



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 1456/1
Permit holder:	Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Purpose of clearing:	Gravel Pits, bores sites and Road Re-alignment
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The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the above stated purposes, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

The areas coloured yellow within:-

- Plan 1456/1a
 - Site 1 – north west point 115.3078, -24.8598 south east point 115.3122, -24.8641
 - Site 2 – northern point 115.2908, -24.9506 south eastern point 115.2911, -24.9556
 - Site 3 – northern point 115.2674, -24.9772 south eastern point 115.2668, -24.9825
 - Site 4 – northern point 115.2341, -25.0204 southern point 115.2348, -25.0273
 - Site 5 – northern point 115.2375, -25.0249 southern point 115.2376, -25.0310
 - Site 6 – northern point 115.2161, -25.0918 south eastern point 115.2192, -25.0958
 - Site 7 – northern point 115.3360, -25.0544 south eastern point 115.3395, -25.0597
- Plan 1456/1b
 - Site 8 – northern point 115.4033, -25.0969 southern point 115.4050, -25.1025
 - Site 9 – north west point 115.4145, -25.1184 south east point 115.4215, -25.1229
 - Site 10 – north west point 115.4912, -25.1820 eastern point 115.4974, -25.1853
 - Site 11 – north west point 115.4904, -25.1953 south east point 115.4968, -25.2004
 - Site 12 – western point 115.4673, -25.2160 eastern point 115.4769, -25.2187
 - Site 13 – north west point 115.5708, -25.2617 south east point 115.5758, -25.2737
- Plan 1456/1c
 - Site 14 – north west point 115.7188, -25.2794 south east point 115.7260, -25.2865
- Plan 1456/1d
 - Site 15 – north west point 116.0271, -25.3975 south east point 116.0352, -25.3998 southern point 116.0308, -25.4002
 - Site 16 – north west point 116.0668, -25.4023 south east point 116.0751, -25.4057
 - Site 17 – western point 116.1458, -25.3636 eastern point 116.1543, -25.3606
 - Site 18 – north west point 116.2279, -25.2788 south east point 116.2364, -25.2827
- Plan 1456/1e
 - Site 19 – north west point 116.3219, -25.2677 south east point 116.3315, -25.2705
 - Site 20 – north west point 116.4759, -25.2512 south east point 116.4823, -25.2562
 - Site 21 – north west point 116.5817, -25.2887 south east point 116.5876, -25.2657
- Plan 1456/1f
 - Site 22 – north point 117.1123, -25.3893 east point 117.1177, -25.3924 south point 117.1148, -25.3970 west point 117.1108, -25.3905
 - Site 23 – north west point 117.1587, -25.4208 south east point 117.1627, -25.4243
 - Site 24 – north west point 117.1237, -25.4343 south east point 117.1289, -25.4378

- Site 25 – north point 117.1403, -25.4522 south point 117.1459, -25.4680 south west point 117.1429, -25.4668 north west point 117.1395, -25.4559
- Plan 1456/1g
 - Site 26 – north west point 116.9321, -24.6582 south east point 116.9384,-24.6619
 - Site 27 – north west point 116.9391, -24.4161 south east point 116.9417,-24.4196
- Plan 1456/1h
 - Site 28 – north point 117.0255, -24.1780 north east point 117.0312, -24.1816 south east point 117.0254, -24.2125 south west point 117.0091,-24.2143
 - Site 29 – north west point 117.0308, -24.1292 south east point 117.0353,-24.1361
- Plan 1456/1i
 - Site 30 – west point 116.5610, -24.2172 north point 116.5683, -24.2127 east point 116.5773, -24.2139
 - Site 31 – northern point 116.5171, -24.2101 eastern point 116.5203, -24.2160
- Plan 1456/1j
 - Site 32 – north west point 116.1663, -24.6655 south east point 116.1711,-24.6694
 - Site 33 – north west point 116.1041, -24.7323 south east point 116.1096,-24.7332
 - Site 34 – north west point 115.9609, -24.8821 south east point 115.9645,-24.8865
- Plan 1456/1k
 - Site 35 – north west point 115.9061, -25.1905 south east point 115.9051,-25.2054
 - Site 36 – north west point 115.8969, -25.2129 south east point 115.9000,-25.2158

2. Area of clearing

Clearing of up to 15.3 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 widening 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. Revegetation

- a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit and shall, within one month of the area no longer being required for the purpose of gravel extraction, lay vegetative material and topsoil on the gravel pit
- b) Prior to undertaking works pursuant to condition 6(a) the permit holder shall rip pit floor and contour batters within the gravel extraction site.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

7. 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 the purpose of clearing:
 - (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).
- b) In relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 6:
 - (i) The location of any area *revegetated* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) A description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken;
 - (iii) The size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares); and
 - (iv) The commencement date of *revegetation*; and

8. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* on or before the 30th of June of each year, for the term of this permit, a written report of records requested under condition 7 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

9. Definitions

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

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

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

Environmental Specialist means a person who is engaged by the permit holder for the purpose of providing environmental advice, who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this Permit;

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* and regulation 4 of the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*;

revegetation means the re-establishment of a cover of *native vegetation* in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to *pre-clearing* vegetation types in that area, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting;

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

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

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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