

List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ASL	above sea level
AU	Assessment unit
BAAM	Biodiversity Assessment and Management Pty Ltd
DAWE	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (former)
DCCEEW	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
DES	Department of Environment and Science (Queensland)
DEWHA	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (Australian) (former)
DMY	Dry matter yield
DoE	Department of Environment (Australian) (former)
DoEE	Department of the Environment and Energy (Australian) (former)
DSEWPaC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Australian) (former)
EDL	Ecologically Dominant Layer
EOP	Environmental Offsets Policy (October 2012) (EPBC Act)
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth)
EVNT	Endangered, vulnerable or near threatened (species)
GCCC	Gold Coast City Council
GHFF	Grey-headed Flying-fox
ha	hectares
HQS	Habitat quality scoring
HVR	High-value regrowth
km	kilometres
LGA	local government area
m	metres
MNES	Matters of national environmental significance
NC Act	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> (Qld)
OAG	Offset Assessment Guide (DCCEEW)
OAMP	Offset Management Plan
OS	Offset strategy
PER	Public Environment Report
PMAV	Property map of assessable vegetation
PRCA	Pimpama River Conservation Area
Project	Coomera Connector Project
RE	Regional ecosystem
SAT	Spot assessment technique (koala surveys)
SRRC	Scenic Rim Regional Council
TEC	Threatened ecological community
THQ	Terrestrial habitat quality
TMR	Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads
VM Act	<i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i> (Qld)

Glossary

Term	Definition
Approval holder	The person to whom an EPBC Act approval is granted
Approved conservation advice/s	A conservation advice approved by the Minister under section 266B(2) of the EPBC Act.
Business day	A day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.
Category A vegetation	<p>Under Queensland vegetation management legislation, Category A vegetation is an area which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a declared area • an offset area, an exchange area, an area that has been subject to unlawful clearing or an enforcement notice, an area subject to clearing as a result of a clearing offence • an area that the chief executive determines to be Category A. <p>Category A areas are colour-coded red on the regulated vegetation management map.</p> <p>See <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i> (Qld), s20AL.</p>
Category X vegetation	<p>Under Queensland vegetation management legislation, all areas other than Category A, B, C and R areas are Category X areas. Some Category X areas are also identified on a PMAV as 'locked in'.</p> <p>Category X areas are also known as 'exempt areas' because activity in Category X areas is not regulated by the <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i>.</p> <p>Category X areas are colour-coded white on the regulated vegetation management map (see <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i> (Qld) s20A.).</p>
Compliance records	All documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession, or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.
Compliance report/s	A written report of compliance with, and fulfilment of, the conditions attached to the approval.
Department	The Australian Government Department administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
Habitat quality scores	<p>A score out of ten, based on BioCondition assessment plus an assessment of habitat quality.</p> <p>A method of evaluating habitat quality within a particular community based on key indicators including site condition, site context and species habitat index (if necessary). The method produces a score out of 10, where the maximum score of 10 represents a fully intact system. Scores of 4, 5 and 6 may indicate good quality regrowth or medium value habitat.</p>
Koala habitat	Areas of vegetation containing tree species known to be utilised for food or shelter.
Minister	The Minister administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> , including any delegate thereof.
Offset calculator	The <i>Offset Assessment Guide</i> spreadsheet tool as provided by DAWE
Plan/s	Any of the documents required to be submitted to the Department, implemented by the approval holder and/or published on its website in accordance with the approval conditions.

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Property map of assessable vegetation	A map certified by the chief-executive as a PMAV for an area and showing the vegetation category areas for the area (e.g. Category C area, Category X area) See <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i> (Qld), section 20AK.
Regional ecosystem	Regional ecosystems are vegetation communities in a bioregion that are consistently associated with a particular combination of geology, landform and soil (Sattler and Williams 1999, <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i>).
Regrowth vegetation	Vegetation that is not remnant vegetation.
Regulated vegetation	Vegetation that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is an endangered regional ecosystem, an of concern regional ecosystem, or a least concern regional ecosystem, and • forms the predominant canopy of the vegetation covering more than 50% of the undisturbed predominant capacity; averaging more than 70% of the vegetation's undisturbed height; and • composed of species characteristic of the vegetation's undisturbed predominant canopy.
Riparian zone	The area within a minimum of 100 metres of the defining bank of any watercourse (as defined under the Queensland <i>Water Act 2000</i>).
Site habitat quality	A score on a scale of 0 to 10 representing a site's utility for each listed threatened species, where zero ('0') represents a site of no value to the species, and '10' represents ideal habitat. Unless agreed otherwise by the Department, site quality must be comprised of 3 points for site condition, 3 points for site context, and 4 points for species stocking rate. These scores must be derived in accordance with the Queensland <i>Guide to determining terrestrial habitat quality: A toolkit for assessing land-based offsets under the Queensland Environmental Offsets Policy</i> (Version 1.3, 2020), or subsequent published revision.
Site specific assessment/s	A baseline investigation which explains the scientific basis on which the description and location of impact/s and associated users, performance indicators, trigger values and limits have been derived, or not derived.
Suitably qualified ecologist	An individual with tertiary qualifications and/or a minimum of three years demonstrated experience relevant to the task in question and have expertise in the ecology of koalas.
Suitably qualified person	A person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.
Website	A set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.

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