

Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998

Information Sheet No. 3



Activities With Minor And Inconsequential Impact

For general common sense reasons some activities regulated by the *Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998* (the Plan), which are considered to have 'minor and inconsequential' impacts upon the World Heritage Area, do not require a Wet Tropics permit under the Plan.

What activities have only a minor and inconsequential impact?

Activities which:

- Only involve minor removal or pruning of vegetation; AND
 - Do not involve rare or threatened plants or the habitat of rare and threatened animals; AND
 - Only involve minor earthworks (insignificant potential for erosion);
- may be considered as having a minor and inconsequential impact on the Area.

The following examples could reasonably be considered activities with minor and inconsequential impact:

- clearing vegetation in the immediate vicinity of a residence;
- maintaining a structure, garden or small clearing around a residence or an access to a residence;
- maintaining a walking track, where the maintenance works only involve minor clearing or pruning of vegetation and/or only minor earth works, and no expansion of the 'footprint' of the track or the extent of the existing cleared area.

Other common sense examples of activities with minor and inconsequential impact include:

- ◆ driving a vehicle off a road to avoid an obstacle on the road; OR
- ◆ bushwalking or camping in the Area¹;

Activities that would result in greater than minor and inconsequential impact.

The following are examples of activities which would result in greater than minor and inconsequential impact:

- ◆ clearing an area of forest for cattle grazing;
- ◆ clearing forest for building a structure;
- ◆ clearing or destroying rare native plants;
- ◆ disposing of an undesirable plant in the area where the plant may spread through the area.

If in doubt.....

If you are unsure whether your activity will be considered as having 'minor and inconsequential' impacts upon the Area you should contact the Authority for clarification.

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¹ A permit may be required from the Department of Natural Resources or Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service if the activity occurs on public lands within the Area.