



CLEARING PERMIT
Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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Permit holder:	Shire of Carnarvon
Purpose of clearing:	Road Construction and Upgrades
Shire:	Shire of Carnarvon
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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 347 ON PLAN 91266 (MACLEOD 6701)
 LOT 383 ON PLAN 216430 (MACLEOD 6701)
 LOT 382 ON PLAN 216430 (MACLEOD 6701)
 LOT 381 ON PLAN 216430 (MACLEOD 6701)
 GASCOYNE LOCATION 363 (MACLEOD 6701)

2. Area of clearing

Clearing of up to 3.1 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 1817/1.

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 the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

7. Revegetation

- (a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit.
- (b) Within 30 calendar days of the area being cleared in accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder must *revegetate* the pre-existing, abandoned road surface areas that have not been stabilised for road construction by:
 - (i) Laying vegetative material and topsoil retained in accordance with condition 7(a) on the area.
- (c) Prior to undertaking works pursuant to condition 7(b) the permit holder shall rip the pre-existing, abandoned road surface.
- (d) Within one year of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 7(b), the Permit Holder must:
 - (i) Determine the species composition, structure and density of the area revegetated; and
 - (ii) Where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 7(d)(i) will not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area the Permit Holder must undertake additional planting or seeding of native vegetation by deliberately planting and/or seeding native vegetation that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area and ensuring only local provenance seeds and propagating material from within 20km of the area cleared are used to *revegetate* the area;

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. Records must be kept

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 species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
 - (ii) The location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (iii) The date that the area was cleared; and
 - (iv) The size of the area cleared (in hectares).

- (b) In relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 7:
- (i) The location of any area *revegetated* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) A description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken;
 - (iii) The size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares); and
 - (vi) The commencement date of *revegetation*.

9. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before the 30th of June of each year, for the *term* of this permit, a written report of records required under condition 8 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

10. Definitions

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

environmental specialist means a person who is engaged by the permit holder for the purpose of providing environmental advice, who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this Permit;

revegetation, revegetate, revegetated means the re-establishment of a cover of *native vegetation* in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to *pre-clearing* vegetation types in that area, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting;

term means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed.



Keith Claymore
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