

# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

### 1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

2729/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Shire of Plantagenet

1.3. Property details

Property:

ROAD RESERVE ( PORONGURUP 6324)

Local Government Area:

Shire Of Plantagenet

Colloquial name:

Mout Barker-Porongurup Road

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Infrastructure Maintenance

# 2. Site Information

# 2.1. Existing environment and information

# 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

**Vegetation Description** 

Beard Vegetation Association 3 (Medium forest; jarrah-marri). Clearing Description

Appears to be in good condition with little or no disturbance.

Vegetation Condition Excellent: Vegetation

structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive

(Keighery 1994)

Comment

Vegetation description established through proponents supplied photographs.

### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The proposal, to clear up to 10 native trees for the purpose of connecting a power cable between a pre-existing power-pole through road reserve vegetation to a building in an adjoining reserve, is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The vegetation type of the area under application is well represented in the local area.

There are several rare flora and priority flora taxa within 2-3kms of the area under application however they exist on differing soil and vegetation types to the area under application.

The vegetation proposed to be cleared is Beard Vegetation Association 3 (Medium forest; jarrah-marri) of which there is 69.4% of the pre-European extent remaining.

It is considered that the clearing as proposed is not likely to be at variance with any of the clearing principles.

#### Methodology

Keighery (1994)

GIS Layers:

- Pre-European vegetation DA 01/01
- Soils, Statewide DA 11/99
- Shepherd (2007)
- SAC Biodatasets 280808

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

Comments

No public submissions were received.

Methodology

### 4. Assessor's comments

#### Comment

The application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to the clearing Principles.

## 5. References

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

Shepherd, D.P. (2007). Adapted from: Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth. Includes subsequent updates for 2006 from Vegetation Extent dataset ANZWA1050000124.

# 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)