Rural infrastructure RAMA clearing buffer distances

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The Regulation provides maximum clearing distances for rural infrastructure in the Western Division and Central and Coastal regions of NSW (see map) as well as for small holdings and land zoned rural-residential or large lot residential.

Western Division rural infrastructure clearing distances and areas

The types of infrastructure that are included in the rural infrastructure RAMA for the Western Division and Central Region is unlimited. However the Regulation specifies maximum clearing or buffer distances for the construction, operation and maintenance of the following specified types of infrastructure:

Clearing type	Distance
Permanent fence	20 metres either side
Access trail	30 metres total width of clearing
Cut line for stock movement	30 metres total width of clearing
Road	30 metres total width of clearing
Telephone Line or cable	30 metres total width of clearing
Power line or cable	30 metres total width of clearing
Drain to water storage	30 metres total width of clearing
Bore drain	30 metres total width of clearing
Pipeline	30 metres total width of clearing
Irrigation channel	30 metres total width of clearing
Firebreak, except where mallee species predominate	30 metres total width of clearing
Airstrip	Distance & area sufficient to meet civil aviation standards
House	5 hectares total area of clearing
Shearing or machinery shed	5 hectares total area of clearing
Ground tank	5 hectares total area of clearing
Dam	5 hectares total area of clearing
Stockyards	5 hectares total area of clearing

Clearing for buildings, windmills and bores is also permitted but only to the minimum extent necessary.

Central Region rural infrastructure clearing distances and areas

Clearing type	Distance
Permanent boundary fence	10 metres either side
Permanent internal fence	10 metres total width of clearing
Temporary Fence	3 metres total width of clearing
Road or track	6 metres total width of clearing
Airstrip	Distance & area sufficient to meet civil aviation standards

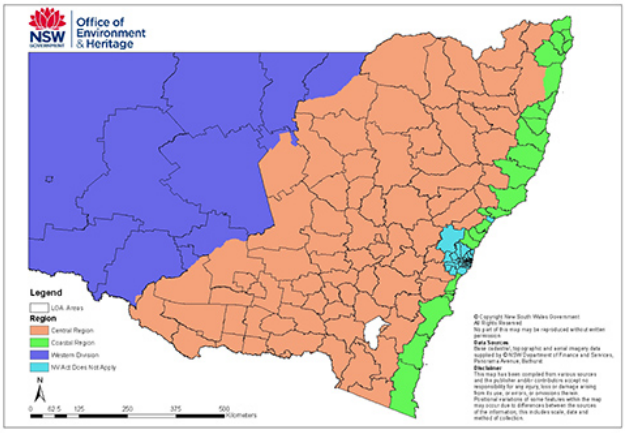
Clearing for dams, buildings, windmills, bores and stockyards is also permitted but only to the minimum extent necessary.

Coastal Region rural infrastructure clearing distances and areas

The types of rural infrastructure that are RAMAs in the Coastal Region are specified in the

Regulation and are limited to the construction, operation and maintenance of the following:

Clearing type	Distance
Permanent boundary fence	6 metres either side
Permanent internal fence	6 metres total width of clearing
Temporary fence	3 metre total width of clearing
Road or track	6 metres total width of clearing
Pipeline	3 metres total width of clearing
Shearing or machinery shed	20 metres from outer edge of the structure
Ground tank	15 metres from outer edge of the structure
Tank (other than a ground tank)	3 metres from outer edge of the structure
Dam	15 metres from outer edge of the structure
Stockyards	20 metres from outer edge of the structure
Bore	10 metres from outer edge of the structure
Pump	3 metres from outer edge of the structure
Water point	3 metres from outer edge of the structure
Windmill	10 metres from outer edge of the structure



Map of the Western Division and Central and Coastal regions in NSW

Rural infrastructure clearing distances and areas for small holdings and land zoned rural-residential or large lot residential

The types of rural infrastructure that are RAMAs on small holdings and on land in an area zoned as rural-residential or large lot residential are specified in the Regulation and are limited to the construction, operation and maintenance of the following:

Clearing type	Distance
Permanent boundary fence	6 metres either side
Permanent internal fence	6 metres either side
Temporary fence	3 metre total width of clearing
Road or track	6 metres total width of clearing
Pipeline	3 metres total width of clearing
Buildings other than habitable buildings	20 metres from outer edge of the structure

Windmill	10 metres from outer edge of the structure
Bore	10 metres from outer edge of the structure
Tank	3 metres from outer edge of the structure
Dam	15 metres from outer edge of the structure
Stockyards	20 metres from outer edge of the structure
Pump	3 metres from outer edge of the structure
Water point	3 metres from outer edge of the structure

Protected riparian land

The types of rural infrastructure and the maximum clearing distances and areas are different for protected riparian land. Protected riparian land is land within, or within 20 metres of the bed or bank, of a prescribed stream.

Clearing for rural Infrastructure on protected riparian land is subject to the following limits due to its environmental sensitivity:

Clearing type	Distance
Maintenance of safety clearances around electricity transmission lines	15 metres (where clearing is carried out by an employee of or contractor to a local government or electricity supply authority)
Fencing (other than boundary fence)	6 metres total width of clearing
Boundary fence	6 metres either side
Farm road	6 metres total width of clearing

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