



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 3865/3
Permit Holder:	Minister for Education
Duration of Permit:	9 October 2010 – 9 October 2025

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions.

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of constructing a primary school and temporary classrooms

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 1317 on Deposited Plan 49212, Meadow Springs

Lot 581 on Deposited Plan 73309, Meadow Springs

3. Area of clearing

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 3.66 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 3865/3a.

4. Application

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

5. Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

In regards to the area cross-hatched red on attached Plan 3865/3b the Permit Holder shall:

- (a) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit and stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared.
- (b) by no later than 31 August 2020, *revegetate* and *rehabilitate* the area by:
 - (i) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 5(a) on the area; and
 - (ii) deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation that will result in a similar species composition, structure and density of native vegetation to that of the pre-clearing vegetation, at an *optimal time*.
- (c) at least once in each 12 month period after deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation in accordance with condition 5(b)(ii), engage an *environmental specialist* to determine the species composition, structure and density of the area.
- (d) take a photo of the area from each corner immediately prior to deliberately *planting* and/or *direct seeding* native vegetation, and annually thereafter for the remaining term of the Permit.
- (e) where the composition, structure and density determined under condition 5(c) will not, during the term of this Permit, approach a similar species composition, structure and density to that of the pre-clearing vegetation, undertake additional *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* in a manner that addresses the identified deficiency.

6. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records in relation to the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* of areas pursuant to condition 5:

- (a) a description of the *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* activities undertaken including dates;
- (b) the species composition, structure and density of *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* determined during each 12 month period; and
- (c) photos taken in accordance with condition 5(d).

7. Reporting

On or before 30 June of each year following the commencement of *revegetation* and *rehabilitation* in accordance with condition 5, the Permit Holder must provide a written report to the *CEO* of records required under condition 6, where those records have not already been provided.

DEFINITIONS

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

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for administration of the clearing provisions contained within Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

direct seeding means a method of re-establishing vegetation through the establishment of a seed bed and the introduction of seeds of the desired plant species;

environmental specialist means a person who is engaged by the Permit Holder for the purpose of providing environmental advice, who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this Permit;

local provenance means native vegetation seeds and propagating material from natural sources within 50 kilometres of the area cleared;

optimal time means the period of time during a year when undertaking *direct seeding* and *planting* of native vegetation will have the best chance of resulting in survival of that vegetation;

planting means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species;

regenerate/ed/ion means re-establishment of vegetation from in situ seed banks and propagating material (such as lignotubers, bulbs, rhizomes) contained either within the topsoil or seed-bearing vegetative material;

rehabilitate/ed/ion means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area; and

revegetate/ed/ion means the re-establishment of a cover of *local provenance* native vegetation in an area using methods such as natural *regeneration*, *direct seeding* and/or *planting*, so that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area.



James Widenbar
MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under section 20
of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

29 September 2016

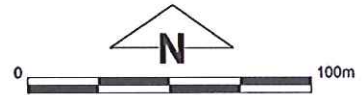
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Plan 3865/3a



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-  Roads
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority
-  Cadastre



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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 3865/3
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Department of Education

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 1317 on Deposited Plan 49212, Meadow Springs
Lot 581 on Deposited Plan 73309, Meadow Springs
Local Government Authority: City of Mandurah

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
3.66		Mechanical Removal	Constructing Meadow Springs Primary School

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 29 September 2016
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed permit duration extension, including a delay to the revegetation requirements, is unlikely to result in any significant environmental impacts.

State and other relevant policies have been taken into consideration in the decision to grant a clearing permit.

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association 998 which is described as medium woodland; tuart (Shepherd et al. 2001).	Clearing of 3.66 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 1317 on Plan 49212 and Lot 581 on Deposited Plan 73309, Meadow Springs for the purpose of constructing a primary school.	Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994) To Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation was determined by a site inspection (DEC 2010).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments On 13 September 2016 the Department of Education applied to amend Clearing Permit CPS 3865/2 to extend the permit duration.

The applicant has sought a three year extension to a short term lease from the City of Mandurah for several temporary classrooms located on Lot 581 on Deposited Plan 73309, Meadow Springs. A portion of the area containing the temporary classrooms was subject to a revegetation condition under CPS 3865/2. The proposed three year lease extension represents a delay to the revegetation requirements of CPS 3865/2, hence the application to extend the permit duration.

A review of current environmental information reveals no new relevant information. The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in the Decision Reports for Clearing Permit CPS 3865/1 and CPS 3865/2. The delay in revegetation of the temporary classrooms site is not considered significant.

Amendments have been made to the permit conditions to bring them in line with current practices including the removal of condition 5, and revised wording for conditions 6, 7 and 8. A revised revegetation area has been included to encompass the entire temporary classrooms site with revegetation now required by no later than 31 August 2020 to account for the three year lease extension.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments The clearing permit application was advertised in *The West Australian* on 22 September 2016 for a 7 day submission period, ending COB 29 September 2016. No submissions were received.

The Department of Education has obtained in principle agreement from the City of Mandurah for the proposed lease extension.

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed and can be found in the Decision Reports for Clearing Permit CPS 3865/1 and CPS 3865/2.

4. References

- DEC (2010) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 3865/1, Lot 1317 and Lot 1320 Meadow Springs. Site inspection undertaken 18/08/2010. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia. DEC Ref A328131
- 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., Beeston, G.R. and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001) Native Vegetation in Western Australia, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.