

# Consultation and the Native Vegetation Assessment Panel – FAQ



## What does the Native Vegetation Assessment Panel do?

What does the Native Vegetation Assessment Panel do? The Native Vegetation Assessment Panel (NVAP) makes decisions in relation to the clearance of native vegetation. The committee of the NVC was formed in 2007 to make decisions on a number of native vegetation issues. It consists of four members. This structure offers a small responsive panel, allowing prompt decisions to be made. The NVAP has delegation to:

- Make decisions on native vegetation clearance applications, including conditions of consent;
- Make decisions under the Native Vegetation Regulations, including Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) conditions;
- Approve local council roadside vegetation management plans;
- Make decisions on mining and major project SEBs;
- Make decisions on Heritage Agreements (HA) and Management Agreements;
- Hear representations from landholders regarding applications and projects; and
- Make decisions on the initiation of civil proceedings for unauthorised clearance of native vegetation.

## How often does NVAP meet?

NVAP's regular meetings in 2026 are scheduled for:

- Tuesday 27 January
- Tuesday 3 March
- Tuesday 31 March
- Tuesday 28 April
- Tuesday 2 June
- Tuesday 30 June
- Tuesday 28 July
- Tuesday 25 August
- Tuesday 29 September
- Tuesday 3 November
- Tuesday 8 December



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## How far in advance of an NVAP meeting are documents required?

Accredited Consultant Data Reports for clearance applications or development referrals must be submitted at least seven weeks prior to consideration at an NVAP meeting. Clearance Application forms signed by the landholder must be received before auditing of Data Reports can commence. Discuss with the Assessing Officer where there are more significant changes to an application as it may impact the NVAP meeting date in which it is considered. Items received after the relevant deadlines, requiring additional work, or involving significant amendments (which may require further public consultation) will be provided to the next available NVAP meeting.

## In preparation for an NVAP meeting

Applicants or their representative are allowed up to 10 minutes to present to the NVAP. Presenting is optional; however, it would be recommended to attend the meeting. It is recommended to review the Audit report and attempt to address any concerns in the 10-minute presentation. If the NVAP have any questions, there is opportunity for discussion.

## What is involved in consultation of application?

Consultations on clearance applications under Section 28 of the Native Vegetation Act 1991 and Level 4 applications under the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017 run for 28 calendar days. Following the consultation period, the application and any comments received are submitted to NVAP for review. There are a number of steps in the application process that influence consultation timings.

**Step 1** - Application submitted to the Native Vegetation Branch;

**Step 2** - Native Vegetation Branch checks that the application includes all required information and liaises with the applicant as required;

**Step 3** - The application is uploaded to the consultation web page and the 28 day consultation period commences;

**Step 4** - Consultation period ends and comments are collated and substantiated by the Native Vegetation Branch;

**Step 5** - The application and any comments received are submitted to the Native Vegetation Assessment Panel for review at the next available meeting, noting that in some cases where members of the public [submit comment](#) and request to be heard by the Panel, this will also occur at the meeting – for further information see the NVC's Procedure for Representations – Applicants and the Procedure for Representations – Members of the Public;

**Step 6** - The applicant is notified of the outcome of their application; and

**Step 7** - The outcome of the application is posted on the [Consultations outcome](#) web page.

## What is involved in the consultation of an application?

Decisions are normally advised to the applicant within 1 week after an NVAP meeting and decision outcomes are updated online within 2 weeks of notifying the applicant.

### Contact Information

For further information, please feel free to contact the Native Vegetation Council:  
08 8303 9777 or [nvc@sa.gov.au](mailto:nvc@sa.gov.au)

More information about native vegetation in South Australia is available from [Department for Environment and Water - Native vegetation](#)