

Vegetation Communities

Plain English description of rules for PWS Key Values Reporting:

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Significance Rule

Vegetation Communities have been identified as *significant* if they are:

- Listed under *the Nature Conservation Act 2002* or the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; or
- Not listed under the above-listed Acts but have not met their JANIS target (from Lookup Table 3)

Sliver Rule

Slivers are identified as small patches of vegetation with relatively low significance.

Slivers of Vegetation Communities are to be excluded from significance reports, where they meet one of the following rules:

- For vegetation communities that have an average polygon size of **more than 10 ha** : area of mapped TASVEG polygon \leq 10 ha AND percent of statewide extent \leq 1% AND ranking of this community in this reserve is \geq 20
- For vegetation communities that have an average polygon size of **less than 10 ha** : area of mapped TASVEG polygon \leq 5 ha AND percent of statewide extent \leq 1% AND ranking of this community in this reserve is \geq 20

Star Rating System

For polygons of native vegetation that meet the Significance Rule (see above) that are not slivers (also see above), a star rating system has been applied:

Listing Status	Rank 1 to 5	Rank 6 to 10	Rank 11 to 15	16 to 20	21 or lower
CR or r+e	* * * * *	* * * * *	* * *	* *	*
e	* * * * *	* * * * *	* * *	* *	*
E or r+v	* * * * *	* * *	* *	*	
V or r	* * * * *	* * *	* *	*	
v	* * *	* *	*	*	
Not met JANIS criteria	* *	*			

Further, mapped native vegetation that has not been assigned a star-rating in the above table is not to be considered as significant for the purpose of the reserve reports.

Lookup Table 3- List of non-threatened vegetation communities that have not met their JANIS targets in bioregions (As-at 30th June 2015).

VEG	IBRA
ARS	King

VEG	IBRA
ARS	Northern Slopes
AUS	South East
DAD	Northern Midlands
DAD	Northern Slopes
DPO	South East
DRO	Central Highlands
DRO	South East
DVG	Ben Lomond
DVG	Northern Midlands
DVG	South East
GCL	Ben Lomond
GRP	Northern Midlands
GSL	Ben Lomond
GSL	Northern Midlands
GSL	South East
NAR	King
NAR	Northern Slopes
NAV	Furneaux
NAV	South East
NBA	Ben Lomond
NBA	South East
NLM	King
SHW	King
SMR	King
SLS	King
SRE	Northern Midlands