



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

Purpose of permit number:	CPS 2636/1
Responsible authority:	Shire of Northam
Purpose of clearing:	Road widening and construction
Site:	Shire of Northam
Duration of permit:	11 October 2008 – 11 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

Clackline-Toodyay Road road reserve, Clackline.

2. Area of clearing

The Permit holder must not clear more than 0.892 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2636/1.

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 purposes of road widening and construction 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 shall 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 material, mulch, fill* or other material 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 shall 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 material, mulch, fill* or other material are 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.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

7. Records must be kept

The Permit holder must maintain the following records in relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to the purpose of clearing:

- (a) 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 Easting's and Northing's;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

8. 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 7 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

- (b) Before 11 July 2013, the permit holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 7 where these records have not already been provided under condition 8(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;

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

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 Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.



Kelly Faulkner
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