

Forestry Corporation of NSW - State Forest Boundary Fencing Guidelines

Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) recognises the need to balance the environmental effects of clearing State forest with the fire protection and fencing needs of forest neighbours.

Subject to meeting Threatened Species and other Legislative requirements, neighbours will be permitted to clear trees and inflammable material from boundary fencelines for a variable width up to a maximum of 5 metres inside the State forest boundary in order to minimise the risk of damage to the fenceline from falling timber and wildfire. The approved width will be the minimum consistent with the needs of the neighbour and taking into account the environmental sensitivity and economic value of the forest. Clearing width of timber cover will be restricted to a maximum of one blade width (3 metres) where the area contains merchantable timber or is zoned Forest Management Zone (FMZ) 2 or 3A. A lesser width will apply where it is practical to place the access track on the neighbour's side of the fence.

Permits to clear fencelines will be authorised following the consideration of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) by FCNSW. The preparation of the REF will include a database search for cultural heritage sites and threatened species protection areas. Debris cleared from the fenceline is to be pushed into the adjoining freehold for subsequent disposal by the landholder where possible.

Neighbours can be given an authority to salvage posts free of charge from timber cleared from the fenceline providing it is not included in an area zoned FMZ 2 or 3A. The posts can only be cut from trees which have been cleared with a tractor, ie: trees are not to be felled prior to clearing.

Safety Issues

The neighbour is to certify that the tractor to be used for the clearing is fitted with a ROPS (rollover protection) & FOPS (fall-on protection) canopy and that the operator is competent. The FOPS certification will not be required where the clearing is limited to regrowth less than 3 metres tall.

Neighbours issued with a letter of authority to cut fence posts free of royalty are to certify that they are competent to use a chainsaw for cross cutting. Where the posts are being cut from a compartment that has current harvesting operations, the person cutting the posts must have the appropriate chainsaw competency. Posts are not to be cut from log dumps being used by a logging crew unless the logging contractor has given his approval and the post operator has been properly safety inducted by the logging crew.

For additional information and return of application:

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Application for a Permit to clear a State forest fenceline

Name of Applicant:

Postal Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

For the freehold area adjoining State Forest boundary to be cleared:

Lot No.(s):DP No.(s):

Parish:County:.....

Please provide a map illustrating the boundary to be cleared.

Name of State forest adjoining your property:

How do you intend to clear the proposed boundary?

Does any proposed machine have ROPS / FOPS protection?

Is the machine operator competent to undertake the work?

Do you require to salvage posts from the boundary clearing?

Is the chainsaw user competent for the work?

Does the chainsaw operator have chainsaw accreditation?

Signature: Date:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Forest Management Zones involved by distance: Total Fence Distance:.....

FMZ: (1) (2 (3a) (3b) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)

Result of Threatened Species database search:
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Result of cultural heritage database search:
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Result of EEC search:
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Is drainage-line protection necessary?

The proposed fenceline clearing is approved / not approved to proceed:

Signed: Date: