

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS Purpose Permit Number: 2223 / 1 File Number: A1858/200701 Duration of Permit: From 12 April 2008 to 30 June 2010

PERMIT HOLDER

The Griffin Coal Mining Company Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Coal Mining Lease 12/748 Coal Mining Lease 12/752

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of mineral production.

CONDITIONS

- 1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 14.98 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2223/1.
- 2. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - (a) the location where the clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
 - (b) the size of the area cleared in hectares;
 - (c) the method of clearing;
 - (d) the purpose of clearing;
 - (e) the dates on which the area was cleared.
- 3. Clearing activities shall only be undertaken by the Permit Holder during dry soil conditions.
- 4. The Permit Holder shall not allow any external soils, road base or vegetative material on site unless tested free of *Phytophthora cinnamomi* contamination or sourced from a known *Phytophthora cinnamomi* free source.
- 5. The Permit Holder shall ensure that all vehicles, tools, footwear and machinery are cleaned of all soil and plant material when entering or exiting the areas marked cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2223/1.
- 6. The Permit Holder shall implement weed control measures to prevent the establishment of weeds within the Clearing Permit Areas, as marked cross-hatched yellow on the attached Plan 2223/1.
- 7. The Permit Holder shall implement appropriate erosion control measures to minimise potential erosion within the Clearing Permit Areas, as marked cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2223/1.
- 8. The Permit Holder shall retain all hollow logs and stumps from vegetation cleared within the areas marked cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2223/1, for use in rehabilitation.

9. The Permit Holder shall, prior to 1 July 2008, attach a total of 10 constructed nest boxes to trees that occur on Coal Mining Lease 12/748. In attaching the constructed nest boxes to trees the permit holder shall ensure that:

(a) the constructed nest box is of a width and length of 300mm or greater, and a height of 900mm or greater;

(b) each tree to which a constructed nest box is attached is more than 20 metres distant from any other tree to which a constructed nest box is attached;

(c) each constructed nest box is to be attached to the tree at a height of between 3 and 9 metres from the ground; and

(d) each tree to which a constructed nest box is to be attached must have a diameter at breast height (DBH) of at least 300 millimetres.

10. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources, prior to 30 June 2010, setting out the records required under Condition 2 of this permit, in relation to clearing carried out in accordance with this permit.

Graham Cobby DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

13 March 2008