



Why do we need a permit to clear vegetation?

- Native vegetation is protected by law. The Native Vegetation Act (1991) and associated NV Regulations (2003) in South Australia regulates all vegetation clearance activities
- PEPR requirements in mining areas require that we manage all approved 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

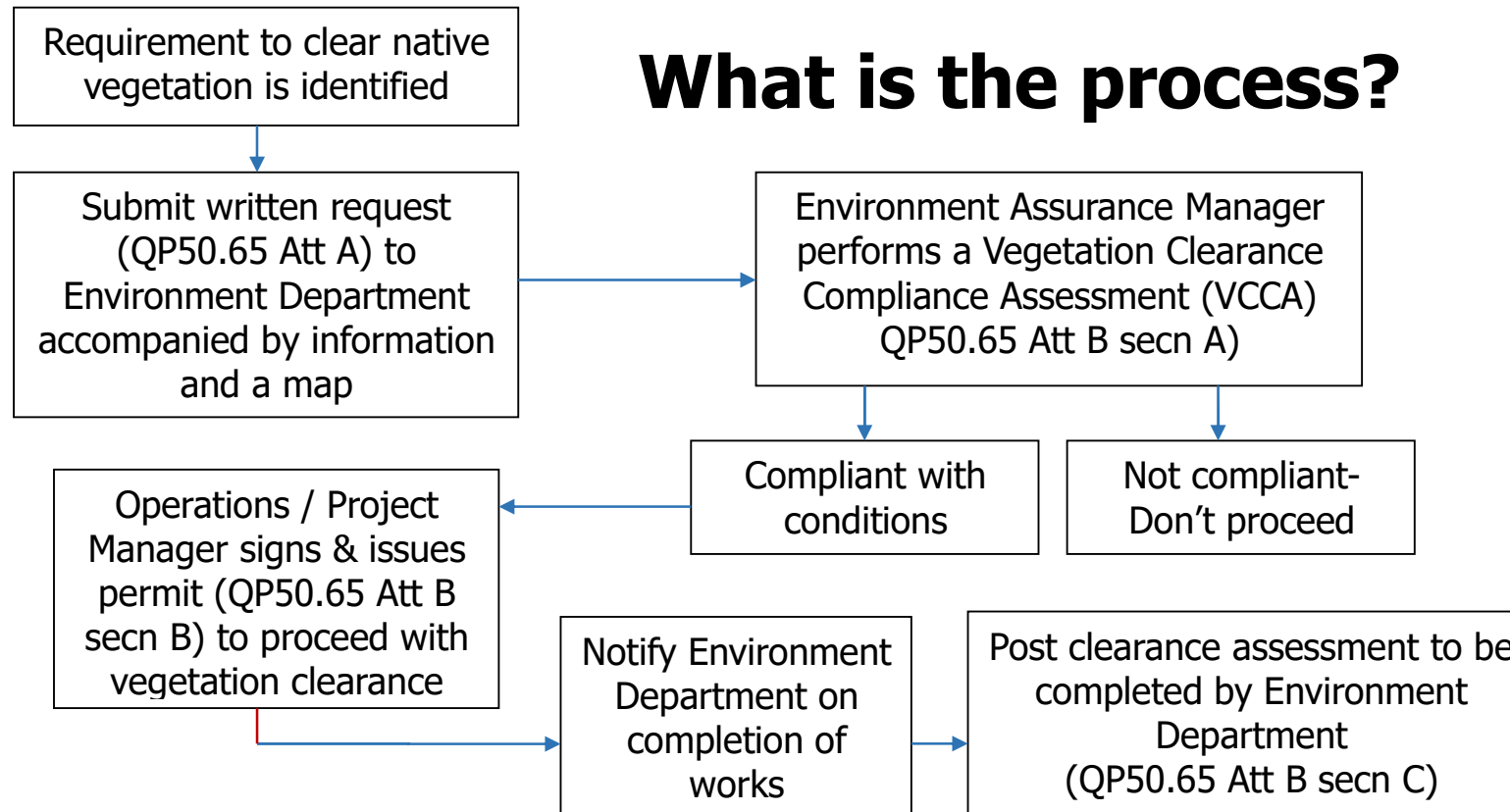
Remember: A permit is required for ANY land disturbance or vegetation clearance

Examples of when a permit is required:

- Any clearance of vegetation for construction or maintenance of infrastructure at the Steelworks or mine sites
- Expansion of existing excavations, new excavations, laydown, stockpile areas
- Access roads, new offices
- Any activity that will result in the removal or disturbance of native vegetation

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

What is the process?



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

What needs to be done to achieve effective soil management?

- There are specific actions to undertake to manage soil after an area has been cleared.
- QP50.66 Soil Management Plan is to be applied to all Mining and Steelworks operations
- QP50.66 contains all relevant information regarding correct soil collection & management.