



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 2694/1
Permit holder:	Shire of Dardanup
Duration of permit:	6 December 2008 – 6 December 2013

The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of road widening

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Pile Rd
Ferguson Rd
Joshua Creek Rd
Wellington Mill Rd

3. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 3.6 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 2694/1a, 2694/1b, 2694/1c, 2694/1d.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 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

7. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of road widening, 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.

8. Dieback and weed control

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* and *dieback*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

9. Fauna management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing within the areas described in conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify habitat suitable to be utilised by fauna species listed below:
 - (i) Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*);
 - (ii) Western Ringtail Possum (*Pseudocheirus occidentalis*);
- (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat identified by condition 9(a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of fauna listed in condition 9(a)
- (c) Prior to clearing the Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified by condition 9(b) shall be removed and relocated by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the *Department*.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

10. Records must be kept

- (a) The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit 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 Fauna Management pursuant to condition 9:
 - (i) the location of any habitat tree 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 species of any habitat tree identified;
 - (iii) the species of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising habitat;
 - (iv) the species and number of each species relocated;
 - (v) a description of the relocation activities; and
 - (vi) the location and date where relocated fauna was released, using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings.

11. 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 10 of this Permit and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 6 August 2013, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 10 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a) of this Permit.

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

dieback means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on native vegetation;

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;

term means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed;

weed/s 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*; and



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