



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 10235/2
Permit Holder:	Shire of Manjimup
Duration of Permit:	From 17 December 2023 to 17 December 2032

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

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* for the purpose of cemetery expansion.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 512 on Deposited Plan 411205, Reserve 39600, Manjimup

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 1.19 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Period during which clearing is authorised

The permit holder must not clear any *native vegetation* after 17 December 2028.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

5. 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;
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value; and
- (d) clearing is not to be carried out as a single activity, but be conducted gradually and on an as needs basis over the duration of the permit.

6. 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.

7. Directional clearing

The permit holder must:

- (a) conduct clearing authorised under this permit 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.

8. Revegetation requirements

The permit holder shall take the following actions for the purpose of revegetation to provide suitable *foraging habitat* for *black cockatoo species* and for *salinity mitigation*:

- (a) Preparing 1.06 hectares of the revegetation area cross-hatched red in Figure 2 of Schedule 1 by:
 - (i) undertaking weed control;
 - (ii) ripping the soil; and
 - (iii) constructing or ensuring the good working order of a fence fully enclosing the area cross-hatched red in Figure 2 of Schedule 1.
- (b) within 12 months of the commencement of clearing authorised under this permit, commence revegetating the area cross-hatched red in Figure 2 of Schedule 1, by way of:
 - (i) deliberately *planting* tube stock and undertaking *direct seeding* that will result in the achievement of the completion criteria outlined in condition 8(f);
 - (ii) ensuring only endemic species are used to revegetate the area;
 - (iii) installing tree guards around the tube stock; and
 - (iv) installing a minimum of two (2) 10 x 10 metre quadrat monitoring sites
- (c) implement hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the site;
- (d) undertake weed control activities on an 'as needs' basis to maintain a minimum of 20 per cent weed free state by the end of the project maintenance period;
- (e) undertake supplementary watering on an 'as needs' basis to ensure tube stock survival rates achieve the criteria outlined in condition 8(f);

- (f) achieve the completion criteria specified below after the four-year monitoring period for areas revegetated under this permit; and

Criterion	Aspect	Scale	Completion Criteria	Monitoring
1	Per cent weed cover	Average of reference quadrat data	< 20 per cent weed cover	Annually (April)
2	Vegetation density	Average of reference quadrat data	80 per cent of stems in average quadrat data	Annually (April)
3	Vegetation diversity	Average of reference quadrat data	80 per cent of number of species in average quadrat data, including foraging species for forest red-tailed black cockatoos	Annually (April)
4	Vegetation structure	Average of reference quadrat data	80 per cent overstorey, midstorey and understorey of average quadrat data	Annually (April)

- (g) undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated where monitoring indicates that revegetation has not met the completion criteria, outlined in 8(f), including:
- (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation that will result in the minimum target in condition 8(f) and ensuring only *local provenance* species are used;
 - (ii) undertake further weed control activities;
 - (iii) undertake supplementary watering; and
 - (iv) annual monitoring of each revegetated site through the monitoring sites installed under condition 8(b)(iv), until the completion criteria, outlined in condition 8(f) are met.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the species composition, structure, and density of the cleared area; (b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 2020 (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) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5; (f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of <i>weeds</i> and <i>dieback</i> in accordance with condition 6; and (g) fauna mitigation measures in accordance with condition 7.
2.	In relation to the revegetation of areas pursuant to condition 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h) a description of the revegetation activities; (i) the size of the area revegetated; (j) the date(s) on which the area revegetation was undertaken; and (k) actions taken in accordance with condition 8(g)

10. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 9 of this permit when requested by the *CEO*.

DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 2 have the meanings defined.

Table 2: Definitions

Term	Definition
black cockatoo species	Means one or more of the following species: (a) <i>Zanda latirostris</i> (Carnaby's cockatoo); (b) <i>Zand baudinii</i> (Baudin's cockatoo); (c) <i>Calyptorhynchus banksii naso</i> (forest red-tailed black cockatoo).
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.
dieback	means the effect of <i>Phytophthora</i> species on native vegetation.
direct seeding	means a method of re-establishing vegetation through establishment of a seed bed and the introduction of seeds of the desired plant species
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	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
foraging habitat	means foraging species for the black cockatoos as in the Referral guideline for 3 WA threatened black cockatoo species
local provenance	means native vegetation seeds and propagating material from natural sources within 50 kilometres and the same IBRA subregion of the area cleared
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.
planting	means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species.
revegetate/ vegetated/ revegetation	means the re-establishment of a cover of local provenance native vegetation in an area using methods such as natural regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting, so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.
quadrat	means a sample plot established for the purpose of data collection and monitoring vegetation characteristics, for example species composition, structure, density and condition.
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

Term	Definition
	(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

END OF CONDITIONS



Ryan Mincham
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13 November 2024

Schedule 1

Plan 10235/2

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



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



Figure 2: Map of the boundary of the area which is subject to conditions



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1 Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 10235/2
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Shire of Manjimup
Application received:	16 June 2023
Application area	1.19 hectares of native vegetation
Purpose of clearing:	Cemetery expansion
Method of clearing:	Mechanical removal
Property:	Lot 512 on Deposited Plan 411205, Reserve 39600
Location (LGA area/s):	Shire of Manjimup
Localities (suburb/s):	Manjimup

1.2. Description of clearing activities

The clearing permit application was submitted by the Shire of Manjimup on 16 June 2023. The vegetation proposed to be cleared is contained within a single, contiguous 1.19-hectare area within the Manjimup cemetery to allow for additional grave sites and access tracks.

1.3. Decision on application

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	13 November 2024
Decision area:	1.19 hectares

1.4. Reasons for decision

On 24 November 2023, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) determined to grant Clearing Permit CPS 10235/1, authorising the Shire of Manjimup to clear 1.19 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of cemetery expansion (DWER, 2023).

One appeal was lodged against the grant of CPS 10235/1, with eight (8) appeal grounds raised.

This clearing permit amendment gives effect to the Minister for Environment's (the Minister) determination to allow the appeal in part (Appeal number: 051 of 2023). The Minister determined that the clearing should be undertaken gradually as required for cemetery purposes, and requested the following addition to Condition 5 of the permit:

- Clearing not be carried out as a single activity but be carried out gradually and on an as needs basis over the life of the permit (Minister for Environment, 2024).

The Delegated Officer has taken the above into consideration and decided to grant an amended clearing permit in accordance with the Minister's determination.

2 Assessment of application

2.1. Assessment

This amendment is the result of an appeal determination made by the Minister regarding the amendment of Clearing Permit CPS 10235/1. As a result of the appeal determination, the assessment against the clearing principles and planning and other matters have not changed from the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 10235/1 (DWER, 2023).

End

Appendix A. Sources of information

A.1. References

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) (2023). *Clearing permit and decision report: CPS 10235/1*, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Perth. Available from <https://ftp.dwer.wa.gov.au/permit/10235/Permit/>

Minister for Environment (2024). *Minister's Appeal Determination: Appeal against grant of a Clearing Permit CPS 10235/1 Cemetery Expansion Lot 512 DP 411205, Reserve 39600, Manjimup*.