

Vegetation Management Plans

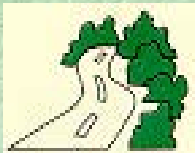
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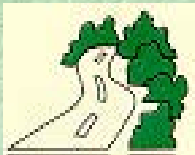
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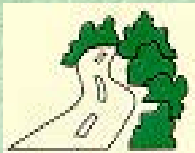
Outline

- Statutory obligations
- Environmental Protection Amendment Bill 2002
- Clearing permits
- Management plan
- Why have a management plan
- Management plan objectives
- How can the RCC help?



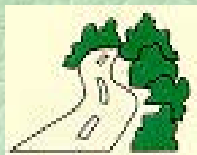
Statutory Obligations

- Transitional Provisions in the Environmental Protection Amendment Bill 2002
- Local Government Act 1995
- Environmental Protection Act 1986
- Wildlife Conservation Act 1950
- Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976
- NB this is not a definitive list



Environmental Protection Amendment Bill 2002

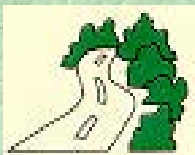
- Affords native vegetation greater protection
- Requires permits for clearing native vegetation
- Purpose permit for ongoing works
- Area permit for new works
- Transitional provisions



Clearing Principles

Vegetation should not be cleared if it:

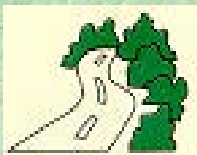
- Has high diversity
- Is fauna habitat
- Contains rare flora
- Is part of a threatened ecological community
- Is a significant remnant



Clearing Principles

Vegetation should not be cleared if it:

- ❑ Is associated with watercourses
- ❑ Causes land degradation
- ❑ Impacts on conservation areas
- ❑ Causes deterioration of water quality
- ❑ Increases risk of flooding

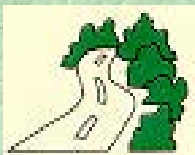


Conditions of a Purpose Permit

The holder of a permit can be required to:

Prepare, implement and adhere to environmental management systems, environmental management plans and environmental improvement plans.

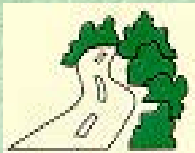
Source: Environmental Protection Amendment Bill 2002 Section 51I
Some kinds of conditions.



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Conditions of an Area Permit

- Description of the boundaries of the area that may be cleared
- Provision of supporting documentation in the form of management plans and maps
- Subject to the same conditions as a purpose permit



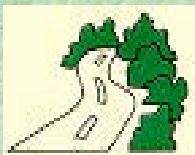
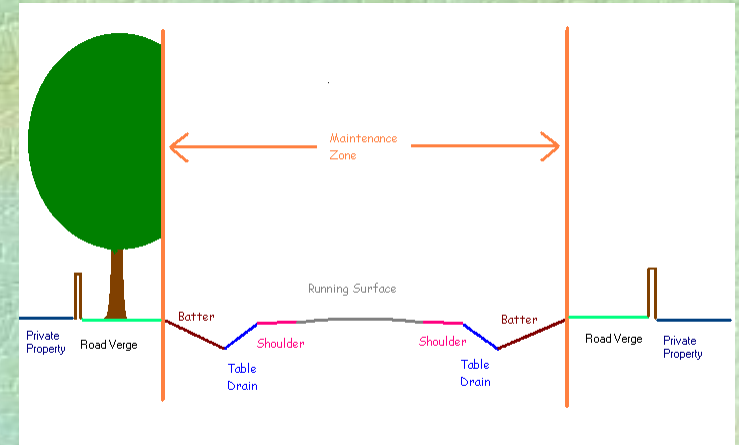
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□ Maintenance zone

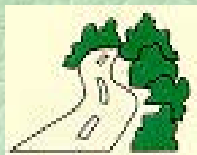
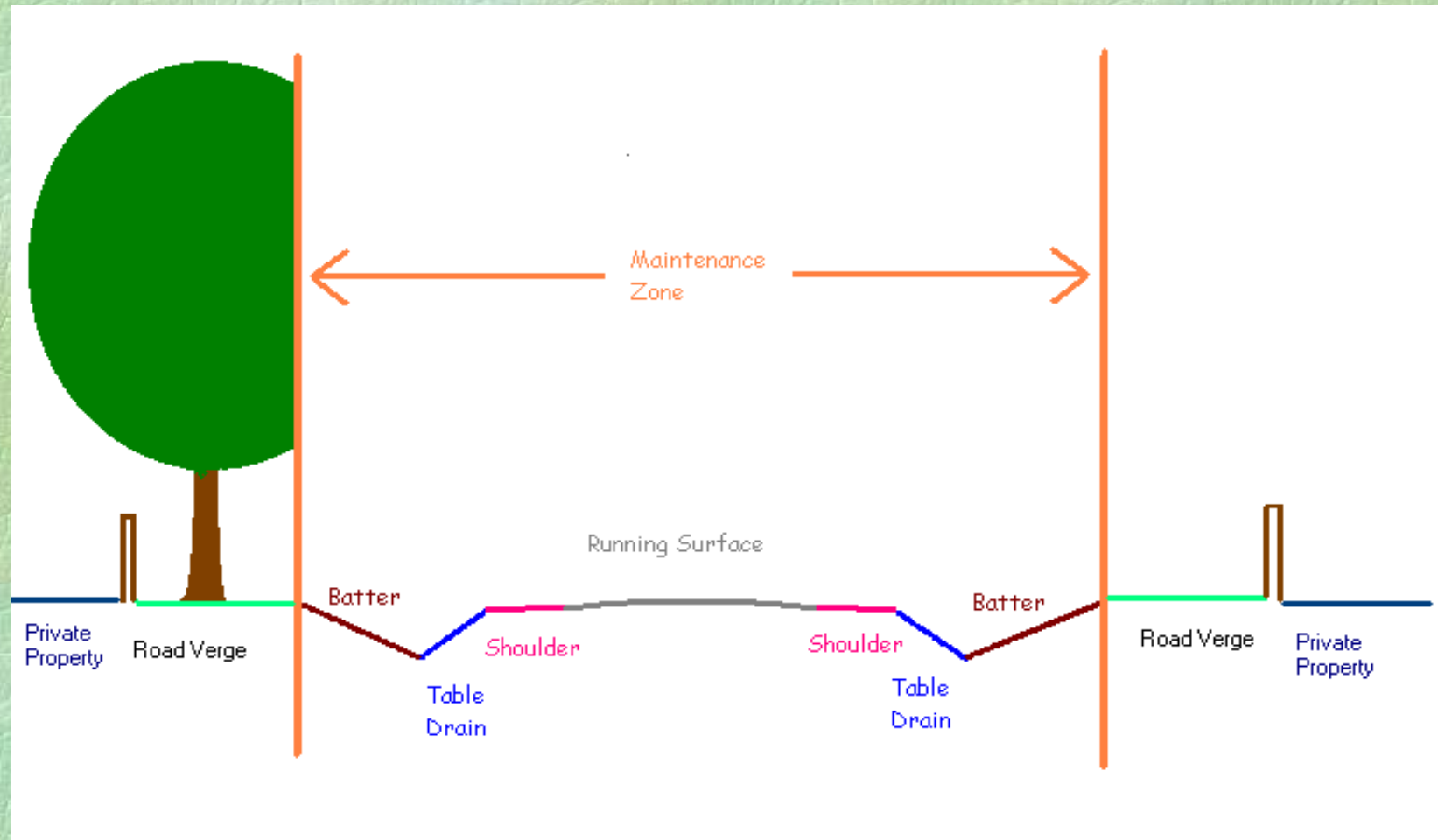
- Running surface
- Shoulder
- Table drains
- Batters/back slopes

□ Road Verge

- Edge of batter to property line



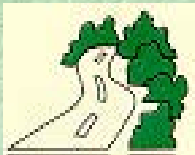
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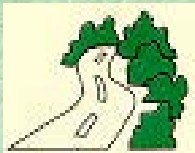
Maintenance Zone

- Clearance for safety
- Defined width and height
- Includes drains



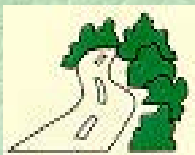
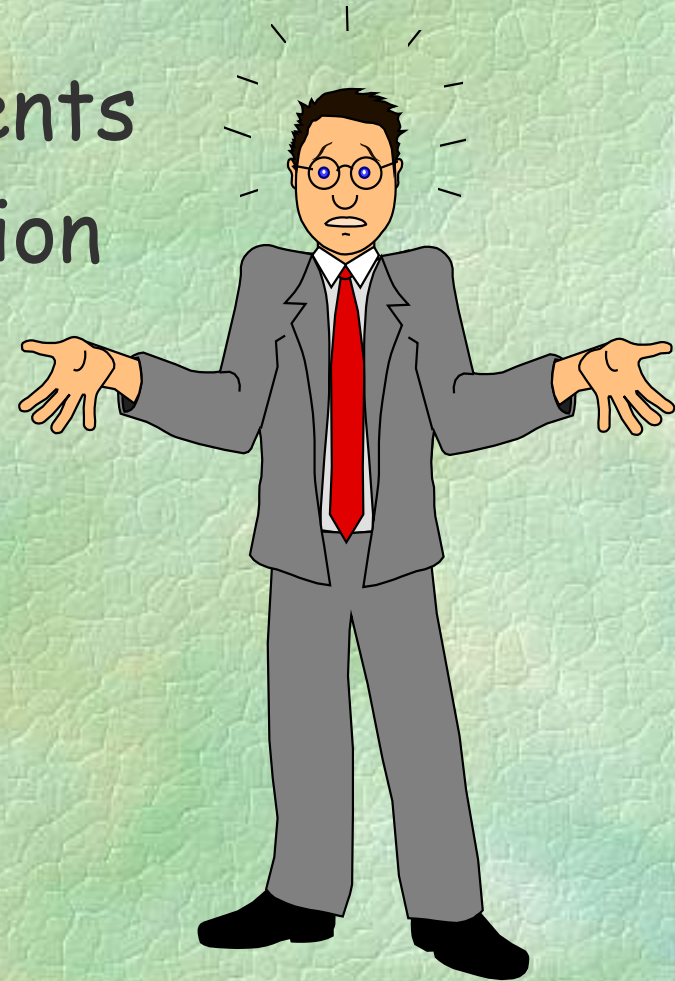
A Management Plan is a document that describes:

- What is to be managed?
- How it will be managed?
- Who will manage it?
- Outlines methodologies and location of works where these works clear native vegetation



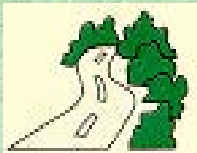
Why have a Management Plan?

- Enhance road safety
- Fulfil legislative requirements
- Assist with budget allocation
- Clear direction for staff
- Outline works procedures
- Structured approach to roadside management



Management Plan Objectives

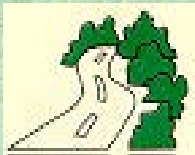
- Keep the road safe
- Minimise risk and impact from fire
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements
- Minimise environmental harm
- Evaluate all procedures and works processes
- Change procedures or works practices if objectives are not met



Management Plan Objectives

Protect:

- the road formation
- native vegetation
- rare flora and fauna species
- water resources
- special environmental areas
- cultural and heritage values
- service assets

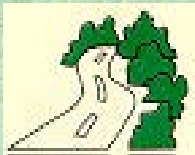


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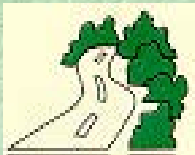
Maintain and enhance:

- ecological corridors
- visual amenity and landscape values
- native vegetation communities
- fauna habitat
- watercourses and wetlands



How can the RCC help?

- Management plans
- Roadside mapping
- Advice on roadside management
- Conduct transport corridor workshops for staff and contractors

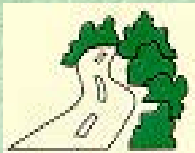


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