



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 1504/1

File Number: DEC453

Duration of Permit: From 9 September 2007 to 9 September 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

City of Albany

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Road Reserve – Lower Denmark Road

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 4.5 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plans 1504/1, 1504/2, 1504/3, 1504/4, 1504/5, 1504/6, and 1504/7.

CONDITIONS

1. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of the construction of a new road the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in 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. Flora Management

- (a) Prior to clearing, the site shall be inspected by a *flora specialist* to identify the presence of *Caladenia plicata*.
- (b) Where *Caladenia plicata* is identified in relation to condition 7(a) the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs with 10 metres of identified *Caladenia plicata*, unless approved by the *CEO*.

3. Dieback and weed control

- (a) When undertaking any clearing or other activity pursuant to this Permit 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.

5. Records to be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain records for activities done pursuant to condition 2 of this Permit, documenting the location of all *Caladenia plicata* specimens recorded, using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994.

6. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO*, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 5 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

7. 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;

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

flora specialist means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora.

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;

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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