

Veg rules dissected at AgForce workshops

Government vegetation management laws will be 'de-mystified' for north CQ landholders when AgForce Projects hosts a series of free workshop in Mt Coolon, Proserpine and Mackay from 8-10 November.

The workshops help producers navigate the Vegetation Management Act 1999 (VMA).

AgForce Projects principal project officer Alina Butler said all landholders who have native vegetation on their property should attend in order to understand the fundamental principles of vegetation management in Queensland.

The workshop will give landholders tools and information to help them apply for a Property Map of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) to guarantee the long term security over management of vegetation on their property.

"A PMAV gives producers greater control over the activities they can and can't do on their property by securing cleared land or disputing incorrectly mapped areas," Mrs Butler said.

All attendees will be given copies of their most up-to-date Regional Ecosystem (RE) and Regrowth Maps and taken through the options available for managing native vegetation.

"Anyone who wants to be managing vegetation on their property needs to have access to these maps and understand what classifications are over their property," she said.

"Some landholders who have not seen their maps before may be shocked by the vegetation classifications. However, if landholders do not agree with the areas of assessable vegetation and can provide evidence that the land was cleared after December 31 1989, they can work with us to dispute the classification through a detailed PMAV."

To attend a workshop or express interest in holding a workshop in your area, please register online at www.agforceprojects.org.au or (07) 3238 6048. Registrations are required 10 days prior to the event.

These workshops are delivered free to all producers through AgForward, an initiative of AgForce within its project division, funded by the Queensland Government.

Pic Caption - AgForce Projects principal project officer Alina Butler will work one-on-one with landholders to help them interpret their RE and regrowth maps and lock in a PMAV at series of free AgForce Projects vegetation management workshop in Mt Coolon, Proserpine and Mackay in November.

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