



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 1924 / 1  
File Number: DEC3532  
Duration of Permit: From 8 February 2009 to 8 February 2014

### PERMIT HOLDER

City of Albany

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

LOT 659 ON PLAN 100639

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 3 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 1924/1.

### 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 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) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *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.

#### 2. Flora management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the site shall be inspected by a *flora specialist* for the presence of the following priority flora taxa:
- (i) *Banksia serra*
- (b) Where priority flora taxa are identified in relation to condition 2(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
- (i) all records of priority flora taxa are submitted to the CEO; and
  - (ii) no clearing occurs with 30 metres of identified *priority flora taxa*, unless approved by the CEO.

#### 3. Revegetation

- (a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit.

- (b) Within six month of the area no longer being required for the purpose of gravel extraction the permit holder must *revegetate* the area by:
  - (i) lay vegetative material and topsoil retained in accordance with condition 3(a) on the area.
  - (ii) 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;
  - (iii) ensuring only local provenance seeds and propagating material from within 10km of the area cleared are used to *revegetate* the area; and
- (c) Within one year of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 3(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 3(c)(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 in accordance with the requirements of condition 3(b)(ii) and (iii).

#### 4. Records to be kept

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

- (a) In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 2 of this Permit:
  - (i) the location of each *priority flora taxa* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994; and
  - (ii) the species of each *priority flora taxa* identified.
- (b) The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit in relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 3:
  - (i) the commencement date of *revegetation*;
  - (ii) the location of any area *revegetated* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
  - (iii) description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken;
  - (iv) the size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares); and
  - (v) the species, structure and composition of *revegetation* measured.

#### 5. 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 4 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 8 December 2013, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 4 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 5(a) of this Permit.

#### Definitions

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

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

*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;

*fill* means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

*flora specialist* means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

*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;

*planting* means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species;

*priority flora taxa* means those plant taxa that described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the *Department's Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia* (as amended);

*revegetate, revegetated, revegetation* 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; and

*weed/s* 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*.



Dr Ken Atkins  
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