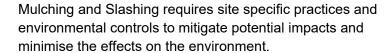
Environmental Guidance Note – Mulching and Slashing

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Mulching and slashing operations are designed to manage vegetation with a minimum of soil disturbance and/or damage to ground cover.



The following controls are mandatory for all mulching and slashing operations:

Controls for Mulching and Slashing

- Mulching/Trittoring should not be undertaken on lands classed as Vulnerable Land –Steep or Highly Erodible- (generally land exceeding 18°)
- Avoid mulching/trittoring long runs slopes >12°, leave some standing vegetation to intersect the slope and assist soil stability
- AVOID disturbing soil by locking tracks or undertaking tight turns
- AVOID disturbing the soil with mulcher/trittor heads. Set mulched heads to have 100mm of clearance (minimum)
- Ensure mulcher hammer/cutters/blades are set a minimum 100mm above ground level to minimise damage to ground cover and minimise soil disturbance
- Slashers should be set to 200mm in areas dominated by native vegetation
- Mulch depth should not exceed 100mm
- Mulched material should be evenly spread over the treated area; a minimum of 70% mulch cover is required to mitigate soil erosion
- If <u>significant damage</u>, <u>removal</u> of low growing ground cover or <u>significant soil disturbance</u> is likely to occur consult an Environment Business Partner for advice prior to undertaking works







