

The Shire of Waroona supports sustainable development practices that **protects and enhances our natural environment**.

Our Strategic Community Plan and local planning framework prioritises the preservation of vegetation and landscapes, and natural habitats. Together, we can protect the wellbeing of our community and safeguard our environment for future generations.

## Before you clear, burn, slash or graze - You need consent

Landowners and contractors **must obtain written approval** from the Shire before disturbing or clearing any vegetation. This includes:

- Burning living vegetation.
- Slashing, cutting or removing native grasses, herbs, shrubs, scrub or trees.
- Grazing animals in native bushland, even if only trampling or lightly feeding on native vegetation.

## There are penalties for clearing without consent

Clearing or disturbing vegetation without approval may lead to fines or prosecution, and rehabilitation of the land will be required.

Some exemptions apply - such as establishing a 3-metre firebreak or a 20-metre asset protection zone around a house. The Shire can help clarify what is and what isn't permitted.

## Check first, it's easy and important

Before you clear, contact **Shire Planning Services** on (08) 9733 7800 or visit www.waroona.wa.gov.au.

Written consent is essential to ensure you are doing the right thing.

