

GRAZING MANAGEMENT IN NATIVE VEGETATION

Why should I manage grazing in areas of native vegetation?

Unmanaged grazing in areas of native vegetation does not allow regeneration of native plants. It can also result in high levels of damage to plants, introduction of weeds, and soil compaction. However, grazing does not have to be completely stopped.

How do I manage grazing?

These strategies will depend on the condition of the native vegetation.

FENCES

To control grazing access, native vegetation needs to be fenced.

TIMING

Avoid grazing during flowering and seeding of native plants, usually between September and January. Avoid stocking during significant regeneration events, such as rainfall during seeding.

DURATION

Control the length of time stock are left to graze. For highly degraded areas, crash-grazing (high stock rate over a short period) is effective in reducing weed cover to allow natural seed regeneration.

STOCKING RATE

The best method is varying stocking rates.

Who can help?

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