

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS Purpose Permit Number: 2548 / 1 File Number: A0992/200801 Duration of Permit: From 8 November 2008 to 30 September 2010

PERMIT HOLDER Chevron Australia Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE Petroleum Production Licence L 1H R1

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of geotechnical investigations.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 3.5 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2548/1.

Guiding Principles

2. In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared pursuant to this permit, 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.

Weed Management

3. When undertaking any clearing, rehabilitation, 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 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.

Flora and Fauna Management

4. The Permit Holder shall not clear the Priority 1 flora species Helichrysum oligochaetum.

5. The Permit Holder shall not disturb or damage any termite mounds.

6. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50m of any Bettong warrens.

7. The Permit Holder shall, where practicable, not clear the Priority 3 flora species Corchorus congener.

Record Keeping

8. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:

- (i) the location of where the clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
- (ii) the size of the area cleared in hectares;
- (iii) the dates on which the area was cleared;
- (iv) the purpose of clearing;
- (v) the method of clearing.

Reporting

9. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources by 30 September each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 8 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.

Definitions

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

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

mulch means the use of organic matter, woodchips 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;

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.*

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