

The South Punyelroo Progress Association Inc

Tree Removal Information

The purpose of this document is to provide information to lease holders at South Punyelroo on the step and actions to get approval to heavily prune or remove a tree within the Association.

If you need to heavily prune or remove a tree within South Punyelroo, you need to submit an application to the Committee, along with Neighbours Consent (example form located on the Site Development webpage) which needs to be completed by your neighbours and included in your application to the Committee as per your Lease Agreement and the Rules & Regulations.

Native trees & vegetation come under the protection of sections within the Department of Environment, Water, Natural Resources (DEWNR). Approval by this body needs to be obtained prior to undertaking any work as heavy fines may be imposed for non-compliance.

You can contact the Native Vegetation Council (NVC), which is part of DEWNR, in Adelaide on 08 8303 9777, follow the phone prompts to the 'Murray River' area. They can assist with enquiries or commence the actual process once you have received approval from the Committee. Other Government offices of NVC, DEWNR, Mid Murray Council and CFS may become involved.

The following has been extracted from DEWNR website to provide more information

For your specific case where you are wanting to clear/trim native vegetation to protect a house AND your block within the 1956 flood zone of the River Murray:

- You can clear the limb of a plant that is overhanging a building under Regulation 5(1) (a)
- You can clear most native vegetation within 20m of the house under Regulation 5(1) (k)

EXCEPT:

- Where you have big tree (>2m circumference measured 30cm above the ground) then:
 - You need to have the plant assessed by a "person with expertise in the area of plant health:
 - They need to have determined that there is a danger that the plant or a limb will fall AND there is a real risk of personal injury or damage to [property if that occurs AND it is not reasonably practicable to avoid the risk by avoiding the vicinity where the plant/limb is growing.

Talk to Association first! Non-native trees still require you to contact the Association but the 'rules' are less stringent.