



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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Permit holder:	Shire of Chapman Valley
Purpose of clearing:	Gravel Extraction
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PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

Unallocated Crown Land along Dartmoor Road
Unallocated Crown Land, Victoria Location 10102

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 Plans 2508/1a and 2508/1b.

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 purposes 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 the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback*:
 - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) ensure that no *dieback* and *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.
- (b) 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.

7. Revegetation and rehabilitation

- (a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit.
- (b) Within six months of the area no longer being required for the purpose of gravel extraction the permit holder must revegetate the area by:
 - (i) Lay vegetative material and topsoil retained in accordance with condition 7(a) on the area.
 - (ii) 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;
 - (iii) Ensuring only local provenance seeds and propagating material from within 30km of the area cleared are used to revegetate the area;
- (c) Prior to undertaking works pursuant to condition 7(b)(iii) the permit holder shall rip pit floor and contour batters within the gravel extraction site.

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 this permit:
 - (i) The species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
 - (ii) The location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (iii) The date that the area was cleared; and
 - (iv) The size of the area cleared (in hectares).
- (b) In relation to the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* of areas:
 - (i) the location of any area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated* in accordance with condition 7 recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) a description of the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* activities undertaken pursuant to condition 7; and
 - (iii) the size of the area *revegetated* and *rehabilitated* (in hectares) pursuant to condition 7.

9. Reporting

- (i) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records requested under condition 6 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (ii) Before the expiry of the permit, the permit holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 8 where these records have not already been provided under condition 9 (a).

Definitions

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

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;

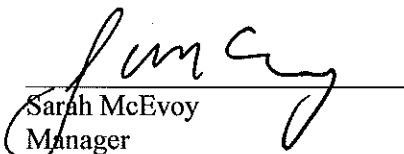
rehabilitation means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area;

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;

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/s 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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