



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2500/1

File Number: DEC7914

Duration of Permit: From 7 September 2008 to 7 September 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

APT Projects Limited

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

LOT 2 ON DIAGRAM 57032 (LAKE JASPER 6260)

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

Clearing for the purposes of gravel extraction within Lot 2 on Diagram 57032.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.3 hectares of native vegetation, within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 2500/1.
2. 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.
2. 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 *road building materials, mulch or fill* are 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 *road building materials, 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.
 - (c) At least once in each 12 month period for the *term* of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas cleared under this Permit.
3. Revegetation
 - (a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit.
 - (b) Within six month of the area no longer being required for the purpose of gravel 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 of native vegetation to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area;

- (ii) ensuring only local provenance seeds and propagating material from within 20km of the area cleared are used to *revegetate* the area; and
- (iii) lay vegetative material and topsoil retained in accordance with condition 3(a) on the area.

- (c) Within one year of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 3(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 3(c)(i) will not result in a similar species 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 3(b)(i) and (ii).

4. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant in relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 3:

- (a) the commencement date of *revegetation*;
- (b) the location of any area *revegetated* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
- (c) a description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken;
- (d) the size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares); and
- (e) the species, structure and composition of *revegetation* measured.

5. 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 4 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Before the expiry of the Permit, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 4 where these records have not already been provided under condition 5(a).

DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

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;

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;

road building materials means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water;

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

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.



Kelly Faulkner
A/MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

*Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

7 August 2008