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Stubble burning and clearing regulations

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Farmers may be surprised to learn of the implications of burning native vegetation, including fallen logs, when undertaking stubble burning. Changes to the clearing regulations in 2004 mean that if patches of vegetation are accidentally burnt, including isolated paddock trees closer than 50 metres to other trees or

other native vegetation, it is defined as clearing, and as such, requires a permit from the Department of Environment. The regulations define clearing as causing damage to native vegetation and includes burning vegetation and grazing by stock. Farmers that have accidentally burnt vegetation

should contact the Department of Environment for clarification of their circumstances. Assessments are made on a case by case basis. 

To seek more information, contact the Department of Environment on 1800 061 025.

