

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: CPS 10519/1

File Number: DWERVT14234

Duration of Permit: From 10 July 2024 to 10 July 2026

PERMIT HOLDER

Thornlie Christian College (Inc)

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 802 on Deposited Plan 406125, Southern River

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The permit holder must not clear more than 0.05 hectares of *native vegetation* within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

CONDITIONS

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Directional clearing

The permit holder must conduct clearing activities in a slow, progressive manner and in one direction, from north to south, towards adjacent *native vegetation*, to allow fauna to move into adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity.

4. Fauna management – Quenda

- (a) In relation to the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1, the permit holder must engage a *fauna specialist* to inspect that area immediately prior to, and for the duration of clearing activities, for the presence of quenda (*Isoodon fusciventer*).
- (b) Clearing activities must cease in any area where fauna referred to in condition 4(a) are identified until either:
 - (i) the quenda individual(s) has moved on from that area to adjoining *suitable habitat*; or
 - (ii) the quenda individual(s) has been removed by a fauna specialist.
- (c) Any quenda individual(s) removed in accordance with condition 4(b)(ii) must be relocated by a *fauna specialist* to *suitable habitat*.
- (d) Where fauna identified under condition 4(a) is removed and relocated, the permit holder must within 14 calendar days provide the following records to the *CEO*:
 - (i) the number of individuals removed and relocated;
 - (ii) the relevant qualifications of the *fauna specialist* undertaking removal and relocation;
 - (iii) the date each individual was removed:
 - (iv) the method of removal;
 - (v) the date each individual was relocated;
 - (vi) the location where each individual was relocated to, recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and
 - (vii) details pertaining to the circumstances of any death of, or injury sustained by, an individual.

5. 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; (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;

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		(c) the date that the area was cleared;(d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);
		(e) actions taken to undertake slow, directional clearing in accordance with condition 3; and
		(f) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to quenda in accordance with condition 4.

6. Reporting

The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 5 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
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.
fauna specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specialising in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in fauna identification and surveys of fauna native to the region being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the <i>CEO</i> as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .
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.
suitable habitat (quenda)	means habitat known to support quenda (<i>Isoodon fusciventer</i>) within the known current distribution of the species. This often includes areas of dense understorey such as around swamps or in banksia and jarrah woodlands.
	means any plant –
weeds	(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act</i> 2007; or

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Term	Definition	
	(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

Ryan Mincham

MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

17 June 2024

SCHEDULE 1

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.