



Hon Albert Jacob MLA
Minister for Environment; Heritage

Your Ref: Petition No 42
Our Ref: 50-05333

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
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Simon

Dear ~~Mr O'Brien~~

Further to the Committee's email request dated 13 November 2014, please find attached a flow chart illustrating the framework for the regulation of clearing under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and in particular, the operation of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) within that framework. The part of the process relevant to ESAs is coloured solid blue. This flow chart demonstrates the limited scope of the application of ESAs to the clearing regime.

The notice declaring ESAs is subsidiary legislation under the *Interpretation Act 1984* and therefore all the requirements of subsidiary legislation, including provision to the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and tabling in Parliament, apply.

Yours sincerely

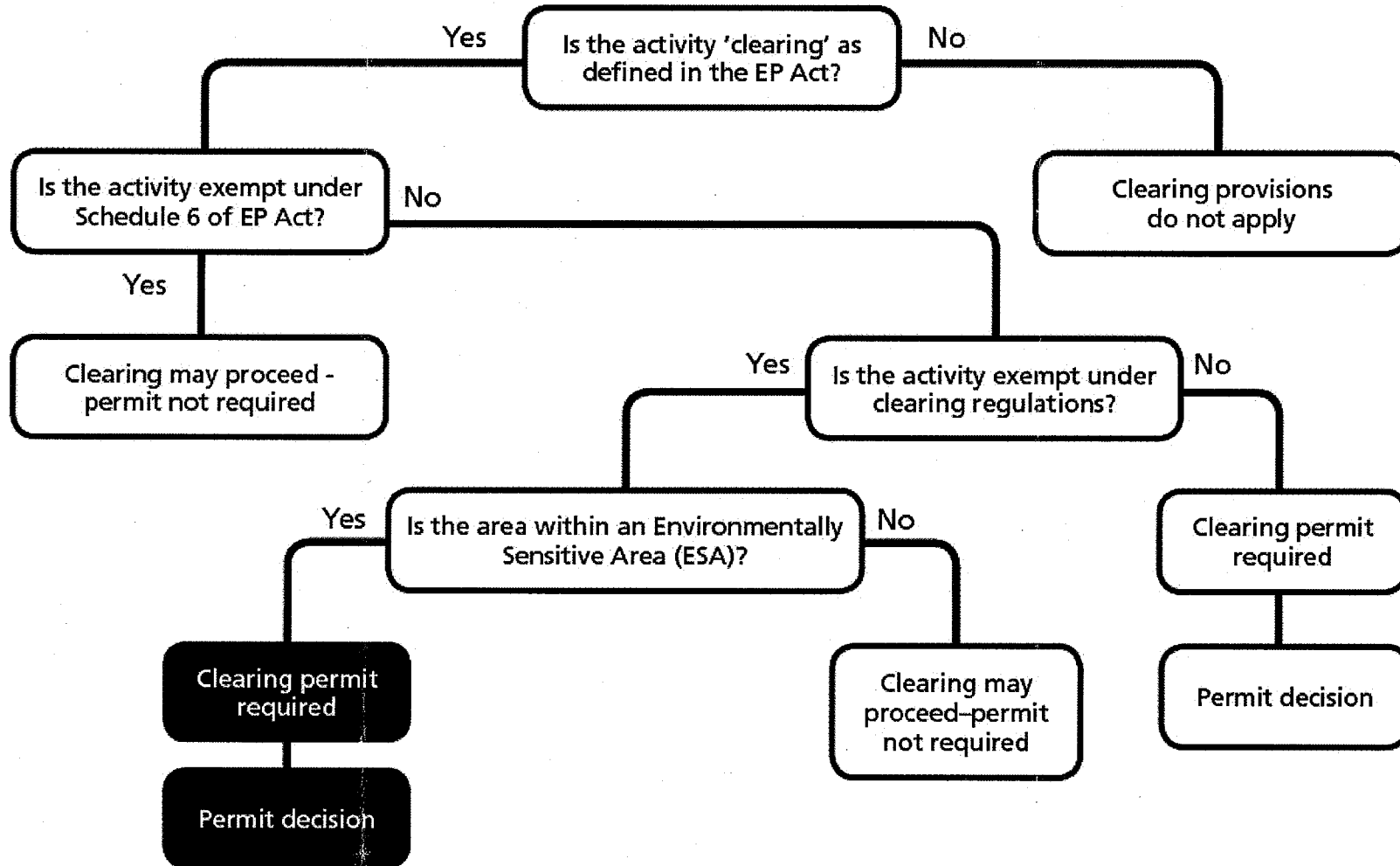
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Framework for regulation of clearing

under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act 1986)



EP Act: *Environmental Protection Act 1986*
Clearing Regulations: *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*