



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 2706/1
Permit holder:	Valerie Esme Mouritz Denis Collins Sheenagh Jasmine Collins
Duration of permit:	6 December 2008 – 6 December 2015

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 revegetation and *remediation works*.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

LOT 4 ON PLAN 25779

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 26 hectares of dead and/or *degraded or completely degraded condition* native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 2706/1.

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. 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

6. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of revegetation and *remediation works*, 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.

7. Revegetation and Rehabilitation

- (a) Within twelve months following clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must *revegetate* areas cleared under this permit with the exception of those areas required to be permanently cleared for *remediation works* within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 2706/1 by:
- (i) establishing and maintaining native vegetation to an average planting density of 2,000 stems per hectare;
 - (ii) sourcing seeds and/or propagating material from within a 50 kilometre radius of the area cleared; and
 - (iii) commencing *planting* before 6 December 2011 and completing *planting* by 6 December 2013.
- (b) Within twelve months of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must:
- (i) determine the species composition, structure and density of the area *revegetated*; and
 - (ii) where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 7(b)(i) of this Permit will not result in a similar species density to that defined under condition 7(a)(i) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must undertake additional planting or direct seeding of native vegetation in accordance with the requirements of condition 7(a)(i) and (ii) of this Permit.

8. Vegetation management

The Permit Holder shall exclude livestock from the area *revegetated* under condition 7 on this Permit.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. 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 the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 7 of this Permit:
- (i) a description of the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* activities undertaken;
 - (ii) the number of hectares *revegetated* and *rehabilitated*; and
 - (iii) the species composition, structure and density of *revegetation* and *rehabilitation*.

10. 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 9 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 September 2015, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

degraded or completely degraded condition means the basic vegetation structure has been severely impacted by disturbance or is no longer intact and is almost without native species but has scope for assisted regeneration;

direct seeding means a method of re-establishing vegetation through the establishment of a seed bed and the introduction of seeds of the desired plant species;

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;

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;

planting means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species;

regenerate/ed/ion means *revegetation* that can be established from in situ seed banks contained either within the topsoil or seed-bearing *mulch*;

rehabilitate/ed/ion means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area;

remediation works means shallow drainage channels that create defined water flow routes; and

revegetate/ed/ion means the re-establishment of a cover of native vegetation in an area such that the species composition and structure consists of native species and the average density is 2,000 stems per hectare, and can involve *regeneration*, *direct seeding* and/or *planting*.



Keith Claymore
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