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| 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   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 | 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:   + **Remnant patch** shown with number and hectares (ha)   + Number of **scattered trees** shown * **Proceed to results** to obtain details on risk-based pathway   Download and Submit Report   * Download your Biodiversity assessment report        * 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) |