

### **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:

3729/1

File Number:

2010/003016-1

Duration of Permit:

27 June 2010 to 27 June 2015

### PERMIT HOLDER

Peter Roy White Kim White

## LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 4116 on Plan 202487 (Redmond) Lot 4117 on Plan 202487 (Marbelup)

## PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

Clearing for the purpose of firewood collection.

### **CONDITIONS**

- 1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 3 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 3729/1.
- 2. The Permit Holder shall not clear living native vegetation.

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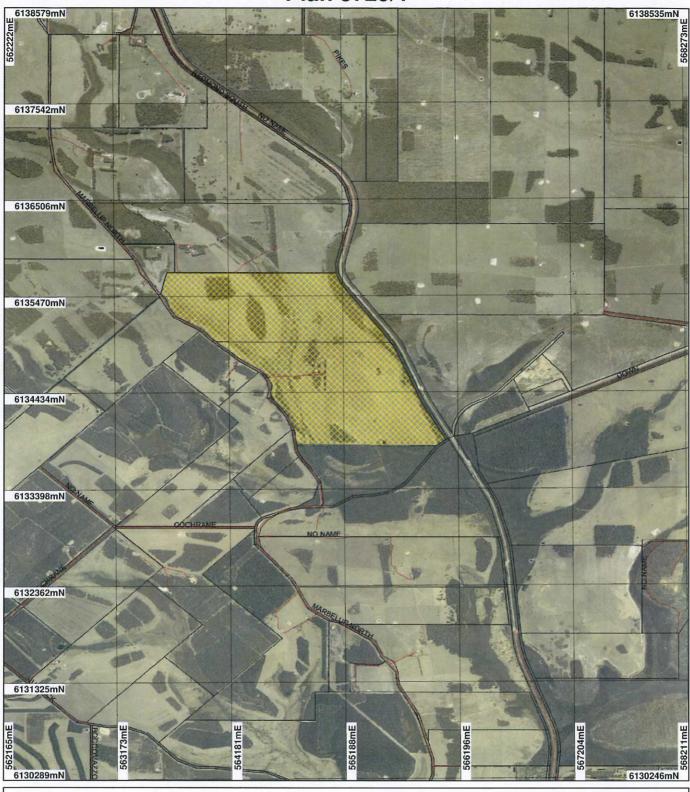
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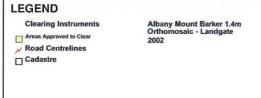
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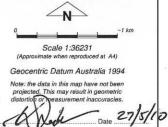
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27 May 2010

# Plan 3729/1







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# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

## 1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3729/1

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Peter Roy and Kim White

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 4116 ON PLAN 202487 (REDMOND 6327)

LOT 4117 ON PLAN 202487 (House No. 726 MARBELUP NORTH MARBELUP 6330)

Local Government Area:

City of Albany

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of: Firewood Collection

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Mechanical Removal

### 2. Site Information

## 2.1. Existing environment and information

## 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

**Vegetation Description** 

Beard vegetation association 51 is described as Sedgeland; reed swamps, occasionally with

Association 978 - Low forest; jarrah, Eucalyptus staeri & Allocasuarina fraseriana (Shepherd,

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Clearing Description

The applicant proposes to clear up to 3 hectares of fallen, dead vegetation for firewoood. The vegetation to be cleared is scattered all over the property.

**Vegetation Condition** 

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

The condition of the vegetation under application was determined using information provided by the applicant.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The proposal is to remove fallen, dead vegetation for the purpose of selling for firewood. The applicant has advised that no trees will be felled and that only fallen Sheoak and Jarrah trees will be removed.

The closet recorded flora species was Banksia serra (P4). This species was recorded 350 metres east of the applied area and was mapped as occurring on the same vegetation and soil type. However, given that the clearing is to be restricted to dead vegetation, impacts to this species are likely to be minimal.

The vegetation under application may offer potential habitat for ground dwelling fauna species, however no ground dwelling species were recorded within a 6km radius of the application area. As clearing only involves the removal of dead vegetation, the linkage value of the vegetation under application is reduced.

There are two minor non-perennial watercourses that traverse the property under application. These minor systems are not likely to be significantly impacted by the proposed clearing.

Given the above this proposal is not considered likely to cause any significant environmental impacts.

### Methodology

### GIS Database:

- Albany Mount Barker 1.4m Orthomosaic Landgate 2002
- DEC Tenure (DEC 2010)
- Pre European Vegetation (DA 2001)
- SAC Biodatasets (accessed May 2010)
- Soils, Statewide DA 11/99

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

#### Comments

This application falls within an area which is gazetted as a Public Drinking Water Source Area (Marbellup Water Reserve). The collection of dead wood will not negatively affect the quality of this water source.

The proposed clearing is limited to dead native trees; therefore the applicant does not require a Producer's Nurseryman's Licence to sell the collected firewood.

The area under application is zoned as rural.

### Methodology

GIS Database:

- Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSAs)

### 4. Assessor's comments

#### Comment

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

## 6. Glossary

l erm	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)