



# WALGA Webinar: Improvements to the Native Vegetation Clearing Process for Local Government

**Date:** Tuesday, 28 July  
**Time:** 10:00am -11:30am  
**Venue:** Online via GoToWebinar

## OVERVIEW

Please join us to hear about the reforms underway within the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation addressing issues with the regulatory system for clearing of native vegetation experienced by Local Government. You will also hear about the lessons learned from a case study of the development of the Strategic Clearing Permit for a 10 year roads program and the support WALGA has provided to Local Government in this area.

## PROGRAM

- 10:00am**    **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Melanie Davies, Biodiversity and Sustainability Project Officer, WALGA*
- 10.05am**    **An overview of DWER's internal regulatory reforms relating to native vegetation regulation**  
*Adrian Wiley, Senior Manager, Native Vegetation Regulation, DWER*
- 10:15am**    **Q&A**
- 10:25am**    **Introducing DWER's dedicated Local Government Team within the Native Vegetation Regulation Branch – its role and scope**  
*Mat Gannaway, Manager, Native Vegetation Regulation, DWER*
- 10.35am**    **Case study - development of the Strategic Clearing Permit for a 10 year roads program**  
*Mat Gannaway, Manager, Native Vegetation Regulation, DWER*
- 10.45am**    **Q&A**
- 11:00am**    **Use of WALGA's LGmap to support regulatory requirements**  
*Renata Zelinova, Business Development Officer (LGmap), WALGA*
- 11.15am**    **Update on the Local Government Roadside Clearing Regulation Working Group**  
*Garry Middle, A/Manager Environment Policy, WALGA*
- 11.25am**    **Q&A**
- 11.30am**    **Close of Event**



## PRESENTATION OVERVIEWS

**Adrian Wiley, Senior Manager, Native Vegetation Regulation, DWER** will discuss DWER's internal regulatory reform process as it relates to native vegetation regulation. Adrian will touch on proposed changes to DWER's systems, processes and guidance designed to streamline the application and assessment process, promote higher quality clearing permit applications and result in improved decision timeframes.

**Mat Gannaway, Manager, Native Vegetation Regulation, DWER** will discuss the creation of a dedicated local government assessment team within the Native Vegetation Branch and explain the team's role. Mat will also outline the strategic clearing permit approach being trialled with a number of local governments.

**Renata Zelinova, Business Development Officer (LGmap), WALGA** will demonstrate how LGmap can be used to inform and support preparation of native vegetation clearing applications.

**Dr Garry Middle, A/Manager Environment Policy, WALGA** will provide an update on the activities of the Local Government Roadside Clearing Regulation Working Group that was established in August 2019. The Group was formed to facilitate better communication between state and local governments regarding the regulatory system for the clearing of native vegetation and also to build the capacity of the sector around this issue.