









Vegetation Clearance

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

Requirement to clear native What is the process? vegetation is identified Submit written request **Environment Assurance Manager** (QP50.65 Att A) to performs a Vegetation Clearance Compliance Assessment (VCCA) **Environment Department** OP50.65 Att B secn A) accompanied by information and a map Compliant with Not compliant-Operations / Project Don't proceed conditions Manager signs & issues permit (QP50.65 Att B secn B) to proceed with Post clearance assessment to be **Notify Environment** vegetation clearance completed by Environment Department on Department completion of (QP50.65 Att B secn C) works

<u>Contractors-</u> Go through your Project Controller if any vegetation clearance is required

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

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
- expansion of existing or new excavations (mining pit areas)
- laydown & stockpile areas
- access roads
- new offices
- new or expansion of WRD's, TSF's
- any activity that will result in the removal or disturbance of native vegetation associated with the mines & exploration business unit

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