

## **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

## PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3642/1

File Number:

DEC14733

Duration of Permit: From 22 May 2010 to 22 May 2012

## PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Busselton

## LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Puzey Road, Wilyabrup (ROAD RESERVE – PIN11476581)

## AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.183 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 3642/1.

## **CONDITIONS**

## 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.

Kelly Faulkner

**MANAGER** 

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

22 April 2010

# Plan 3642/1





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# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

## 1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3642/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Shire of Busselton

**Property details** 

Property:

ROAD RESERVE ( WILYABRUP 6280)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

0.183

Mechanical Removal

Road construction or maintenance

### 2. Site Information

## **Existing environment and information**

## 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

# **Vegetation Description**

**Beard Vegetation** Association:

3 - Medium forest; jarrahmarri

Shepherd (2007)

Mattiske Vegetation Association:

C2 - Open forest of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata-Corymbia calophylla-Banksia grandis on lateritic uplands in perhumid and humid zones.

Cw2 - Woodland of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata-Corymbia calophylla on slopes and low woodland of Melaleuca preissiana-24 Banksia littoralis on depressions in perhumid and humid zones.

Mattiske (1998)

#### Clearing Description

The application is for the clearing of 0.183ha of roadside vegetation for the purpose of upgrading Puzey Road.

The vegetation under application is considered to be in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

## **Vegetation Condition**

Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)

#### Comment

Condition of vegetation under application was assessed through aerial photography.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The proposal to clear 0.183ha of native vegetation for the purpose of upgrading existing road infrastructure is unlikely to have detrimental environmental impacts.

The vegetation under application is considered to be in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition. On both sides of the application area the vegetation contained within the road reserve has been classified as having a medium low conservation value (RCC, 2010).

No known records of fauna species of conservation significance, threatened ecological communities or rare and priority flora have been identified in the vicinity of the project and the vegetation to be cleared is well represented in the local area.

The proposed clearing for road works may cause some short term water quality issues in terms of localised

surface water sedimentation and flooding during works. However, these issues should be minimised as road works will include roadside infrastructure to prevent water quality issues and flooding associated with roads (ie table drains and culverts).

It is considered that the proposal is unlikely to be at variance to any of the principles.

#### Methodology

References:

DEC (2010) Keighery (1994) RCC (2010)

#### GIS Databases:

- CALM Managed Lands & Waters CALM 01/06/05
- Clearing Regulations Environmentally Sensitive Areas 30 May 2005
- Groundwater Salinity, statewide DoW 13/07/06
- Hydrogeographic Catchments, Catchments DoW 01/06/07
- Hydrogeology, statewide DOW 13/07/06
- Hydrography, linear DOW 13/7/06
- Mattiske Vegetation Complexes (01/03/1998)
- Pre-European vegetation DA 01/01
- Mean Annual Rainfall Isohytes (1975 2003) DEC 02/08/05
- SAC Biodatasets 13/04/10

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

#### Comments

No submissions from the public have been received.

Methodology

## 4. Assessor's comments

#### Comment

The application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s510 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing Principles.

#### 5. References

DEC (2010). South West Regional Advice. Department of Environment and Conservation. DEC Ref: A299108

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

Mattiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment Australia.

RCC (2010). Road Conservation Committee Value Mapping, Shire of Busselton. Roadside Conservation Committee February 2009.

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.

### 6. Glossary

Term Meaning

CALM Department of Conservation and Land Management (now DEC)

DAFWA Department of Agriculture and Food

DEC Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)

DoE Department of Environment (now DEC)

DoW Department of Water

DMP Department of Mines and Petroleum (ex DoIR)

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)