

Applicants Kit: Additional information required for Development Applications within the Biodiversity Overlay

Temora Shire has a “Biodiversity Overlay” within its planning scheme. This overlay applies to sites which may have significant or threatened flora and fauna species, or areas of significant vegetation.

The aim of the Biodiversity Overlay is to maintain and improve the diversity of the landscape by protecting biological diversity, and encouraging the recovery of threatened species, communities, and their habitats.

If the site of your Development Application is within the Biodiversity Overlay, you will need to complete this form to provide additional information to Council about the site, and about your development. This will enable your DA to be assessed more quickly, and will also assist in reducing potential environmental impacts.

Before you submit your application:

You should talk to the Council about your proposal. They can advise:

- what information should be included in your application,
- whether a pre-application site visit is warranted, and,
- how your proposal could avoid or minimise the removal of vegetation and habitat, through design or siting of the development

1. Site Plan

You should attach a site plan to your application. Preferably, you should use an aerial photograph or satellite image as a base, although this is not absolutely essential. The plan should identify:

- the boundary of the property
- areas of native vegetation, or scattered trees, on the property
- location of watercourses and drainage lines, and any areas that might be seasonally inundated (wetlands).
- the location of the site, within the property, where the development is proposed.
- within the development site, identify the location and extent of native vegetation, or location of scattered trees, that are proposed to be cleared.
- the exact location of where works and buildings are to be located.
- any areas on the property that may be suitable for revegetation; or, areas of existing trees, vegetation, wetlands or watercourses on the property that could be protected.

2. Describe the vegetation or habitat to be removed.

a. Tick one of the following: The vegetation is generally:

- Scattered trees over introduced pasture Scattered trees over native pasture
- Woodland Forest / Bushland Native grasses and shrubs only
- Wetland /swamp

Note: - Trees are ‘scattered trees’ where there are generally less than 4 trees per hectare
- ‘Woodland’ refers to area where box trees are generally dominant (> 4 per ha)

b. Provide a brief description of the vegetation.

For example: - "Mature Yellow Box trees, over mixed pasture, with no shrubs"
 - "Ironbark and stringybark, of varying age and size, with wattles and other shrubs"

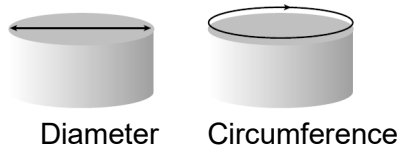
c. What area of vegetation / habitat are you proposing to remove? ____ hectares **or** ____ m²
(strike out whichever is not applicable)

3. How many trees are within the area proposed to be cleared?

Please complete the following table.

Tree species e.g. Yellow Box, Red Stringybark, etc)	Number of trees of this species with diameter less than 40cm	Number of trees of this species with diameter between 40 and 80 cm.	Number of trees of this species with diameter greater than 80 cm	Total number of trees of this species proposed to be removed

Note: Diameter should be measured, not circumference
 Diameter is measured 1.3 metres above ground



4. Minimising impacts. (attach additional pages if more room required)

a. Please describe why the removal or destruction of vegetation and habitats cannot be avoided.

b. Please describe how you have tried to minimise the impacts of your development proposal.

c. Please describe how you may be able to 'offset' the impacts of vegetation or habitat loss by

- revegetation on another part of your property, or

- better protecting and managing existing vegetation and habitats on your property

(Note: Your site plan should show the location of these areas)

NOTE: If the information provided in this form indicates that there may be impacts on threatened species, populations or communities (or their habitats), Council may require additional information to be provided.