

# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

# 1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

2650/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Shire of Manjimup

**Property details** 

Property:

ROAD RESERVE ( MANJIMUP 6258)

**Local Government Area:** 

Colloquial name:

Shire Of Manjimup

1.4. **Application** 

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Road construction or maintenance

#### 2. Site Information

# **Existing environment and information**

## 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Clearing Description

Vegetation proposed to be

cleared consists of 10 trees

(Marri / Karri) and some

undergrowth. The

(DEC, 2008)

vegetation has been

assessed as degraded

Vegetation Description

Beard vegetation association:

1144: Tall forest; karri & marri (Corymbia calophylla)

Mattiske vegetation association:

YN1: Mixture of tall open forest of Eucalyptus forest of Corymbia calophylla-Eucalyptus patens-Eucalyptus marginata subsp. zones.

diversicolor and tall open

marginata over Agonis flexuosa and Agonis juniperina on valleys in perhumid and humid

CL1: Mosaic of open forest of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata-Banskia spp. on well drained sites, with some Eucalyptus decipiens on lower slopes in southern areas, woodland of Eucalyptus rudis-Melaleuca preissiana-Banksia littoralis on depressions in perhumid and humid zones.

# Vegetation Condition

Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)

#### Comment

Vegetation condition was determined from photographs supplied by the Shire of Manjimup (2008), aerial photography and site visit (DEC, 2008).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

#### Comments

The proposal to clear up to 1 hectare of native vegetation for the purpose of road reconstruction is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The vegetation is considered to be in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition and has been classified as open roadside vegetation dominated by Karri species, with a

predominately introduced ground cover (DEC, 2008).

There are no declared rare flora species or threatened ecological communities in the vicinity of the project. The vegetation to be cleared is well represented in the local area, and would not have a detrimental impact on fauna.

The proposed clearing for road works may cause some short term water quality issues in terms of localised surface water sedimentation and flooding during works. However, these issues should be minimised as road works will include roadside infrastructure to prevent water quality issues and flooding associated with roads (ie table drains and culverts).

It is considered that it is not likely to be at variance to any of the principles.

#### Methodology

DEC (2008)

Keighery (1994)

GIS Layers:

- CALM Managed Lands & Waters CALM 01/06/05
- Clearing Regulations Environmentally Sensitive Areas 30 May 2005
- Groundwater Salinity, statewide DoW 13/07/06
- Hydrogeographic Catchments, Catchments DoW 01/06/07
- Hydrogeology, statewide DOW 13/07/06
- Hydrography, linear DOW 13/7/06
- Mattiske Vegetation Complexes (01/03/1998)
- Pre-European vegetation DA 01/01
- Mean Annual Rainfall Isohytes (1975 2003) DEC 02/08/05
- SAC Biodatasets 280808

### Planning instrument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

#### Comments

No submissions from the public have been received.

No EP Act licences or approvals are required.

Methodology

# 4. Assessor's comments

#### Comment

The application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s510 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to the clearing Principles.

#### 5. References

DEC (2008) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 2650/1, Ispen Road Reserve, Manijimup. Site inspection undertaken 25/08/2008. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (TRIM Ref. DOC60996).

Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.

# 6. Glossary

Term Meaning

BCS Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC

CALM Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)

DAFWA Department of Agriculture and Food

DEC Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)

DoE Department of Environment

DoIR Department of Industry and Resources

DRF Declared Rare Flora

EPP Environmental Protection Policy
GIS Geographical Information System
ha Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC Threatened Ecological Community

WRC Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)