

## Why do we need a permit to clear vegetation?

- Native vegetation is protected by law. The Native Vegetation Act (1991) and associated NV Regulations (2003) in South Australia regulates all vegetation clearance activities
- PEPR requirements in mining areas require that we manage all approved vegetation clearance and soil management activities
- We have 2 QP's to ensure compliance to this legislation:

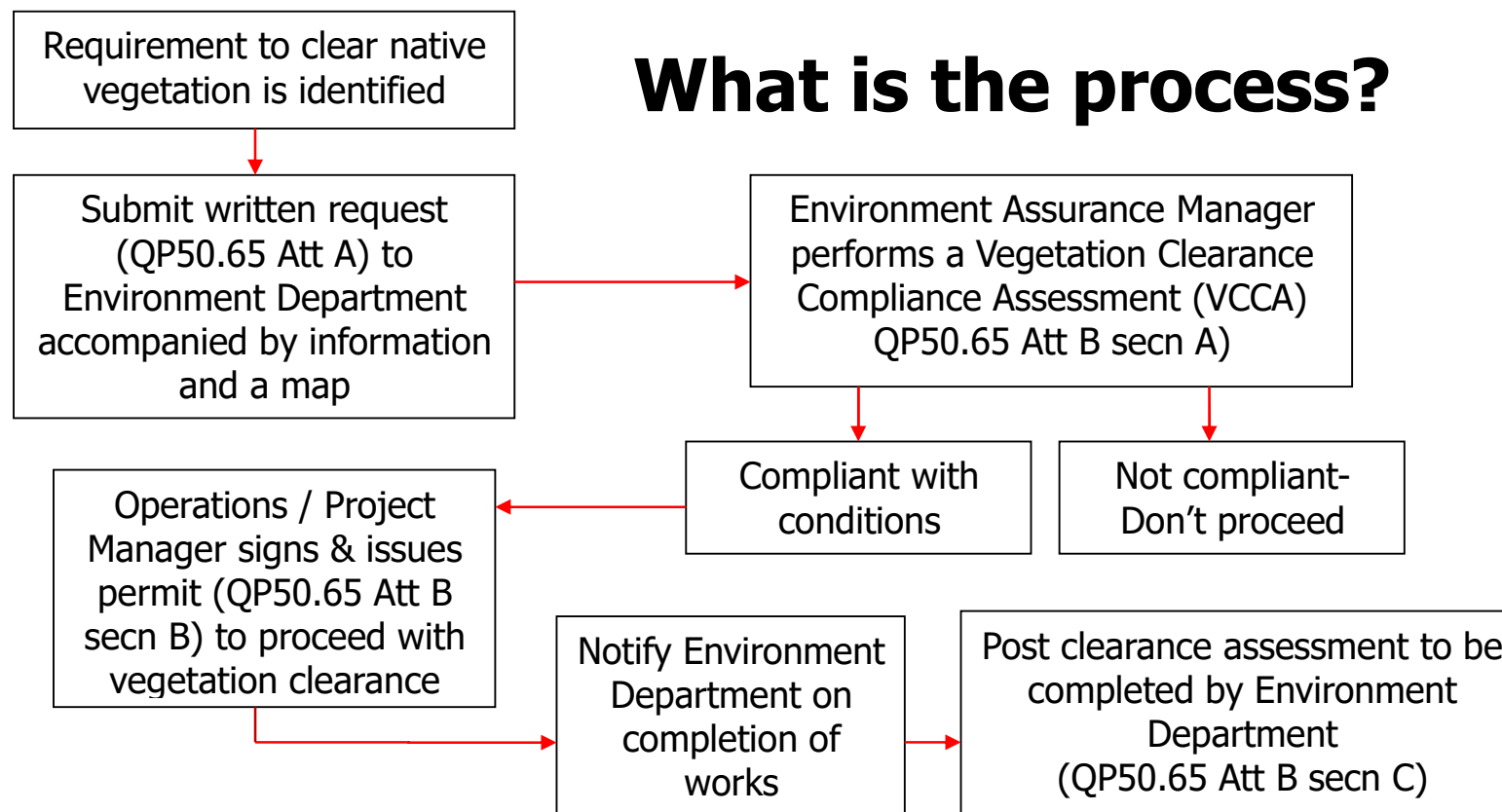
QP50.65 – Vegetation Clearance  
QP50.66 – Soil Management Plan

**Remember: A permit is required for ANY land disturbance or vegetation clearance**

## Examples of when a permit is required:

- any clearance of vegetation for construction or maintenance of infrastructure
- expansion of existing or new excavations (mining pit areas)
- laydown & stockpile areas
- access roads
- new offices
- new or expansion of WRD's, TSF's
- any activity that will result in the removal or disturbance of native vegetation associated with the mines & exploration business unit

## What is the process?



**Contractors- Go through your Project Controller if any vegetation clearance is required**

**Any vegetation clearance without prior approvals in place must be reported as an environmental incident**

## Why is vegetation conservation important?

- Native vegetation plays a vital role in South Australia's ecosystems
- It contributes towards the health and prosperity of communities and natural resource based industries.
- Remnant vegetation plays an important role in rehabilitating mine sites and industrial sites