



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 1514 / 1

File Number: DEC456

Duration of Permit: From 20 February 2007 to 20 February 2009

PERMIT HOLDER

City of Rockingham

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

LOT 2730 ON PLAN 215879 (Lot No. 2730 ELANORA COOLOONGUP 6168)

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 2.9 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 1514/1.

CONDITIONS

1. Offsets

- (a) The Permit Holder shall prepare an offset proposal in accordance with the following offset principles:
- (i) direct offsets should directly counterbalance the loss of the native vegetation;
 - (ii) offsets are implemented only once all avenues to avoid, minimise, rectify or reduce environmental impacts have been exhausted;
 - (iii) the environmental values, habitat, species, ecological community, physical area, ecosystem, landscape, and hydrology of the offset should be the same as, or better than, that of the area of native vegetation being offset;
 - (iv) a ratio greater than 2:1 should be applied to the size of the area of native vegetation that is offset to compensate for the risk that the offset may fail;
 - (v) offsets must entail a robust and consistent assessment process;
 - (vi) in determining an appropriate offset, consideration should be given to ecosystem function, rarity and type of ecological community, vegetation condition, habitat quality and area of native vegetation cleared;
 - (vii) the offset should either result in no net loss of native vegetation, or lead to a net gain in native vegetation and improve the condition of the natural environment;
 - (viii) offsets must satisfy all statutory requirements;
 - (ix) offsets must be clearly defined, documented and audited;
 - (x) offsets must ensure a long-term (10-30 year) benefit; and
 - (xi) an *environmental specialist* must be involved in the design, assessment and monitoring of offsets.

- (b) Once the permit holder has developed an offset proposal, the permit holder must provide that offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval prior to undertaking any clearing, and prior to implementing the offset.
- (c) Clearing may not commence until and unless the CEO has approved the offset proposal.
- (d) The offset proposal shall include a direct offset, timing for implementation of the offset proposal.

2. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to the offsets outlined in condition 1:

- (i) The location of any area of offsets recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
- (ii) A description of the offset activities undertaken; and
- (iii) The size of the offset area (in hectares).

3. Reporting

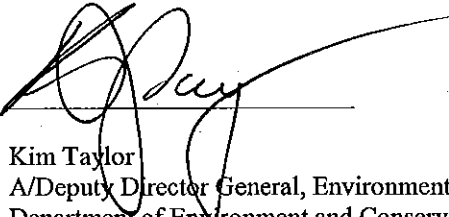
The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June each year, a written report of records requested under condition 2 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

4. Definitions

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*;

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*;



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19 January 2007