



GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**CLEARING PERMIT**

**Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986**

<b>Purpose permit number:</b>	CPS 2394/1
<b>Permit holder:</b>	Gravel Link
<b>Purpose of clearing:</b>	Extractive Industry
<b>Shire:</b>	York
<b>Duration of permit:</b>	8 June 2008 – 8 June 2013

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#### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 236 on Plan 57830 (Formerly Lot 4964 on Plan 224697) Ashworth Road, Daliak.

**2. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 2 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2394/1.

**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 purpose of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

**4. 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

**5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of gravel extraction 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.

**6. 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 *mulches*, *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.

#### 7. Revegetation of approved area

(a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit.

(b) Within six months of any area no longer being required for the purpose of material extraction the Permit Holder must *revegetate* the area by:

- (i) Deliberately planting and/or seeding native vegetation that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area; and
- (ii) Ensuring only local provenance seeds and propagating material from within 10 km of the area cleared are used to *revegetate* the area;

(c) Within one year of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 7(b), the Permit Holder must:

- (i) Determine the species composition, structure and density of the area revegetated; and
- (ii) Where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition, structure and density determined under condition 7(c)(i) will not result in a similar composition, structure and density to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area the Permit Holder must undertake additional planting or seeding of native vegetation in accordance with the requirements of condition 7(b)(i) and (ii).

### PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

#### 8. 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 the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to conditions 7(a) and (b);
  - (i) The location of any area *revegetated* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
  - (ii) A description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken; and
  - (iii) The size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares).

#### 9. 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 8 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:

**CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation;

**condition** means the rating given to native vegetation using the *Keighery scale* and refers to the degree of change in the structure, density and species present in the particular vegetation in comparison to undisturbed vegetation of the same type;

**dieback** means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on native vegetation;

**fill** means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

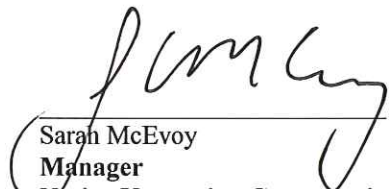
**flora specialist** means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

**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;

**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 and/or planting;

**term** means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed; and

**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;



Sarah McEvoy  
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