



Is threatened native vegetation holding you back?

Let's talk about threatened native vegetation and how it can impact on your business activities.

- Are you a dairy farmer with wetlands on your property, which you would like to convert to pasture?
- Do you have a patch of forest in the way of your proposed pivot installation?
- Are you intending to convert forests or grasslands to plantation?
- What do you do with dead or dying paddock trees which may be a threatened community?

Legislation to provide protection to threatened native forest and non-forest (i.e. grassland) communities came into force under the Forest Practices Act in April 2007. Clearing and conversion of these communities is now regulated through the Forest Practices Authority. Essentially, clearing and conversion is no longer permitted and substantial penalties apply for unauthorised practices.

Jo Field has been appointed as the Native Vegetation Project Officer. Her role includes developing a process in which information and extension services can be delivered to farmers, on the new regulatory framework on clearance and conversion of threatened native vegetation communities on private land. The project is a partnership between TFGA and the Forest Practices Authority and will include farm visits and widespread promotion.

If the above questions relate to you and your business activities or you have a general query regarding clearing and converting native vegetation contact Jo Field on (03) 6332 1800 or email tfgajfield@bigpond.com.