



**PDALA N&S**  
**Listed Activity – Land use Change**

***Consultation Workshop***

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**ARC/DoA Expert Panel**  
**(presented – T Newby)**



# Listed Activities: Land use change (to determine negative impacts on an Agroecosystem)

- The Act requires an **Agroecosystem Authorization** to carry out a listed activity.
- To issue an authorization the **impact** on the Agroecosystem needs to be **assessed**
- An **Agroecosystem report** is required for the assessment
- To reduce the burden on both the applicant and the Competent Authority a **Basic** or a **Comprehensive** report depending on the severity of the activities impact is proposed.



## Inherent Rights

Common norms and standards for farms in a specific agro-ecosystem

Not requiring Agroecosystem Authorisation

Agricultural practices, infrastructures, facilities and technologies required for a productive, sustainable, resilient, viable and equitable farming enterprise as set out in the Common Norms and Standards for farms in a specific agro-ecosystem (CNS)

# Land use change

- Agricultural Land is all land not in townships
- All agricultural land fall in one of the 111 agroecosystems
- Agricultural land has 6 “Status” classes:
  - National & Provincial protected agricultural areas
  - Primary agricultural land
  - Secondary agricultural land
  - Agricultural Constrained Areas
  - Environment Protected Land (Parks and reserves)
- Each Class is either Arable land or Rangeland

# Land use change

- Similar Impacts on different Agricultural Areas will have different acceptability tolerances
- Therefore the report requirement can differ depending on the status of the Agricultural Area
- The table reflects the listed activity (grouped at 3 levels of detail ) and specifies the report required

LISTED ACTIVITY INVOLVING LAND USE CHANGE (S 16(1))			NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR AGRO-ECOSYSTEM AUTHORISATION REQUIREMENTS (S 20(1))							
Activity Description	Activity Semi-detailed Description	Activity Detailed Description	NPAA (Cultivated land: Irrigated & Rainfed))  Competent authority: DG	NPAA (Rangeland)  Competent authority: DG	PPAA (Cultivated land: Irrigated & Rainfed)  Competent authority: HoD	PPAA (Rangeland)  Competent authority: HoD	PAL  Competent authority: HoD	SAL  Competent authority: HoD	EPAs  Competent authority: N/A	Agric Const  Competent authority: HoD
<u>farms in a specific agro-ecosystem (CNS)</u>										
3. Other non-agricultural land uses in support of primary agricultural production and marketing of produce at farm gate	3.1 Grass airstrip		BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	N/A	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha
	3.2 Helipad / parking lot		BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	N/A	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha
	3.3 Farm stall / farm retail sales facilities, incl. parking		BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	N/A	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha
	3.4 Tea garden incl. parking		BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	N/A	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha
	3.5 Farmers market incl. parking		BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	N/A	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha
4. Carbon trading projects that removes agricultural land from food, fodder or fibre production			NP	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	NP	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <3 Ha CAESR >3 Ha	BAESR <1 Ha CAESR >1 Ha	N/A	BAESR <10 Ha CAESR >10 Ha