

Biodiversity Offset Scheme thresholds/triggers

Three potential triggers are applied to determine if the development would be captured by the Biodiversity Offset Scheme:

a) Area Criteria- Section 6 of the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations.

When calculating clearing it needs to include: building area, fencing, driveways, APZ's and all other associated clearing required.

Note: If there is no MLS on Lot Size Map under Lithgow Environmental Plan 2014, then the actual size of the allotment is applied. If the development meets these thresholds then it is captured under the Biodiversity Offset Scheme.

MLS on Lot Size Map of property (smallest applied if multiple)	Threshold for clearing Native Vegetation
Less than 1ha	0.25ha or more
1ha to less than 40ha	0.5ha or more
40ha and less than 1000ha	1ha or more
1000ha or greater	2ha or more

b) Biodiversity Values Map

If the proposed development has any of the proposals within the biodiversity values map then the development is captured under Biodiversity Offset Scheme.

See the following link to the map:

<https://www.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/Maps/index.html?viewer=BVMap>

c) Assessment of Significance

As a guide the Terrestrial Biodiversity overlay of Lithgow Environmental Plan 2014 could be utilise to dictate if a full 5 Part Test (Flora and Fauna Assessment) under the Section 7.3 of Biodiversity Conservation Act will be required. If it is determined that the application will have a significant impact on flora and fauna, then the development is captured under Biodiversity Offset Scheme.