



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 1169/1
Permit holder:	City of Albany
Purpose of clearing:	Road widening and realignment.
Shire:	Albany
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PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1 Land on which clearing is to be done

Areas hatched yellow on attached Plans 1169/1a and 1169/1b.

2 Area of clearing

Clearing of up to 2.5 hectares of native vegetation.

3 Application

This Permit allows the permit holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the permit holder, to clear *native vegetation* for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

4 Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1 and 2 of this Permit, the permit holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

5 Avoid, minimise etc clearing

- a) In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purposes of road upgrades the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:
 - i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
 - ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
 - iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

6 Dieback and weed control

- a) When undertaking any *clearing*, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *dieback*:
 - i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - ii) avoid the movement of soil in wet conditions;
 - iii) ensure that no *dieback*-affected *road building materials*, *mulches* or *fill* are brought into an area that is not affected by *dieback*; and
 - iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- b) When undertaking any *clearing*, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:
 - i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected *road building materials*, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
 - iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- c) At least once in each 12 month period for the *term* of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas *cleared* under this Permit.

7 Closure of road to *Banksia verticillata*

In consultation with Parks and Visitor Services, South Coast Region, the proponent shall close the disused track located in proximity to *Banksia verticillata* to prevent vehicle access to the satisfaction of the CEO.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8 Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant:

- a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to conditions 1 and 2:
 - i) The species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
 - ii) The location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - iii) The date that the area was cleared; and
 - iv) The size of the area cleared (in hectares).

9 Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records requested under condition 8 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

10 Definitions

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment;

clearing has the meaning given to it in section 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

dieback means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on *native vegetation*;

EP Act means the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

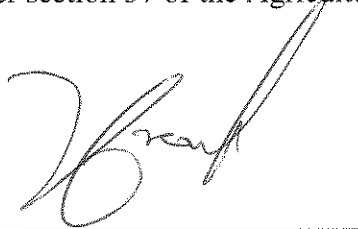
mulch means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

native vegetation has the meaning given to it in sections 3 and 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

road building materials means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water;

term means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed; and

weed means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.



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