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BACKGROUND

The previous specification for clearing, grubbing and rehabilitation states that all vegetative matter is to be cleared and grubbed to a depth of 200 mm. The cleared vegetation was then to be burned or removed from site.

This requirement has now been withdrawn. The Department of Infrastructure has modified the *Standard Specification for Roadworks* to include mulching of all cleared vegetative matter and re-spreading over bare or adjacent areas.

REQUIREMENT

Mulch all cleared vegetative matter to a maximum size of 100mm using mechanical brush chippers as the clearing work proceeds. Do not stockpile cleared material for later mulching, unless directed by the Superintendent.

Respread mulched material to adjacent surrounding bush areas or as directed by the Superintendent.

STUMPS, GRASSES, ETC

Stumps, grass clods, roots or other material unsuitable for mulching may be buried in disused gravel pits during rehabilitation of the pits.

STOCKPILES (Where Approved)

Stockpiled mulched material on the site to a maximum height of 2m for use during reinstatement work. In urban areas stockpile mulch on the site or reuse and deliver surplus mulch as directed by the Superintendent (within 10 km of the site) for use in local landscaping projects. In rural areas, stockpile mulch on the site for reuse and power blow surplus mulch into the adjacent natural vegetated areas.