

<b>Application Details</b>	
Application number	APP-0025349
Application type	Application for new permit or referral to clear native vegetation
Application sub-type	Purpose permit (s.51E)
Project number	PRJ-0014645
Project name	Extension of the Leeuwin Trail, Dead Finish to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse
Instrument number (if applicable) CPS number	
Application Status	Submitted
Applicant	SHIRE OF AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER

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<b>Land Details</b>	
Property name	Leeuwin Road Reserve
Land description	PIN 11607702
Street address – Line 1	Leeuwin Road
Street address – Line 2	
Suburb	Augusta
Postcode	6290
Local government area	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
State	WA
Land Zoning	Public Roads

Relationship to landowner	I am the landowner
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<b>Land Details</b>	
Property name	Unnamed Road Reserves
Land description	PIN 11622190 & PIN 11622189
Street address – Line 1	Leeuwin Road
Street address – Line 2	
Suburb	Augusta
Postcode	6290
Local government area	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
State	WA
Land Zoning	Public Roads
Relationship to landowner	I am the landowner

<b>Land Details</b>	
Property name	Shire Reserve
Land description	Reserve 29219 (PIN 538052)
Street address – Line 1	Leeuwin Road
Street address – Line 2	
Suburb	Augusta
Postcode	6290
Local government area	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
State	WA
Land Zoning	Parks and Recreation
Relationship to landowner	I am the landowner

<b>Land Details</b>	
Property name	Shire Reserve
Land description	Reserve 25141 (PIN 538054, 122879 & 538048)
Street address – Line 1	Leeuwin Road
Street address – Line 2	
Suburb	Augusta
Postcode	6290
Local government area	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
State	WA
Land Zoning	Parks and Recreation
Relationship to landowner	I am the landowner

<b>Proposed Clearing</b>	
Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	0.62
Footprint of clearing (hectares)	0.62
Number of trees to be removed	0
Purpose for clearing	Other

Specify other	<p>It is proposed to construct the final 3.713 km section of the multi-use (walk/cycle) Leeuwin Trail, from Dead Finish Road to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, which will result in the clearing of up to 0.62 ha of native vegetation.</p> <p>The trail will be constructed using crushed granite to a width of 2.5 metres.</p> <p>Construction of the remaining section of the Leeuwin Trail will provide a safe means of walking or cycling between Dead Finish and the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse. It also allows for walkers finishing the Cape to Cape Track at Cape Leeuwin to continue walking safely to the Augusta townsite to access accommodation or transport.</p> <p>This project is externally funded via a grant from Department of Transport, and is time dependent, with completion required by 30 June 2025. It has a significant amount of support from the local community, including the Augusta Interpretation Plan and Trails Community Reference Group.</p>
Final land use after clearing	Conservation and Recreation
Method for proposed clearing	Cutting; Mechanical clearing/bulldozing
Specify other	
Proposed start date	01-10-2024
Proposed end date	30-06-2025
Avoidance details	<p>Supporting document attached – for complete avoidance details, including to significant species and communities, refer to Clearing assessment report, extension of the Leeuwin Trail, Dead Finish to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.</p> <p>In summary, a detailed trail alignment options analysis was undertaken by Common Ground Trails, which was informed by flora and fauna surveys undertaken in Spring 2019 and 2023, and a Healthy Country Plan in 2020 by Wadandi Traditional Custodians, with the aim of avoiding impacts to significant environmental and cultural values.</p> <p>Key biodiversity values that were identified and informed the trail options analysis included locations of coastal granite PEC, Augusta microbial TEC, Leeuwin Freshwater Snail, black cockatoo foraging habitat, WRP habitat, <i>Banksia sessilis</i> var. <i>cordata</i> P4 population, and <i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i> population. Eight potential alignments were identified and investigated in the options analysis, with the proposed trail alignment being recommended as having the smallest impact on environmental and cultural values. Wherever possible, the trail alignment has been designed to avoid impacts</p>

	<p>to these significant species and ecological communities within the project area.</p> <p>The trail has been designed to minimise clearing wherever possible, by utilising existing trails and cleared areas, and by aligning around significant features such as dunes and granite outcrops to avoid unnecessary disturbance to habitat. A 500 m section originally identified for trail construction at the eastern extent was subsequently realigned to the existing vehicle track, resulting in the reduction of 0.11 ha of clearing.</p> <p>The trail width will in most parts range between to 2m to 2.5m in order to minimise impacts to vegetation and habitat. A boardwalk with handrail will be constructed on one section of trail on the coastal granites to restrict trail user movement in fragile areas, and protect the granite ecosystem in the long term.</p> <p>The trail design incorporates surface water flows and allows for natural cross slope drainage, which will maintain natural flows and prevent erosion.</p>
<p>Mitigation details</p>	<p>Supporting document attached – for complete mitigation details, including to significant species and communities, refer to Clearing assessment report, extension of the Leeuwin Trail, Dead Finish to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.</p> <p>Existing informal vehicle and walk tracks in the project area will be closed to prevent future vehicle and informal public access to sensitive areas, specifically around Ringbolt Bay and Sarge Bay, which will improve the overall protection of biodiversity in the project area that is currently at risk from uncontrolled access.</p> <p>A total of 0.23 ha of informal tracks and disturbed areas within the project area will be rehabilitated using locally collected seed for either direct seeding, or propagation and infill planting.</p> <p>Erosion restoration works will be undertaken, including repair of a steep, degraded track, and stair installation to reduce the continued risk of erosion.</p> <p>Directional signage will be installed along the trail to identify formal beach access locations and about keeping to the trail, and interpretive signage at strategic locations to educate trail users about significant biodiversity values.</p> <p>Ongoing visual monitoring of vegetation condition will be undertaken, and follow up control measures undertaken where required, with particular focus on controlling weeds.</p> <p>A Construction EMP will be developed to identify environmental risks and mitigation strategies to be implemented during construction. This includes:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demarcation with flagging/bunting of the trail footprint and work areas, including approved parking and laydown areas.</li> <li>• Nearby occurrences of significant species and ecological communities will be temporarily demarcated with flagging/bunting or similar to prevent any access during construction, e.g. Augusta microbial TEC, Leeuwin Freshwater Snail, M. lanceolata population.</li> <li>• Weed hygiene and management</li> <li>• Dieback management</li> <li>• Topsoil and vegetation management</li> <li>• Fauna management, including the presence of a fauna specialist during clearing activities.</li> <li>• Surface water management.</li> <li>• Dust suppression.</li> <li>• Noise and vibration.</li> <li>• Access management</li> <li>• Environmental and cultural training and inductions by construction personnel.</li> </ul>
Offset proposal submitted?	True

Pre-application scoping	
Clearing within the Swan Coastal Plain and Avon Wheatbelt bioregions?	False
Any pre-application scoping meetings with DWER?	Yes, a pre-application meeting with DWER has been held. Details of this meeting are provided below.
Details of pre-application scoping meetings	<p>We have had a pre-application meeting with DWER, which was held on 17th April 2024, with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]</p> <p>We also had a pre-application meeting with Regional and District DBCA staff ([REDACTED]) on 7th May 2024.</p>

Assessment Bilateral Agreement	
Request the proposed clearing action to be assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process?	False
Is the proposed clearing a controlled action?	False
EPBC number	
Details of controlled action	

Surveys for assessment (IBSA and IMSA)	
Biodiversity surveys submitted?	Yes
IBSA number(s)	IBSA-2024-0226 IBSA-2020-0556 IBSA-2021-0047
IBSA submission number(s)	
Marine surveys prepared?	No

**NOTE: Additional IBSA package provided during validation;  
IBSA-2020-0040**

<b>Other approvals</b>	
Referred to EPA?	False
EPA details	
Intention to refer to EPA?	No - not a significant proposal
Ministerial statement number (if applicable)	
Works approval licence or registration	No - not required
Details of works approval licence or registration	
Water licences and permits?	Not applicable
Details of water licences and permits	
Planning and other approvals required?	Not applicable
Details of planning and other approvals	
Details of exemption from planning and approvals	Trail construction is consistent with the Reserve Purpose and Zoning of the Land.

<b>Attached Documents</b>	
Links to the Portal SharePoint location	Links to File folder: <a href="#">Application Folder</a> Link to Confidential folder: <a href="#">Application Confidential Folder</a>