



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 4460/2
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Oakajee Port and Rail Pty Ltd
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	26 September 2011 – 26 September 2021

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

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

#### 1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of constructing a temporary port construction accommodation camp, a spray irrigation area, access tracks and laydown areas.

#### 2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 11 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 12 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 13 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 14 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 15 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 16 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 2249 on Plan 100569, Oakajee  
Lot 2 on Diagram 35736, Oakajee  
Unnamed road reserve (PIN 1260691), Oakajee

#### 3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1.3 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 4460/2.

#### 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.

### PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

#### 5. 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:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

**6. Dieback and weed control**

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) shall only move soils in *dry conditions*;
- (c) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (d) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

**DEFINITIONS**

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

*dieback* means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on native vegetation;

*dry conditions* means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

*fill* means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

*mulch* means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

*weed/s* means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

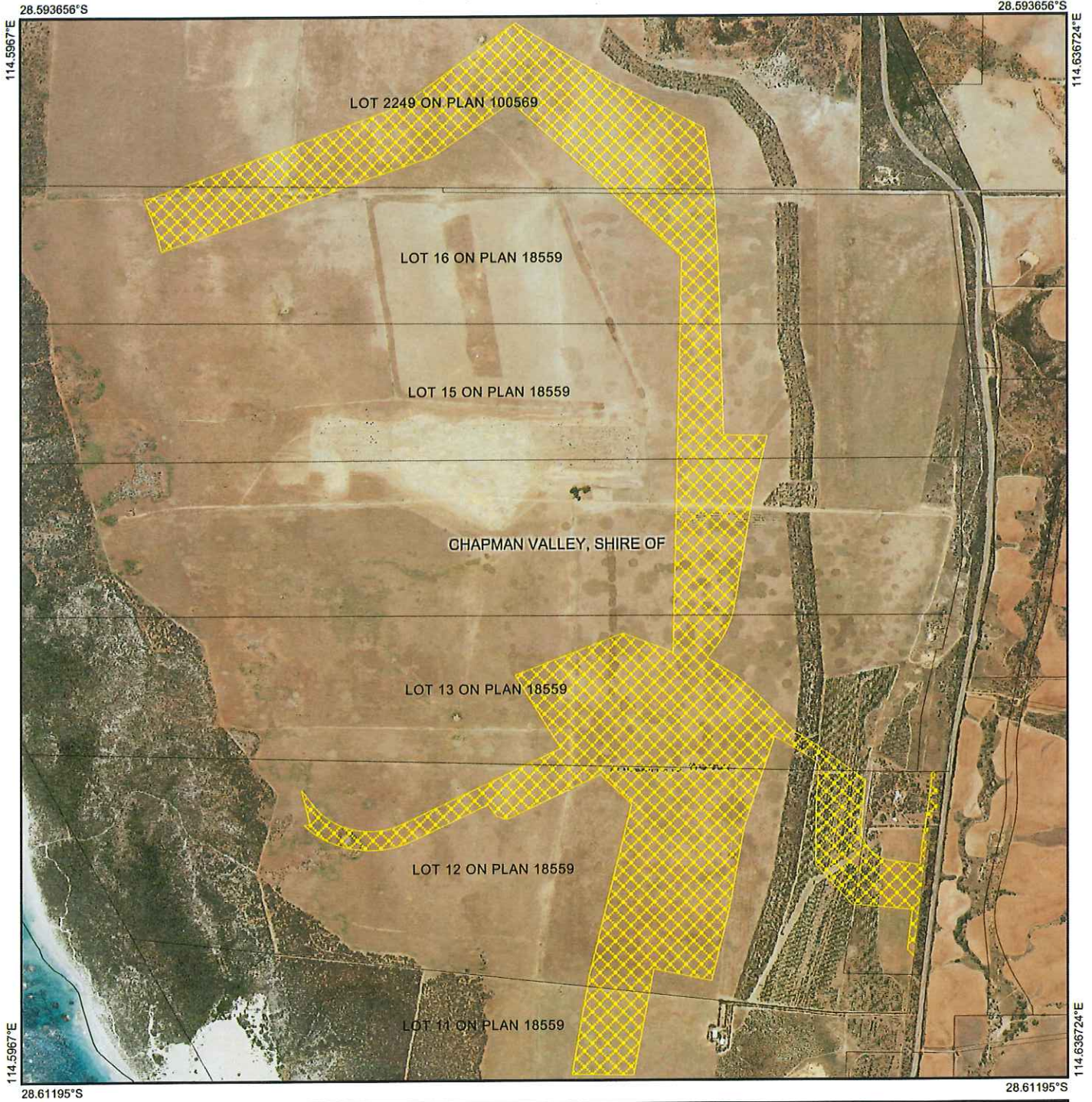


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CLEARING REGULATION

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

26 May 2016

# Plan 4460/2



## Legend

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



(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

GDA 94 (Lat/Long)

Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

*S. Weighell* Date *26/5/16*  
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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 4460/2  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Oakajee Port and Rail Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 2 on Diagram 35736, Oakajee  
Lot 11 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 12 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 13 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 14 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 15 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 16 on Plan 18559, Oakajee  
Lot 2249 on Plan 100569, Oakajee  
Road Reserve, Oakajee  
Shire of Chapman Valley

### Local Government

Authority:  
DER Region: Midwest  
Localities: Oakajee

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
1.3		Mechanical Removal	Building or structure

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Grant

#### Application:

Decision Date: 26 May 2016

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

This application is an amendment to Clearing Permit CPS 4460/1, with a five year extension of the clearing permit requested, as well as minor amendments to update the permit. It was granted on 26 May 2016. A review of current environmental information reveals no new additional information.

## 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
Three Beard Vegetation Associations (BVA) have been recorded in the application area:	Oakajee Port and Rail Pty Ltd proposes to clear 1.3 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of putting up a building or structure.	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).	The description and vegetation condition was determined through aerial photography.
BVA 359 is described as shrublands; acacia and banksia scrub;	The application is to amend Clearing Permit CPS 4460/1 to extend the duration of the permit for a further five years.		
BVA 413 is described as shrublands; <i>Acacia neurophylla</i> and <i>Acacia</i> sp. thicket (Shepherd <i>et al</i> , 2001).			

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The permit holder has applied to extend the duration of the clearing permit for another five years.

The total amount of clearing has not changed from Clearing Permit CPS 4460/1. The properties as listed on

CPS 4460/1 remain the same.

A review of current environmental information reveals no new additional information. Therefore the assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 4460/1.

**Methodology**    References:  
- SAC Bio Datasets (Accessed May 2016)

#### **Planning instruments and other relevant matters.**

**Comments**    The application area is zoned as Oakajee Industrial Zone which is divided into three Special Control Areas; A- General Industry, B- Coastal and C- Strategic Industry, in which the temporary accommodation camp for workers prior to the establishment of the first industry is permitted within Zone C (strategic industry) (Oakajee Port and Rail, 2011).

The application area falls within the Gascoyne Groundwater *Rights in Water Irrigation Act 1914* Zone.

There is one recorded Aboriginal Site of Significance within the 227 hectare footprint area. It is noted that Oakajee Port and Rail will avoid Aboriginal heritage sites that may be identified during pre-construction inspections (Oakajee Port and Rail, 2011).

This area is the subject of a draft Structure plan for the Oakajee Industrial Estate (Department of Environment and Conservation, 2011).

There has been no clearing within the application area to date (Oakajee Port and Rail, 2016).

No public submissions were received from the recent advertising period.

**Methodology**    References:  
- Oakajee Port and Rail (2011)  
- Oakajee Port and Rail (2016)

GIS Databases:  
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance  
- RIWI Act  
- Groundwater Areas

#### **4. References**

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