



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:2151 / 1

File Number:DEC4936

Duration of Permit: From 10 Feb 2008 to 10 Feb 2010

PERMIT HOLDER

Water Corporation

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 6382 on Plan 36936, Hopetoun

Lot 1495 on Plan 18336, Hopetoun

Lot 630 on Plan 189454, Hopetoun

Lot 3027 on Plan 52614, Hopetoun

Lot 3026 on Plan 52614, Hopetoun

Hopetoun-Ravensthorpe Road Reserve, Hopetoun

Veal Road Reserve, Hopetoun

Hammersley Road Reserve, Hopetoun

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

Clearing for the purpose of Hopetoun Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure.

CONDITIONS

1. The permit holder must not clear more than 7.4 hectares of native vegetation and 100 native trees within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plans 2151/1a, 2151/1b, 2151/1c, 2151/1d, 2151/1e, 2151/1f and 2151/1g.
2. Avoid, minimise etc clearing
In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of Hopetoun Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure, 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.
3. 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 *mulch*, *fill* or other material is 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 *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.

DEFINITIONS

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;

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 under section 37 of the *Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.



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