

# NVIM Quick Reference Guide

## Biodiversity in the Victoria Planning Provisions



### What is NVIM?

NVIM stands for Native Vegetation Information Management and is a system to access Victoria's native vegetation information.

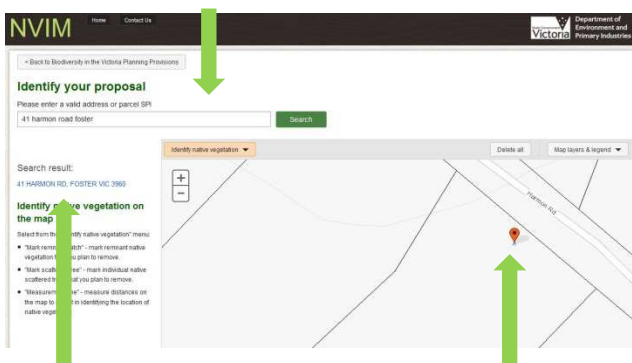
The initial release will assist landholders in accessing information required to apply for a permit to remove native vegetation under Victoria's permitted clearing regulations. The tool will generate a report that can be submitted with an application for a permit to remove native vegetation.

### Accessing NVIM

NVIM is a web-based system available to the public – <http://nvim.depi.vic.gov.au>. The home page provides information about the system and tools available.

### Search for Property

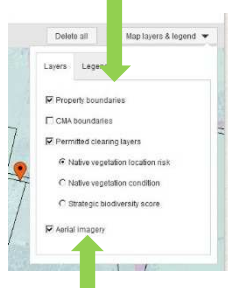
- Enter property address where you plan to remove, lop or destroy native vegetation in the **Search** bar



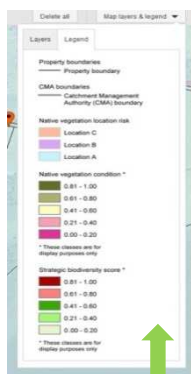
- Address will be displayed in **information panel** on the left and marked on **map** on the right

### Select Different Layers

- Switch on or off different **layers** to change the map view prior to identifying the native vegetation

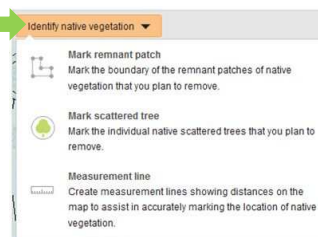


- Aerial imagery** is available to assist in identifying native vegetation on property
- Use the **legend** to identify different vegetation types on the map



### Drawing Tools

- From the map toolbar select a **drawing tool** to identify native vegetation
- Mark the native vegetation that you plan to remove, lop or destroy
- Drawing tools available in NVIM include:



- Mark remnant patch** by drawing a polygon
- Mark scattered trees** by marking a point for each tree
- Measuring tool** can check distances to improve accuracy



- All native vegetation to be cleared should be identified

**DRAWING TIPS**

- ✂ Use the scroll bar on your mouse or the map controls to zoom in & out, pan on map to assist with drawing
- ✂ If patch is marked on top of another patch the polygons can be merged & calculations based on the combined area
- ✂ A tree cannot be marked on top of a remnant patch & vice versa as these reflect different native vegetation types
- ✂ If wanting to delete drawings, select 'Delete all' button from the map toolbar near layers/legend menu
- ✂ When marking native vegetation on roadside or public land an address may not be found

### Information Panel

- The **information panel** contains important information including **user instructions**, the property **address** & a summary of the native vegetation marked on the map:

**When proposal is identified, click "Proceed to results"**

When you have finished marking the native vegetation that you plan to remove, click "Proceed to results".

**Summary of marked native vegetation**

Address:  
41 HARMON ROAD FOSTER 3960

Remnant patch:	1	0.013 ha
Scattered trees:	1 tree	
<b>Total extent:</b>	<b>0.084 ha</b>	<b>?</b>

Location risk: A  
Risk-based pathway: Low

**Proceed to results**

- Remnant patch** shown with number and hectares (ha)
- Number of scattered trees** shown
- Proceed to results** to obtain details on risk-based pathway

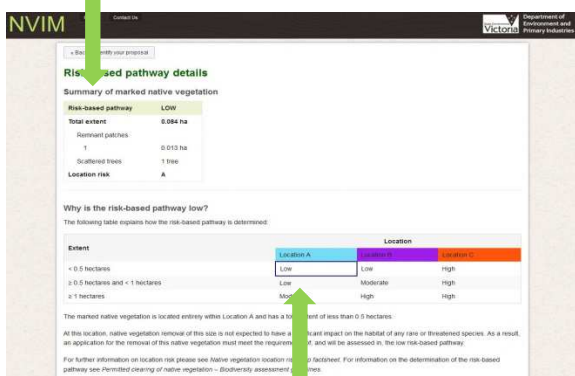
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### Risk-based Pathway

- The information on the **Risk-based pathway details** screen reflects the marked native vegetation on the previous **Identify your proposal** screen



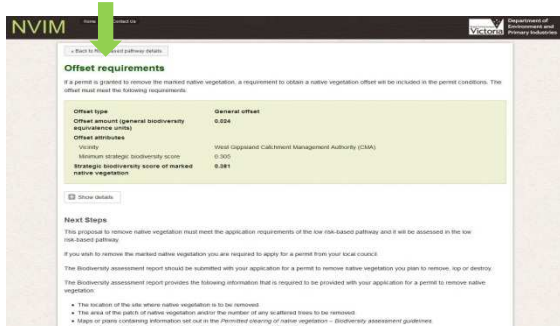
- The table will display how the risk-based pathway is determined and highlight the cell relevant to your application (low, moderate or high)
- Details on previous planning permits and next steps is available for your information
- If your application is within the **low risk-based pathway** select **Calculate offset requirements**



- NVIM does not currently calculate offset requirements for **moderate** or **high risk-based pathway** applications
- If your application is within moderate or high risk-based pathway select **Download report**

### Offset Requirements

- The information on the **Offset requirements** screen is calculated based on the marked native vegetation on the **Identify your proposal** screen



### Download and Submit Report

- Download your Biodiversity assessment report



Biodiversity information for applications for permits to remove native vegetation under clause 52.16 or 52.17 of the Victoria Planning Provisions

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Time of issue: 12:54:40

Property address	41 HARMON ROAD FOSTER 3960
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#### Summary of marked native vegetation

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See Appendix 1 for risk-based pathway details

#### Offset requirements

- Submit the Biodiversity assessment report to your local council with your permit application and all other application requirements

### Points to Note

- NVIM can not calculate offset requirements for moderate or high risk- based pathway applications at this time
- No drawing is allowed in the Melbourne Strategic Assessment (MSA) area (included in the next release later 2013)
- If drawing is outside Victoria, calculations will return an exception value (-99)
- No information will be saved to NVIM in its current form however future releases will enable this functionality
- Some properties have multiple address listings, drawing on these properties will return multiple results in the information panel
- NVIM is not supported by Internet Explorer 8 or below. Please use Internet Explorer 9 or later, Chrome or Firefox

### More Information

- Further information regarding the NVIM system, including video tutorial, is available on the DEPI website [www.depi.vic.gov.au/nvim](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/nvim)

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