



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 1589/2
Permit holder:	Shire of Brookton
Purpose of clearing:	Road upgrades
Shire:	Shire of Brookton
Duration of permit:	10 November 2006 – 10 November 2008

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* for the above stated purposes, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

York Williams Road Reserve between South Dale Road and Brookton Highway
Moorumbine Road Reserve between Kweda Road and Schultz Road

2. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 0.5 ha 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 Offset Conditions

a). Determination of offsets

- i). If part or all of the clearing to be done is or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, then the permit holder must implement an offset in accordance with Conditions (4a and 4b) of this Permit with respect to that native vegetation.
- ii). In determining the offset to be implemented with respect to a particular area of native vegetation proposed to be cleared under this Permit, the permit holder must have regard to the offset principles contained in Condition 4b of this Permit.
- iii). 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 in accordance, prior to undertaking any clearing to which the offset relates, and prior to implementing the offset.

- iv). Clearing may not commence until and unless the CEO has approved the offset proposal.
 - v). The permit holder shall implement the offset proposal approved under condition (4a(iii)).
 - vi). Each offset proposal shall include a direct offset, timing for implementation of the offset proposal and may additionally include contributing offsets.
- b). Offset principles
- For the purpose of this Part, the offset principles are as follows:
- i). direct offsets should directly counterbalance the loss of the native vegetation;
 - ii). contributing offsets should complement and enhance the direct offset;
 - iii). offsets are implemented only once all avenues to avoid, minimise, rectify or reduce environmental impacts have been exhausted;
 - iv). 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;
 - v). a ratio greater than 1:1 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;
 - vi). offsets must entail a robust and consistent assessment process;
 - vii). 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;
 - viii). 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;
 - ix). offsets must satisfy all statutory requirements;
 - x). offsets must be clearly defined, documented and audited;
 - xi). offsets must ensure a long-term (10-30 year) benefit; and
 - xii). an environmental specialist must be involved in the design, assessment and monitoring of offsets.

4. Records

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 location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) The date that the area was cleared; and
 - (iii) The size of the area cleared (in square metres).
- (b) In relation to the offsets of areas pursuant to condition 4:
 - (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).

5. Reporting

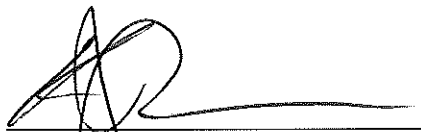
The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO*, on or before 10 September 2008, a written report of records requested under condition 3 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit.

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*;

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Kim Taylor
A/Deputy Director General, Department of Environment and Conservation
Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

8 June 2007