



CLEARING PERMIT
Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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Permit holder:	City of Albany
Purpose of clearing:	Drainage and Road Works
Shire:	City of Albany
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PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

- Churchlane Road Reserve
- Takenup Road Reserve
- Millbrook Road Reserve
- Hennings Road Reserve
- Lot 68 on Diagram 18510
- Lot 101 on Diagram 96001

2. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 2.28 hectares of native vegetation, within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plans 2523/1a, 2523/1b, 2523/1c, 2523/1d, 2523/1e., 2523/1f & 2523/1g

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. Type of clearing authorised

This Permit authorises the permit holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the permit holder has the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

5. 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

6. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of drainage and road works, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

7. 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.

8. Flora Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing within the areas described below, the areas shall be inspected by a *flora specialist* who shall identify *Rare Flora* and *Priority Flora taxa*:
 - Takenup Road Reserve
 - Millbrook Road Reserve
 - Churchlane Road Reserve
- (b) Where *Rare Flora* or *Priority Flora taxa* are identified in relation to condition 8(a) the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) All records of DRF and priority flora are submitted to the CEO
 - (ii) No clearing occurs within 50m of identified DRF, unless approved by the CEO

- (iii) No clearing occurs with 10m of identified *Priority Flora taxa*, unless approved by the CEO.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. 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 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 Flora Management pursuant to condition 8:
 - (i) the location of each *Rare Flora* and *Priority Flora taxa* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994; and
 - (ii) the species of each *Rare Flora* or *Priority Flora taxa* identified.

10. 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 9 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 21 June 2013, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 9 where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a).

11. 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;

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;

Priority Flora taxa means those plant taxa that described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the *Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia*, Department of Conservation and Land Management, as amended;