held between Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Council's Phoenix Building. Simply telephone Statutory Planning on 5320 5640 and the booking can be made over the phone. A Pre-Application meeting can only be booked if you have concept plans of your proposal.
- Heritage-only Pre-Application Meeting Meetings with Council's Heritage Advisor are scheduled on Wednesdays mornings. Contact Statutory Planning on 5320 5640 and the booking can be made over the phone.

Electronic Lodgement Service

eServices is Council's electronic lodgement service. This service allows customers to lodge planning permit applications via the internet. To access this service please go to the Payments section at www.ballarat.vic.gov.au and follow the links. Alternatively, you are able to email your query or application to ballcity@ballarat.vic.gov.au.

Disclaimer

Please note that this checklist is only for the standard information required for lodgement of an application. Additional information may be required after registration.

General Enquiries

If you have any further enquiries please contact Council's Customer Service Department on ph: (03) 5320 5500 or visit the Phoenix Building, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat between 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.