

### **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number:

2363 / 1

File Number:

DEC6647

Duration of Permit:

From 15 February 2009 to 15 February 2013

## PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Busselton

## LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

LOT 8 ON DIAGRAM 66799 (House No. 48 WESTERN CAPE NATURALISTE 6281)

#### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

Clearing of up to 19.35 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 2363/1.

### CONDITIONS

# 1. Staged Clearing

The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless actively extracting sand within six months of the clearing.

# 2. Retention, revegetation and rehabilitation

- (a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetation material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit.
- (b) Within six months of any area no longer being required for the purpose of this Permit, the Permit Holder must *revegetate* the areas by:
  - (i) Deliberately applying and spreading the vegetation material and topsoil retained under condition 2(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 2(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 2(b)(i) and 2(b)(ii).

# 3. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

(a) the species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;

- (i) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
- (ii) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).
- (b) In relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 2:
  - (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; and
  - (iv) The size of the area revegetated (in hectares).

# 4. 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 3 of this Permit and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 18 October 2013, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 3 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 4(a) of this Permit.

## **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;

*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; and

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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Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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