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Part 1: Applicant and site details

1. Details of the property owner

This form is to be attached to the Permit Application for Native Vegetation Removal for areas up to 1000m².

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name (or company)

Given name/s

Postal address

..... Postcode

Phone..... Alternative phone

E-mail

Only if a company:
 Contact person

2. Location and title description of the property

To correctly identify the land.

Unit No House No Street

Locality

Lot(s) Section

Deposited Plan(s) Strata plan

Other

(Details from rate notice or property deeds, or from Council property maps)

Part 2: Ecological review of native vegetation proposed to be removed

This review is to inform an application for a permit to remove private native vegetation not associated with development. Refer to the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*, *State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-rural Areas) 2017*, the *Newcastle Local Environment Plan 2012*, and Section 5.03 *Vegetation Management Newcastle Development Control Plan 2012*. Part C of Council's Urban Forest Technical Manual (Manual) provides further guidance.

3. Provide details of the qualified professional* engaged to review the vegetation to be cleared

*A suitably qualified practitioner possesses a relevant Science, Environmental Science or Natural Resources Degree and has at least 2-3 years demonstrated experience.

Note: If the removal is limited to 1 native tree and minimal understorey clearing, ie. < 400m², contact Council to discuss proposal **prior** to engaging an ecologist.

Business name

Professional Qualifications: (please detail professional qualifications and experience and/or attach current CV to this form)

As a suitability qualified and experienced practitioner I have:

1. carried out an inspection of the trees and/or (area m²) vegetation to be removed, and
2. considered all applicable planning and protected species legislation in the context of the proposed removal, and
3. assessed impacted trees for hollows or other likely habitat, and

4. appended an accurate site map showing the location and extent of the vegetation to be cleared (attached to form or within an attached report), and
5. provided detail regarding native vegetation communities present on the site and listed flora species to be removed (on this form or within an attached separate report), and
6. provided detail as to any anticipated impact on threatened species, populations or communities as a result of the proposed vegetation removal. Including details regarding hollows and habitat features present on site, and whether an impact assessment may need to be undertaken, and
7. provided recommendations as to any approvals or licences that may be required to undertake the vegetation removal under State and Commonwealth legislation, and
8. included photographs of the vegetation to be removed.

Note: If the trees or shrubs are to be removed because of an issue of risk or property damage, an arborist report may be required to support the removal. Refer to Part A of the Manual and Appendix 7 for arborist qualifications and report requirements.

4. Complete all items in the checklist

Place a ✓ in the box for Yes, or X in the box for No.

If the answer is no, provide additional details below.

Further ecological assessment may be required and/or referral to other NSW Government Agencies.

Note: Item 4.10 - a permit for vegetation clearing **will not** be issued for removals within a SEPP 14 - Coastal Wetland or SEPP 26 - Littoral Rainforest. Contact Council about submitting a Development Application.

- 4.1 The native vegetation to be removed does not exceed 1000m².

Note: If the proposed removal of native vegetation is greater than 1000m² **do not complete** this form. A Flora and Fauna Impact Assessment is required.

- 4.2 The native vegetation to be removed is not within a riparian zone (within 40m of a watercourse), or within a wetland area (within 100m of wetland vegetation or swamp).

Note: Council **will not** consider a permit for removal of native vegetation within a riparian zone or a wetland area, without an accompanying Flora and Fauna Impact Assessment. Approvals and licences from all relevant NSW Government Agencies will also need to be obtained.

- 4.3 The native vegetation to be pruned or removed is not listed as a threatened plant species or forms part of a threatened ecological community under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

- 4.4 Based on a consideration of factors outlined in Section 7.3 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (5 - part test), the proposed vegetation removal is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, ecological communities or their habitats.

- 4.5 The native vegetation to be removed is not within a marine or estuarine area. Vegetation to be removed is not listed under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

- 4.6 The proposal does not impact a matter of national environmental significance under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

- 4.7 The native vegetation clearing is not within a high biodiversity value area, as defined by clause 7.3 (3) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*.

Note: Council **will not** issue a permit for the removal of native vegetation that is within a high biodiversity value area identified on the Biodiversity Values Map. www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biodiversity/entryrequirements.htm

