

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number: CPS 10099/1

Permit Holder: Proten Western Australia Pty Ltd

Duration of Permit: From 4 May 2025 to 4 May 2030

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* subject to the following conditions of this permit.

ADVICE NOTE

Allocation of offset site

The conservation covenant required under condition 8 of this permit is intended to contribute to the conservation, in perpetuity, of 3.89 hectares of *native vegetation* in very good condition within Lot 1254 on Diagram 5564, Regan Ford, that is comprised of high quality foraging habitat for Carnaby's cockatoo (*Zanda latirostris*) and *native vegetation* representative of the 'Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain' Threatened Ecological Community.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* for the purpose of road upgrades and drainage.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Hunter Road reserve (PIN 1226185), Regans Ford Brand Highway road reserve (PIN 1226171), Regans Ford

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 0.47 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

4. Avoid, minimise, and reduce impacts and extent of clearing

In determining the *native vegetation* authorised to be cleared under this permit, the permit holder must apply the following principles, set out in descending order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of *native vegetation*;
- (b) minimise the amount of *native vegetation* to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

5. Weed and dieback management

When undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must take the following measures to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no known dieback or weed-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill*, or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

6. Directional clearing

The permit holder must:

- (a) conduct clearing activities authorised under this permit in a slow, progressive manner, in one direction, towards adjacent *native vegetation*; and
- (b) allow a reasonable time for fauna present within the area being cleared to move into adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity.

7. Flora management – Priority flora

- (a) The permit holder must ensure that the boundaries of the area to be cleared are identified and demarcated prior to clearing, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.
- (b) The permit holder must ensure that, prior to clearing, the locations of the *recorded* priority flora, Hibbertia subvillosa (P3), are identified within the area authorised to be cleared under this permit, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (GDA20), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees.
- (c) When undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must not cause or allow the clearing of more than two (2) individuals of *Hibbertia subvillosa* (P3) plants.

8. Offset – Conservation covenant

Within 12 months of the commencement of clearing authorised under this permit and no later than 4 May 2026, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a copy of the executed conservation covenant under section 30B of the *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945*, setting aside the area cross-hatched red in Figure 2 of Schedule 1, for the protection and management of native vegetation, in perpetuity.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. Records that must be kept

The permit holder must maintain records relating to the listed relevant matters in accordance with the specifications detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Records that must be kept

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications		
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally	(a) the species composition, structure, and density of the cleared area;		

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		(b)	the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
		(c)	the date that the area was cleared;
		(d)	the size of the area cleared (in hectares);
		(e)	direction of the clearing in accordance with condition 6;
		(f)	actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 4; and
		(g)	actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> and <i>dieback</i> in accordance with condition 5.
2.	In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 7.	(a)	the name and location of each <i>priority flora</i> species, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
		(b)	actions taken to demarcate each <i>recorded</i> priority flora species recorded;
		(c)	actions taken to demarcate the clearing boundary; and
		(d)	number of priority flora individuals cleared.
3.	In relation to offset condition 8.	(a)	the location and boundaries of the allocated offset area recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; and
		(b)	copy of the conservation covenant under section 30B of the Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945.

10. Reporting

- (a) The permit holder must provide to the *CEO*, on or before 31 December of each calendar year, a written report containing:
 - (i) the records required to be kept under condition 9; and
 - (ii) records of activities done by the permit holder under this permit between 1 July of the preceding calendar year and 30 June of the current calendar year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this permit has been undertaken, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been undertaken, must be provided to the *CEO* on or before 31 December of each calendar year.
- (c) Prior to 3 February 2030, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 9, where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a).

DEFINITIONS

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition				
CEO	Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> .				
clearing	has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act.				
condition	a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act.				
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.				
dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.				
department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> (WA) and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.				
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)				
mulch	means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation.				
native vegetation	has the meaning given under section 3(1) and section 51A of the EP Act.				
priority flora	means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3, or 4 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction's Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended from time to time).				
recorded priority flora	means individuals of those <i>priority flora</i> species found within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 during the following survey: • WSP (2024) Flora and Fauna survey, Hunter Road and Brand Highway Intersection – supporting document for CPS 10099/1,				
	received 29 May 2024 (DWER Ref: DWERDT960013)				
weeds	means any plant — (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i> ; or (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.				

END OF CONDITIONS

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Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

11 April 2025

Schedule 1

The boundary of the area authorised to be cleared is shown in the map below (Figure 1). The boundary of the area subject to condition 8 is shown in Figure 2.

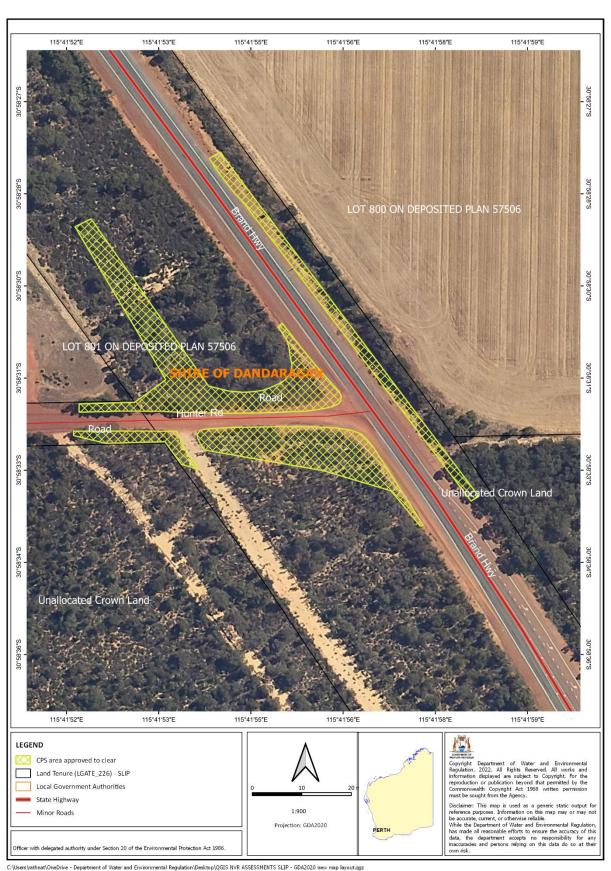


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur.

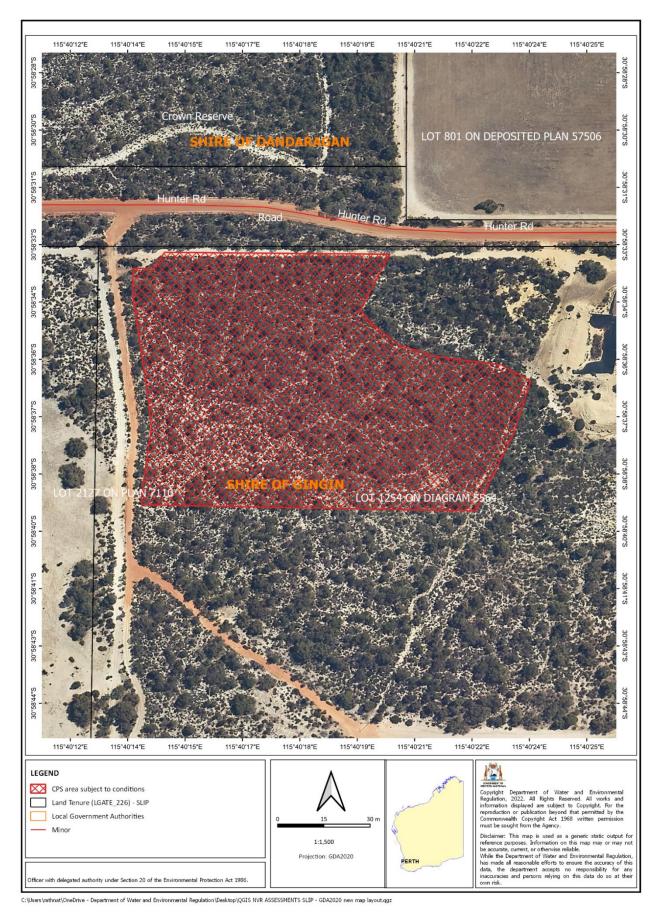


Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area within which condition 8 applies.