

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3663/1
File Number: DEC9483

Duration of Permit: From 29 May 2010 to 29 May 2012

### PERMIT HOLDER

Trevor John Carter Dianne June Carter

## LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

LOT 1791 ON PLAN 201686 (Lot No. 1791 TOMPSETT RD TUTUNUP 6280)

### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 1 hectare of native vegetation within the hatched yellow on attached Plan 3663/1.

### CONDITIONS

### 1. Fauna management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the area shall be inspected by a fauna specialist who shall identify tree(s) that contain hollows suitable to be utilised as habitat tree(s) by fauna listed in the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2010.
- (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat tree(s) identified by condition 1(a) shall be inspected by a fauna specialist for the presence of fauna listed in the Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2010.
- (c) Within one week prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna clearing person* to remove and relocate fauna identified under condition 1(b).

### 2. Records to be kept

- (a) In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 1 of this Permit:
  - (i) the location of each 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;
  - (ii) the species name of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising, the habitat/habitat tree(s); and
  - (iii) 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.

## 3. 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 2 (records to be kept) 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 29 February 2012, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 2 (records to be kept) of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 3(a) (reporting condition) of this Permit.

## **Definitions**

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

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;

habitat tree(s) means trees that have a diameter, at average adult human chest height, of greater than 70cm, healthy but with dead limbs and broken crowns that are likely to contain hollows and roosts suitable for native fauna, or where these are not present then healthy but with the potential to contain hollows and roosts;

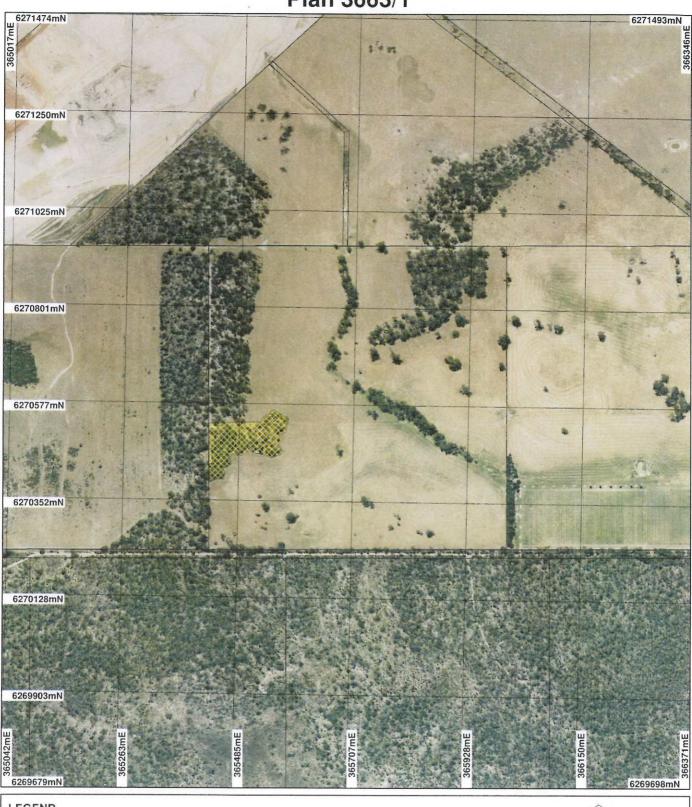
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NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

29 April 2010

Plan 3663/1







# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

# 1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3663/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Trevor John and Dianne June Carter

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 1791 ON PLAN 201686 (Lot No. 1791 TOMPSETT TUTUNUP 6280) LOT 1791 ON PLAN 201686 (Lot No. 1791 TOMPSETT TUTUNUP 6280)

Local Government Area: Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Horticulture

### 2. Site Information

# 2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Mapped Beard (1980) vegetation association 1181 is described as Medium woodland, jarrah & Eucalyptus haematoxylon (Whicher Clearing Description
The vegetation of the

application area is

comprised of an open woodland of Eucalyptus marginata, Corymbia calophylla and C.haematoxylon and has been assessed as completely degraded (DEC, 2010).

Vegetation Condition

Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994) Comment

The condition of the vegetation was determined from digital imagery (Donnybrook 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2004) and a site visit (DEC, 2010).

# 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

Range)

The applicant proposes to clear 1 hectare of native vegetation within Lot 1791 on Plan 201686, Tutunup for the purpose of planting fruit trees. The vegetation under application comprises of open woodland of Eucalyptus marginata, Corymbia calophylla and C.haematoxylon (DEC, 2010).

The vegetation is completely degraded (Keighery, 1994), being largely devoid of native understorey species, with the exception of the occasional and isolated Hakea amplexicaulis, Hakea lissocarpha and Podocarpus drouynianus (DEC, 2010). This area has been extensively grazed and the understorey predominately consists of pasture grass species. Considering this it is not likely that the area under application will support any priority of rare flora.

A site visit identified five potential habitat trees with hollows within the proposed clearing area (DEC, 2010). Therefore the assessment recommendation is that a fauna management condition be added to the permit, requiring identification and relocation of any fauna that might be affected by the loss of habitat.

Given the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation within the area proposed to be cleared, and the extent of native vegetation to the south of the application area, it is the assessment recommendation that the proposed clearing is not likely to significantly impact on biodiversity, land degradation or environmental values of the local area.

Methodology

DEC (2010) Keighery (1994)

GIS databases:

- Donnybrook 50cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2004
- SAC Bio Datasets 31/03/10

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

Comments

The area under application is zoned as general farming.

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 found that the proposed clearing may be at variance to principle (b) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing Principles.

### 5. References

DEC (2010) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 3663/1, Lot No. 1791 Tompsett Road, Tutunup. Site inspection undertaken 22/04/10. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (DEC Ref. A299912).

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.

### 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)