



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 1740/4
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	The Anglican Schools Commission Incorporated
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	4 June 2007 - 4 June 2022

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**

Clearing for the purpose of construction of Esperance Anglican Community School.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 691 on Plan 2788, West Beach  
Lot 1 on Diagram 63925, West Beach  
Lot 540 on Plan 2788, West Beach  
Lot 539 on Plan 2788, West Beach  
Lot 538 on Plan 2788, West Beach

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 10 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 1740/4.

**4. 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.

**5. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures**

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 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 authorised under this Permit, 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. Dieback and weed control

- (a) When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback*:
- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) shall only move soils in *dry conditions*;
  - (iii) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
  - (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

## DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

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

*dry conditions* means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

*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;

*weed/s* means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



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CLEARING REGULATION





*Officer delegated under Section 20  
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

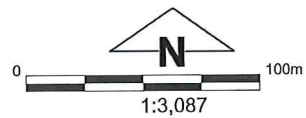
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# Plan 1740/4



## Legend

-  Roads
-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority
-  Cadastre



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Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 1740/4  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: The Anglican Schools Commission (Inc)

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 691 on Plan 2788, West Beach  
Lot 1 on Diagram 63925, West Beach  
Lot 540 on Plan 2788, West Beach  
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Local Government Authority: Shire of Esperance

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
10		Mechanical Removal	Building or structure

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant

Decision Date: 2 March 2017

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing maybe at variance to principle (g) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles. State Government and other relevant policies have been taken into account in this decision to grant an amendment to a clearing permit.

Through assessment it has been determined that given the sandy soils mapped within the application area the proposed clearing may result in wind erosion. Approximately 8.46 hectares of native vegetation has been already cleared under the existing clearing permit with 1.54 hectares of native vegetation remaining to be cleared within the application area. Given this and that the end land use is for the purpose of a school, impacts of wind erosion are likely to be short term and minimal.

## 2. Site Information

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

#### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Beard vegetation Association 42 is described as shrublands; mallee & acacia scrub on south coastal dunes (Shepherd et al., 2001).	The application is to clear 10 hectares of native vegetation from an 11.8 hectare area for the purpose of constructing the Esperance Anglican Community School.	Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery, 1994)  To  Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994)	The vegetation description and condition was determined by aerial photography and a vegetation and flora assessment conducted in December 2006 (Botanica Consulting, 2007) which included photographs of the vegetation under application.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The applicant has applied to extend the duration of permit CPS 1740/3 by five years. A review of current environmental information as well as planning and other matters reveals no new additional information. Therefore the assessment against the clearing principles as well as planning and other matters has not changed and can be found in the Decision Report for Clearing Permit CPS 1740/3.

On 6 February 2017 the application was advertised in *The West Australian* newspaper for a period of 7 days. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

## Methodology

### 4. References

- Botanica Consulting (2007) Flora and Vegetation Survey of a Proposed Anglican Community School Site, Esperance. Botanica Consulting, Boulder, Western Australia. DOC15801
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.