

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 4450/1

File Number:

2011/000312-1

Duration of Permit: From 29 August 2011 to 29 August 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Busselton

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Falkingham Road reserve, West Busselton (PIN 11340787)

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

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The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.007 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 4450/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

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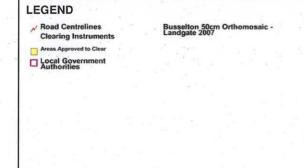
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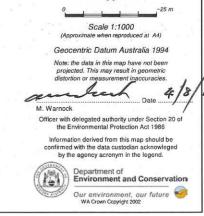
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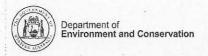
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Plan 4450/1









Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

4450/1, 4451/1, 4452/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Shire of Busselton

1.3. Property details

Property:

FALKINGHAM ROAD RESERVE (WEST BUSSELTON 6280)

LAYMAN ROAD RESERVE (GEOGRAPHE 6280)

AMBERGATE ROAD RESERVE (AMBERGATE 6280)ROAD RESERVE (WEST

BUSSELTON 6280)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

Shire of Busselton

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

0.007

0.26

Mechanical Removal

Road construction or maintenance

Mechanical Removal

Road construction or maintenance

16

Mechanical Removal

Road construction or maintenance

Decision on application GRANT

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

4 AUGUST 2011

2. Site Information

Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

4450/1: Beard Vegetation Association 1000 -

Mosaic: Medium forest; jarrahmarri / Low woodland; banksia / Low forest; teatree (Melaleuca

4451/1: Beard Vegetation Association 676 -

Succulent steppe; samphire

4452/1: Beard Vegetation Association 1136 -

Medium woodland; marri with some jarrah, wandoo, river gum and casuarina

(Shepherd, 2009)

Clearing Description

CPS 4450/1 - 0.007 hectares of native vegetation over a 50 metre distance within Falkingham Road reserve, West Busselton for the purpose of widening the existing seal width of the road and installation of a footpath adjacent to the road. The vegetation under application is considered to be in degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

CPS 4451/1 - 0.26 hectares of native vegetation over a distance of approximately 550 metres within the Layman Road reserve, Geographe for the purpose of constructing a shared path. The vegetation under application is sparse and considered to be in completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

CPS 4452/1 - 16 native trees along a 150 metre section of the Ambergate Road reserve, Ambergate, for the purpose of increasing the sight distance from the junction of Edwards Road onto Ambergate Road. The vegetation under application is considered to be in degraded to completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

Vegetation Condition

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

1994)

To

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

Comment

Vegetation and condition was determined through aerial photography.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The vegetation proposed to be cleared comprises three small areas (0.007 hectares, 0.26 hectares and 16 trees) adjacent to existing roads in areas developed for agriculture and urban purposes.

The vegetation under application appears to be heavily impacted by historic and continuing disturbance associated with the surrounding landuses and is considered to be in degraded to completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition.

Considering the level of disturbance, small extent and linearity, the proposed clearing is not likely to significantly impact flora or fauna of conservation significance, nor is it likely to impact on water quality, cause appreciable land degradation or increase the frequency or intensity of flooding.

Considering the above, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

Methodology

References:

Keighery, 1994

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

Comments

The Shire of Busselton has applied to clear:

- 0.007 hectares of native vegetation within Falkingham Road reserve, West Busselton for the purpose of widening the existing seal width of the road and installation of a footpath adjacent to the road (CPS 4450/1);
- 0.26 hectares of native vegetation within the Layman Road reserve, Geographe for the purpose of constructing a shared path (CPS 4451/1); and
- 16 native trees from the Ambergate Road reserve, Ambergate, for the purpose of increasing the sight distance from the junction of Edwards Road onto Ambergate Road (CPS 4452/1).

CPS 4451/1 for the shared path construction along Layman Road is a Blackspot funded project.

Falkingham Road, Layman Road and Ambergate Road reserves are vested with the Shire of Busselton.

There are no known Aboriginal Sites of Significance within the application areas.

Methodology

GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance - DIA 02/10

4. 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. (2009) 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.

5. Glossary

Term Meaning

BCS Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC

CALM Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)

DAFWA Department of Agriculture and Food

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

DoE Department of Environment

DoIR Department of Industry and Resources

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)