

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

BAM Assessor Update Number 12

1. Topics Covered:

Update to the Biodiversity Values Map - Expiry of 90 days for areas added in Version 3 Update

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When an area is added to the Biodiversity Values (BV) Map landholders have 90 days to submit a development application without triggering the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme based on the BV map. Areas that have been added to the BV Map in the last 90 days are shown in dark purple to distinguish them from areas that have been on the map more than 90 days that are shown in light purple.

The version 3 update to the BV Map published on the 9 November 2018 involved the addition of significant areas of land based on several criteria.

- Coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests mapped under the Coastal Management SEPP (core areas only)
- Port Stephens Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (Medowie/Tilligerry revisions)
- Kempsey East Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management.

Several map reviews were also processed as part of the version 3 update which involved, in some instances, the addition of areas of land to the BV Map.

The 90-day period for these additional areas expired on the 8 February 2019 and these areas have been changed to light purple on the BV Map. This means that the BV Map trigger of the [Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Threshold](#) will apply.