

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 1548/1 File Number: DEC 372

Duration of Permit: 23 April 2007 to 23 April 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Dardanup

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Ferguson Road Reserve (WELLINGTON MILL 6236) between the intersection of Wellington Mill Road and Ferguson Rd and 230 metres north of the intersection of Ferguson Road and Gerde View, as per attached Plan 1548/1(a), (b), (c) and (d).

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The permit holder is authorised to clear up to 3.1 hectares of native vegetation, outlined in yellow on attached plans 1548/1(a), 1548/1(b), 1548/1(c) and 1548/1(d), for the purpose of road widening, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

CONDITIONS

1 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, mulches or fill are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; 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.

2 Fauna management

- (a) Prior to clearing within the areas described in Clearing Authorised above, the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify trees that contain hollows suitable to be utilised as habitat by fauna listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna)*Notice 2005.
- (b) Prior to clearing, any trees identified by condition 2(a) that contain hollows suitable to be utilised as habitat by fauna listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna)*Notice 2005 shall be inspected by a fauna specialist.
- (c) Prior to clearing the Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified in condition 2(b) shall be removed and relocated by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

3 Records must be kept

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

In relation to Fauna Management pursuant to condition 2:

- (i) The location of each habitat tree identified recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
- (ii) The species of each habitat tree identified;
- (iii) The species of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising the habitat trees;
- (iv) The species and number of each species relocated; and
- (v) The location and date where relocated fauna was released, using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994.

4 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 3 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

5 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;

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

EP Act means the Environmental Protection Act 1986;

fauna specialist means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna;

fauna clearing person means a person who has obtained a licence from the Department of Conservation and Land Management, issued pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970 (as amended) authorising them to take fauna in order to carry out the approved clearing associated with this permit.

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;

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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Officer delegated under Section 20

of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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