



## 1.2 NON-INDIGENOUS VEGETATION CLEARANCE

### 1.2.1 Overview of ancillary activity

Non-indigenous *vegetation clearance* is regulated activity under Regulation 5(1)(i).

*Vegetation clearance* is defined in the NES-PF as:

***vegetation clearance*** –

(a) means the disturbance, cutting, burning, clearing, damaging, destruction, or removal of vegetation that is not a plantation forest tree; but

(b) does not include any activity undertaken in relation to a plantation forest tree

Non-indigenous *vegetation clearance* applies to the clearance of vegetation associated with a *plantation forest activity* that is not:

- *Indigenous vegetation* clearance regulated under regulations 93 and 94 in the NES-PF
- *Harvesting* as this is a regulated *plantation forestry activity* under Regulation 5(1)(f) and has a specific set of regulations in Part 2, subpart 6. The definition of *harvesting* also specifically excludes *vegetation clearance* of species that are not *plantation forest trees*.

### 1.2.2 Permitted activity and conditions

Regulation 95 permits non-indigenous *vegetation clearance* associated with a *plantation forestry activity* in relation to **territorial authority** functions and **regional council** functions provided that the relevant permitted activity conditions are met for the associated *plantation forestry activity* causing the clearance. The purpose of this Regulation is to make it clear that non-indigenous *vegetation clearance* associated with a *plantation forestry activity* is authorised under the NES-PF (if the conditions relevant to the activity are complied with).

This is for the avoidance of doubt and to ensure foresters do not need to check the relevant plan to determine whether there are any non-indigenous *vegetation clearance* rules they need to comply with. For example, Regulation 95 authorises the removal of weeds, pest plants and shrubs that have established within or adjacent to the *plantation forest* over the forestry life cycle when this is associated with a *plantation forestry activity*.