



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 2625/1
Permit holder:	Electricity Generation Corporation T/A Verve Energy
Purpose of clearing:	Geotechnical Surveys
Shire:	Albany
Duration of permit:	25 October 2008 to 25 October 2013

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The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the above stated purposes, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

LOT 7736 ON PLAN 92133

2. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 1 hectare of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached plan 2625/1.

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 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 road upgrades, 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. Flora Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing within the area cross hatched yellow on Plan 2625/1, the area shall be inspected by a *flora specialist*, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority (2004) Guidance Statement No 51, Guidance for the Assessment of Environmental Factors - Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, for the presence of rare flora listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2008(2)* and *priority flora taxa*.
- (b) Where rare flora or *priority flora taxa* are identified in relation to condition 6(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) all records of rare flora and *priority flora taxa* are submitted to the CEO;
 - (ii) no clearing occurs within 50 metres of identified rare flora, unless approved by the CEO; and
 - (iii) no clearing occurs with 10 metres of identified *priority flora taxa*, unless approved by the CEO.

7. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing within the areas described in Part 1 - Clearing Authorised of this Permit, the areas shall be inspected by a fauna specialist who shall identify habitat suitable to be utilised by Main's Assassin Spider (*Austrarchaea mainae*).
- (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat identified by condition 7(a) shall be inspected by a fauna specialist for the presence of fauna listed in condition 7(a).
- (c) Prior to clearing, the Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified by condition 7(b) shall be removed and relocated by a fauna clearing person, in accordance with a license issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

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:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:
 - (i) the species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
 - (ii) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
 - (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 6 of this Permit:
 - (i) the species of each rare flora or *priority flora taxa* identified.
 - (ii) the location of each *rare flora* and *priority flora taxa* recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings; and
- (c) In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 7 of this Permit:
 - (i) the location of each habitat identified recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;
 - (ii) the location and date where relocated fauna was released, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings.

9. 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 8 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 25 July 2013, 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).

10. Definitions

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

Department means the Department of Environment and Conservation (Western Australia);

fauna specialist means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna;

fauna clearing person means a person who has obtained a licence from the *Department*, issued pursuant to the *Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970* authorising them to take fauna

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

priority flora taxa means those plant taxa that described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the Department's *Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia* (as amended);



Kelly Faulkner
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