

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number: CPS 1626/2

Permit holder: Shire of Upper Gascoyne

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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

Lot 11 on plan 238356

Landor - Mt Clere Road

• 25°02.66 S / 117°13.82 E to 25°02.63 S / 117°14.11 E

Lot 26 on Plan 220374

Landor - Meekatharra Road 032

- 25°32.49 S / 117°14.37 E to 25°32.04 S / 117°14.58 E
- 25°36.15 S / 117°15.70 E to 25°36.31 S / 117°15.62 E

Lot 30 on Plan 220366

Landor - Dalgety Road 005

- 25°13.63 S / 116°43.79 E to 25°14.23 S / 116°44.41 E
- 25°13.48 S / 116°47.39 E to 25°13.55 S / 116°47.08 E

Lot 36 on Plan 221184

Carnarvon - Mullewa Road 045

- 25°34.45 S / 115°58.38 E to 25°34.34 S / 115°58.43 E
- 25°34.34 S / 115°58.43 E to 25°34.18 S / 115°58.41 E
- 25°34.18 S / 115°58.41 E to 25°34.17 S / 115°58.51 E
- 25°34.17 S / 115°58.51 E to 25°33.17 S / 115°59.37 E
- 25°34.91 S / 115°58.60 E to 25°35.11 S / 115°58.57 E
- 25°37.52 S / 115°57.96 E to 25°38.54 S / 115°58.04 E

Lot 37 on Plan 27386

Cobra – Mount Augustus Road 020

• 24°11'59.49 S / 116°28'49.08 E to 24°12'01.01 S / 116°28'30.34 E

Lot 38 on Plan 221065

Cobra - Dairy Creek Road 001

• 24°12.05 S / 116°26.97 E to 24°11.89 S / 116°27.36 E

- 24°52.918 S / 115°56.320 E to 24°52.507 S / 115°56.364 E
- 24°39.321 S / 116°10.083 E to 24°38.452 S / 116°10.150 E

Landor - Mount Augustus Road

• 24°37.18 S / 116°55.20 E to 24°36.57 S / 116°55.48 E

Part Lot 47 on plan 238650

Dalgety Downs - Glenburgh Road 013

• 25°17.24 S / 116°12.70 E to 25°17.41 S / 116°12.44 E

Lot 221 on plan 220357

Gilroyd Road

• 25°47,306 S / 115°10.510 E to 25°47.569 S / 115°10.790 E

Part Lot 426 on Plan 220976

Ullawarra Road 002

- 24°23.36 S / 115°25.83 E to 24°23.40 S / 115°25.87 E
- 24°11.65 S / 115°30.86 E to 24°11.30 S / 115°31.31 E

2. Area of clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 107.85 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. Type of Clearing Authorised

This Permit authorises the permit holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the permit holder has the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

5. 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

6. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purposes of road realignment and upgrading 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.

7. 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 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.
- (b) 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.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done in relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to the purpose of clearing:

- (a) the species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
- (b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
- (c) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

9. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 8 of this Permit and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 12 May 2012 the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 8 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 8(a) of this Permit.

Definitions

The following meanings are given to terms used in 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;

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 Environment and Conservation (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.

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NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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