

Vegetation Protection Orders (VPOs) can be made under Part 2 of Local Law No. 49 (Protection of Important Vegetation). To do this, information must be gathered which identifies the person making the application for the vegetation, vegetation to be protected, its location and the grounds (reason) on which the VPO is to be made. The vegetation may be an individual tree, cluster of trees or a larger wooded area with undergrowth.

PART 1 - APPLICANT DETAILS					
Title		Given names		Surname	
Address					
Suburb			State/Territory		Postcode
Postal Address (if different from above)					
Suburb			State/Territory		Postcode
Phone			Email		
Are you the property owner of the land where the vegetation is located? (If yes, proceed to Part 3. If no, proceed to Part 2)					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
PART 2 – OWNERS’ DETAILS AND CONSENT					
Title		Given names		Surname	
Address					
Suburb			State/Territory		Postcode
Postal Address (if different from above)					
Suburb			State/Territory		Postcode
Phone			Email		
<input type="checkbox"/> I, the owner of the land on which the vegetation is located, give support for its protection through a Vegetation Protection Order.					
If the owner does not give consent, please provide information detailing why they do not.					
PART 3 – PROPERTY DETAILS					
Address					
Suburb			State/Territory		Postcode
Lot and plan					
How is the property zoned in the Ipswich Planning Scheme?					

**PART 4 – THE VEGETATION****4.1 Is the vegetation an individual tree or cluster of trees of the same species?** (If no, proceed to question 4.2)  Yes  No

What is the common name of the vegetation?

What is the scientific name of the vegetation, if known?

What is the estimated height of the vegetation in meters?

What is the diameter of the vegetation at breast height in centimetres? Note: measured at 1.4m above ground.

Does the vegetation have habitat values?  
i.e. does it provide food through flowers, leaves or fruit; provide shelter such as hollows? Yes  No

Is the vegetation used by koalas for food or shelter?

 Yes  No

Is the tree an exotic (non-native) landscape specimen?

 Yes  No**4.2 Is the vegetation a cluster of trees or a larger wooded area with undergrowth?** Yes  No

What is the common name of the main vegetation? (Scientific name if known)

What is the typical height of the vegetation in meters?

Is the vegetation used by koalas for food or shelter?

 Yes  No

Are the main trees exotic (non-native) specimens?

 Yes  No**4.3 Tick if the vegetation shows signs of the following. Indicate the extent.**

Unusual leaf loss or discoloration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Wounds, damage or decay	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Dead, broken or hanging branches	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Hollows or cavities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Bulging trunk	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Cracks or splits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Uncommon or excessive bark loss	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Pest/disease/fungus/mistletoe	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Termite or bees nest	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Root exposure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Unnatural leaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Soil excavation or change	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	
Unstable or loose in the ground	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Extent	

**4.4 Estimate the approximate age of the vegetation?**

## PART 5 – GROUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF THE VEGETATION

The grounds on which a vegetation protection order is made must be stated in the Vegetation Protection Order. The grounds must be consistent with the objects of Local Law No. 49 (Protection of Important Vegetation). Important vegetation is described in Part 1, Object 3. of the local law. In particular, the Vegetation Protection Order must protect important vegetation. Important vegetation is described in Section Part 1. Section 3 of the local law. **Please read the 'Guiding Information' at the end of this form prior to filling out boxes below.**

Please tick the most applicable definition:

<input type="checkbox"/>	(a) A valuable part of the natural heritage of the area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b) An example of a threatened species or a species that may be about to become, a threatened species.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(c) A valuable scientific resource.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(d) Valuable source of propagating stock or of other horticultural value.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(e) Of historic or cultural significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(f) A valuable educational or recreational resource.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(g) An important habitat for native animals (including native or migratory birds) or a part of a fauna and flora corridor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(h) A key part of a vegetation system or other ecological system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(i) Important for protecting a water catchment area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(j) Important for its aesthetic value or its beneficial effect on the amenity of the locality in which it is situated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(k) Planted for the purpose of meeting obligations under offsets or related environmental management schemes or legislation.

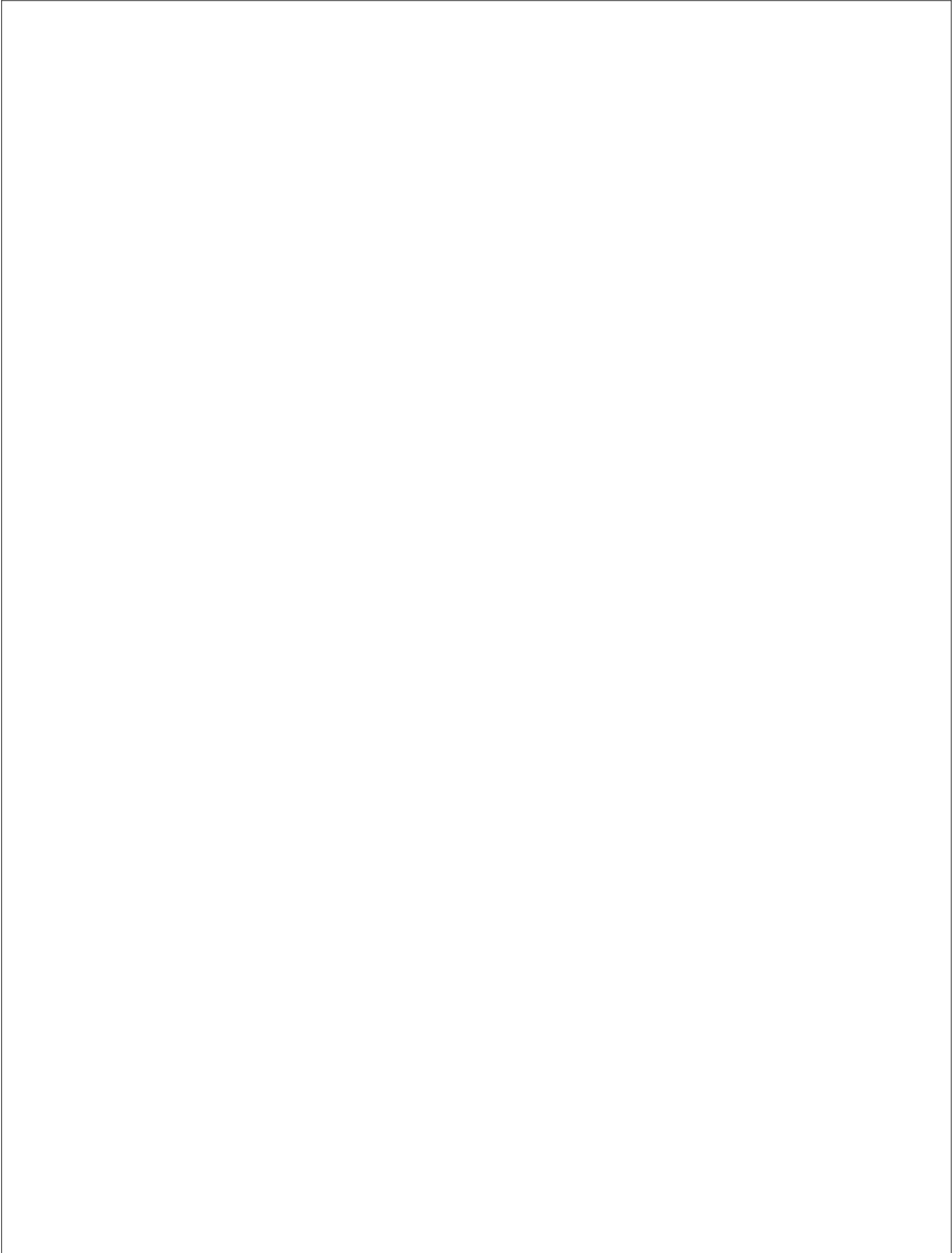
## PART 6 – JUSTIFICATION

Please provide justification for the grounds selected in Part 5.

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**PART 7 - SITE PLAN**

Please provide a sketch showing the map direction, street name, location of the vegetation to be protected in relation to other features such as buildings, fences, adjoining properties, driveways, etc.



**PART 8 - DECLARATION**

I declare that the information provided within the application form and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant name

Applicant signature

Date

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**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**


Attach photographs of the vegetation to be protected.

Attach a site plan showing street names, suburb and location of the vegetation to be protected.

Attach an aerial digital image of the property showing building adjacent to the vegetation.

Attach information supporting grounds (i.e. historical photographs, records or evidence).

Applicant has signed and dated form.

Owner has indicated giving consent or information provided for not giving consent.

**INTERNAL USE ONLY**

To: Chief Executive Officer

Attention: Natural Environment & Land Manager

Date received

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Application number

Name of receiving officer

Position

Name of actioning officer

Position

## GUIDING INFORMATION

Determining most applicable 'Grounds for Protection of Vegetation'

Grounds	Examples (but not limited to)
(a) A valuable part of the natural heritage of the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Native species that is unique or localised mostly to Ipswich</li> <li>▪ A native species of great age</li> <li>▪ Old growth/remnant native vegetation</li> <li>▪ Example of a native specimen on the edge of its range.</li> </ul>
(b) An example of a threatened species or a species that may be about to become, a threatened species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Locally occurring significant species or communities listed under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Comm.), Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld.) or Vegetation Management Act 1999 (Qld.)</li> <li>▪ Significant local species to the Ipswich region - as listed on Ipswich.qld.gov.au</li> <li>▪ Species or communities identified as 'priority' in the Nature Conservation Strategy.</li> </ul>
(c) A valuable scientific resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Example of a specimen particularly resistant to disease or exposure</li> <li>▪ Species is vital to biochemical, natural medicines or pharmaceuticals.</li> </ul>
(d) Valuable source of propagating stock or of other horticultural value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Associated with important genetic value or resource</li> <li>▪ Recognised as an essential source of fodder for stock</li> <li>▪ Prolific seed producer of notable fertility.</li> </ul>
(e) Of historic or cultural significance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Connected to Aboriginal community, landscape, place or site</li> <li>▪ Recognised in Aboriginal activities, rituals, religious observance or legend</li> <li>▪ Associated with an important historical event/occasion or the commemoration of</li> <li>▪ Linked to early settlers</li> <li>▪ Dedicated to important person, group or institution</li> <li>▪ Associated with inspiration, spiritual and religious matters</li> <li>▪ Forms part of an historic garden.</li> </ul>
(f) A valuable educational or recreational resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A key element for visiting and being active in an area</li> <li>▪ Is an essential focal point for environmental learning, awareness, interpretation and understanding.</li> </ul>
(g) An important habitat for native animals (including native or migratory birds) or a part of a fauna and flora corridor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Known to provide essential food, shelter or movement for native animals that are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Listed in the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Comm.) or Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld.)</li> <li>- Significant local species to the Ipswich region - as listed on Ipswich.qld.gov.au</li> <li>- 'Priority' species in the Nature Conservation Strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Identified as crucial habitat within council's Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan.</li> </ul>
(h) A key part of a vegetation system or other ecological system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identified as an important local or regional corridor (i.e. within the Ipswich Nature Conservation Strategy)</li> <li>▪ Provides a buffer to areas of conservation significance (i.e. Conservation Estate, Reserve or Urban Bushland)</li> <li>▪ Essential for protecting slopes or unstable and erodible soils.</li> </ul>
(i) Important for protecting a water catchment area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vital to drainage lines, watercourses, rivers and bodies of water</li> <li>▪ Recognised for its beneficial effect on water salinity (including ground water salinity).</li> </ul>

<p>(j) Important for its aesthetic value or its beneficial effect on the amenity of the locality in which it is situated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unique location or context</li> <li>▪ Important landmark or contribution to landscape</li> <li>▪ Particularly old or admired</li> <li>▪ Outstanding for its height, trunk circumference or canopy spread</li> <li>▪ An exceptional specimen of the species</li> <li>▪ Exhibits curious growth form or unusual physical features whether naturally occurring, resulting from natural events or human intervention</li> <li>▪ Provides crucial visual screening against unsightly objects, pollutants, glare, light spillage, noise or other adverse environmental effects</li> <li>▪ Contributes considerably to managing weather effects (e.g. heat impacts).</li> </ul>
<p>(k) Planted for the purpose of meeting obligations under offsets or related environmental management schemes or legislation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Associated with the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Comm.) offset requirements or Environmental Offsets Act 2014 (Qld.)</li> <li>▪ Is part of a carbon offset program or similar.</li> </ul>