



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 10944/1
Permit Holder:	Regional Power trading as Horizon Power
Duration of Permit:	From 23/07/2025 to 23/07/2030

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 construction of renewable energy infrastructure including geotechnical investigation

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 22 on Deposited Plan 214651, Laverton
 Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 50582, Laverton
 Public Road Reserves (PINs 1158885, 11713640, 11404675, 11713469), Laverton

3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 15.25 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 23/07/2030

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; and

- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

6. Weed 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*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no known *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. Riparian vegetation management

Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit within the area crosshatched red in Figure 1 of Schedule 2, the Permit holder must:

- (a) demarcate the area to be cleared
- (b) not clear more than 0.26 ha of vegetation type identified as VT15 - *Eucalyptus camaldulensis open woodland to isolated trees on drainage line* identified by GHD (2023) *Midwest and Remote Towns Biological Assessment*.

8. Fauna management (geotechnical investigation) – backfilling

The Permit holder must:

- (a) backfill all test pits on the day of drilling/excavating with excavated material; or
- (b) fence all test pits on the day of drilling/excavating with fine mesh to prevent fauna access; or
- (c) cover all test pits on the day of drilling/excavating with a cover which prevents entry to the pits by fauna species;
- (d) cover all bore holes at the end of each day and backfill upon completion.

9. Fauna management - 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 that adjacent *native vegetation* ahead of the clearing activity

10. Wind erosion management

To reduce the potential for wind erosion, the permit holder must:

- (a) commence construction of renewable energy infrastructure no later than three (3) months after undertaking the authorised clearing activities
- (b) implement dust suppression controls to cleared area if required.

11. Revegetation and rehabilitation (temporary works)

The permit holder must:

- (a) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared;
- (b) at an *optimal time* within 12 months following clearing authorised under this permit, *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the areas that are no longer required for the purpose of geotechnical investigation and/or construction of a renewable energy and/or associated infrastructure, by:
 - (i) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; and
 - (ii) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 11(a) on the cleared area(s).
- (c) within 24 months of laying the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area in accordance with condition 11(b) of this permit:
 - (i) engage an *environmental specialist* to determine the species composition, structure and density of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*; and
 - (ii) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 11(c)(i) of this Permit will not result in similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-referral clearing vegetation types in that area, *revegetate* the area by deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding native vegetation* that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area and ensuring only *local provenance* seeds and propagating material are used.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

12. 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 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> in accordance with condition 6;

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		(g) actions taken to manage and mitigate impacts to riparian vegetation in accordance with condition 7; (h) evidence of backfilling / fencing / covering all excavations in accordance with condition; (i) actions taken to mitigate impacts to fauna in accordance with condition 9.
2.	In relation to the <i>revegetation</i> and <i>rehabilitation</i> of areas pursuant to condition 11 of the Permit	(a) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated; (b) the date(s) on which the revegetation and rehabilitation was undertaken; and (c) the boundaries of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (recorded digitally as a shapefile).

13. Reporting

The permit holder must provide the *CEO* the records required under condition 12 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.
environmental specialist	means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of two (2) years work experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this permit, or who is approved by the CEO as a suitable environmental specialist.
fill	means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> (WA)
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.

Term	Definition
native vegetation	has the meaning given under section 3(1) and section 51A of the EP Act.
optimal time	means the period from April to June
regenerate/ regenerated regeneration	means re-establishment of vegetation from in situ seed banks and propagating material (such as lignotubers, bulbs, rhizomes) contained either within the topsoil or seed-bearing mulch.
rehabilitate/ rehabilitated/ rehabilitation	means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area.
revegetate/ revegetated/ revegetation	means the re-establishment of a cover of local provenance native vegetation in an area using methods such as natural <i>regeneration</i> , <i>direct seeding</i> and/or <i>planting</i> , so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.
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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Schedule 1

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

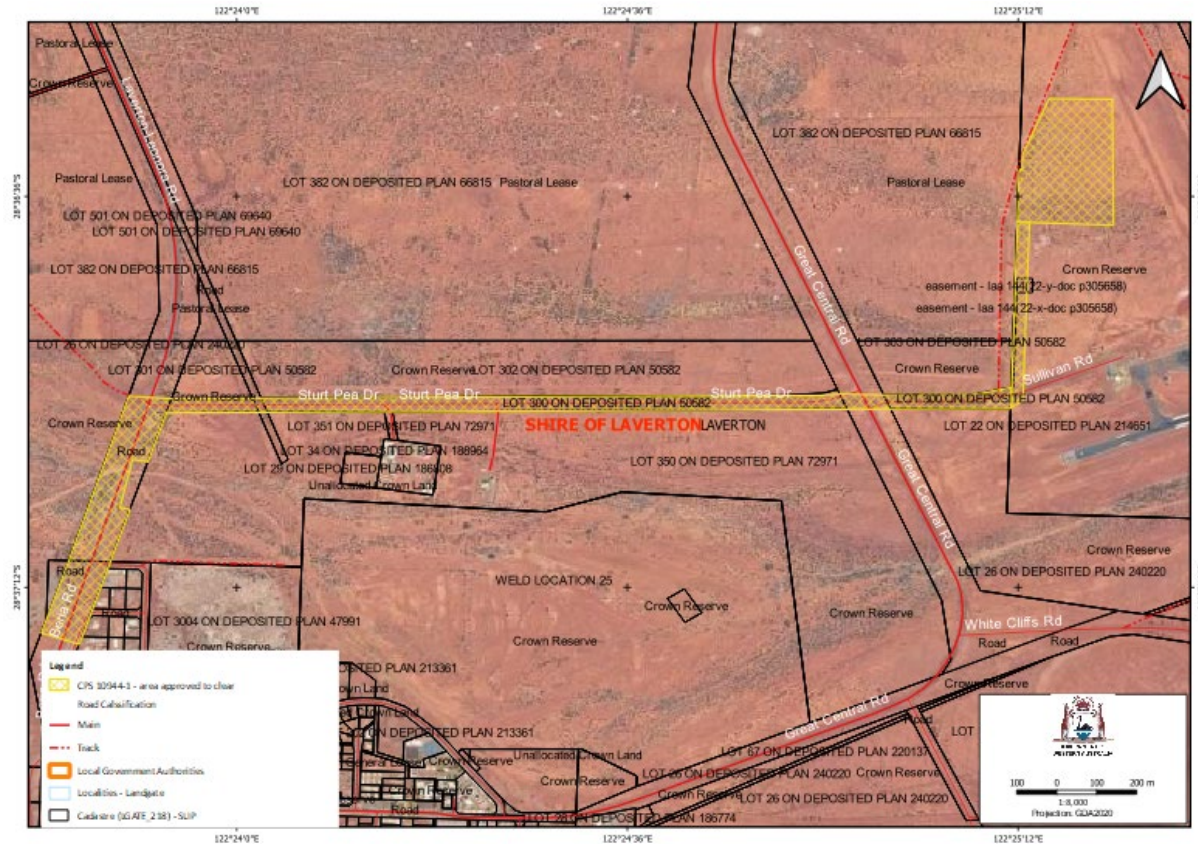


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur

The area crosshatched yellow indicates the area authorised to be cleared under the granted clearing permit

Schedule 2

The area subject to condition 7 of the Permit

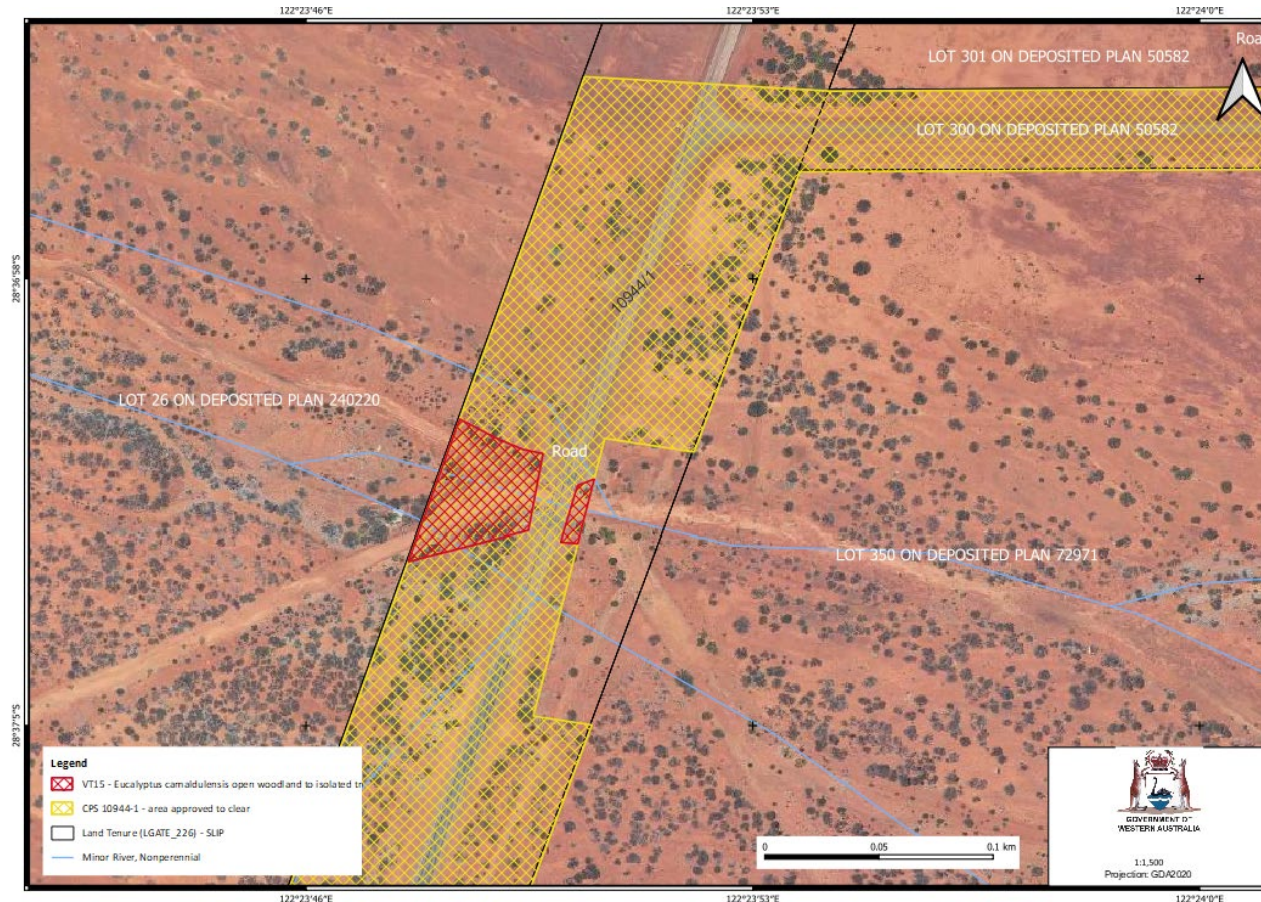


Figure 2: Map of the vegetation type VT15 - *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* open woodland to isolated trees on drainage line

The areas crosshatched red indicate that the area subject to condition 7 of the Permit

Reference:

GHD (2023). *Midwest and Remote Towns Biological Assessment*. Horizon Power. Perth, Western Australia. (DWER Ref DWERDT11234680)