

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number: CPS 2111/1

Permit holder: Shire of Dardanup

Purpose of clearing: Road Realignment

Shire: Dardanup

Duration of permit: 10 May 2008 – 10 May 2010

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PART I - CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

Carlaminda Road Reserve, Ferguson 6236

2. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.95 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 2111/1.

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 for the purpose of road upgrade 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 pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *dieback*:
 - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) avoid the movement of soil in wet conditions;
 - (iii) ensure that no *dieback*-affected *road building materials*, *mulch* or *fill* are brought into an area that is not affected by *dieback*; and
 - (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (b) 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.
 - (c) 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.

8. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to clearing within the area described in conditions 1 and 2, the area shall be inspected by a fauna specialist who shall identify trees that contain hollows suitable to be utilised as habitat by fauna listed in the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2005.
- (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat identified by condition 8(a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of fauna listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice* 2005.
- (c) Prior to clearing the Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified in condition 8(b) shall be removed and relocated by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

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

- (b) In relation to Fauna Management pursuant to condition 8:
 - (i) the location of each habitat tree identified recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) the species of each habitat tree identified;
 - (iii) the species of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising the habitat trees;
 - (iv) the species and number of each species relocated; and
 - (v) the location and date where relocated fauna was released, using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994.

10. 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 9 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:

fauna specialist means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna;

fauna clearing person means a person who has obtained a licence from the Department of Conservation and Land Management, issued pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970 (as amended) authorising them to take fauna in order to carry out the approved clearing associated with this permit;

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

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 Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared undersection 37 of the Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.

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