

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 1984/1

File Number: DEC4022

Duration of Permit: From 1 December 2007 to 1 December 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Department of Environment and Conservation

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Unallocated Crown Land (PIN 578808)

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purpose of road construction

CONDITIONS

- 1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.05ha of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 1984/1.
- 2. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of road construction, 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.

3. Revegetation

- (a) Within six months of completion of road construction, any area within the area hatched red on attached Plan 1984/1 no longer required for the purpose of vehicle access, must be revegetated by the Permit Holder by:
 - (i) 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;
 - (ii) ensuring only local provenance seeds and propagating material from within 10km of the area cleared are used to revegetate the area.
- (b) Within one year of undertaking revegetation in accordance with condition 3(a), 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(b)(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(a)(i) and 3(a)(ii).

4. 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 this permit:
 - (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 3:
 - (i) the commencement date of revegetation;
 - (ii) the location of any area revegetated recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (iii) a 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

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 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

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;

revegetate, revegetated and 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;

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Of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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