



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 2702/1
Permit holder:	Shire of Boddington
Duration of permit:	16 November 2008 – 16 November 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 construction.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Harvey-Quindanning Road Reserve (Lower Hotham and Upper Murray)

3. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 1.2 hectares within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 2702/1.

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 and 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 upgrades, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

8. Dieback and Weed management

- (a) When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must 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) shall not move soils in wet conditions;
 - (iii) ensure that no *dieback*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is 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 authorised under 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 and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *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.

9. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to clearing within the area described in Clearing Authorised above, the area shall be Inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify trees that contain hollows suitable to be utilised as habitat by *Phascogale calura* (Brush-tailed Phascogale), *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* (Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo), and *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* (Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo).
- (b) Prior to clearing any habitat identified by condition 9(a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of *Phascogale calura* (Brush-tailed Phascogale), *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* (Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo), and *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* (Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo).
- (c) Prior to clearing the Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified in condition 9(b) shall be removed by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

10. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to 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 each habitat tree identified recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) the species of each habitat tree identified;
 - (iii) the species of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising the

- habitat trees;
- (iv) the species and number of each species relocated; and the location and date where relocated fauna was released, using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994.

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 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 16 August 2013, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 10 where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a).

Definitions

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

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

environmental specialist means a person who is engaged by the permit holder for the purpose of providing environmental advice, who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this Permit;

fauna clearing person means a person who has obtained a licence from the Department of Conservation and Land Management, issued pursuant to the *Wildlife Conservation Regulations* 1970 (as amended) authorising them to take fauna in order to carry out the approved clearing associated with this permit;

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

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;

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*.



Kelly Faulkner
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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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