



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 2147/1
File number:	DEC 4940
Permit holder:	Water Corporation
Duration of permit:	30 November 2008 to 30 November 2013

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 following purposes:

- (a) Access roads;
- (b) Dam remedial works;
- (c) Borrow area for material extraction; and
- (d) Reconstruction of auxiliary spillway levees.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 51 on Diagram 9953
Lot 50 on Plan 42695
Lot 32 on Plan 38054
Lot 2385 on Plan 37529
Weir Road Reserve

3. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 3.8 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 2147/1.

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. 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 *Water Agencies (Powers) Act 1984* or any other written law.

6. 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

7. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of extraction of sand and limestone, 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.

8. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to clearing within the area described under Authorised Activity, 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 by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

9. Revegetation

- (a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetation material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit.
- (b) Within six months of any area no longer being required for a borrow area for material extraction, the Permit Holder must *revegetate* the area by:
 - (i) Deliberately applying and spreading the vegetation material and topsoil retained under condition 9(a), across the *revegetation* area.
 - (ii) Deliberately planting and/or seeding native vegetation using local species from within 20 km of the area cleared.
- (c) Within one year of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 9(b), the Permit Holder must where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, *revegetation* does not provide adequate stabilisation of surface soils, undertake additional planting or seeding of native vegetation in accordance with the requirements of condition 9(b)(i) and 9(b)(ii).

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

10. 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 authorised under this permit:
 - (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 species of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising the habitat trees;
 - (ii) the species and number of each species relocated; and the location and date where relocated fauna was released, using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994.
- (c) In relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 9:
 - (i) the location of any area *revegetated* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994
 - (ii) description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken; and
 - (iii) the size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares).

11. Reporting

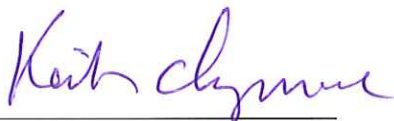
- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 10 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 16 August 2013, the permit holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 10 where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a).

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 an/or planting.



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