

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number:

2909/1

File Number:

DEC10145

Duration of Permit:

From 12 March 2009 to 12 March 2011

PERMIT HOLDER

City of Rockingham

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Karnup Road Reserve (Baldivis)

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 10.5 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2909/1.

CONDITIONS

1. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this permit, 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.

2. Dieback and weed control

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* and *dieback*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) shall not move soils in wet conditions;
- (c) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (d) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

3. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to clearing pursuant to this Permit during the months of September through to February the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify the presence of *Merops ornatus* (Rainbow Bee-eater) or their nesting burrows.
- (b) The Permit Holder shall not clear during the months of September through to February if *Merops ornatus* (Rainbow Bee-eater) or their nesting burrows identified under condition 3 (a).

- (c) Prior to clearing within the areas described in Authorised Activity above, the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify the presence of *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* (Carnaby's Black-cockatoo).
- (d) Prior to clearing the permit holder shall ensure that any fauna identified in condition 3 (c) shall be removed and relocated by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

4. Records to be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit in relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 3 of this Permit:

- (a) the location of each habitat/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;
- (b) the species of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising, the habitat/habitat tree(s); and
- (c) the location and date where relocated fauna was released, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings.

5. 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 4 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 1 December 2010, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 4 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 5(a) of this Permit.

Definitions

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

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

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;

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;

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.

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