



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 4679/1  
File Number: 2011/009868-1  
Duration of Permit: From 9 January 2012 to 9 January 2014

### PERMIT HOLDER

Auswest Timbers Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 297 on Deposited Plan 33537 (Pemberton 6260)

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 20 native trees within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 4679/1.

### CONDITIONS

#### 1. 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 a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.

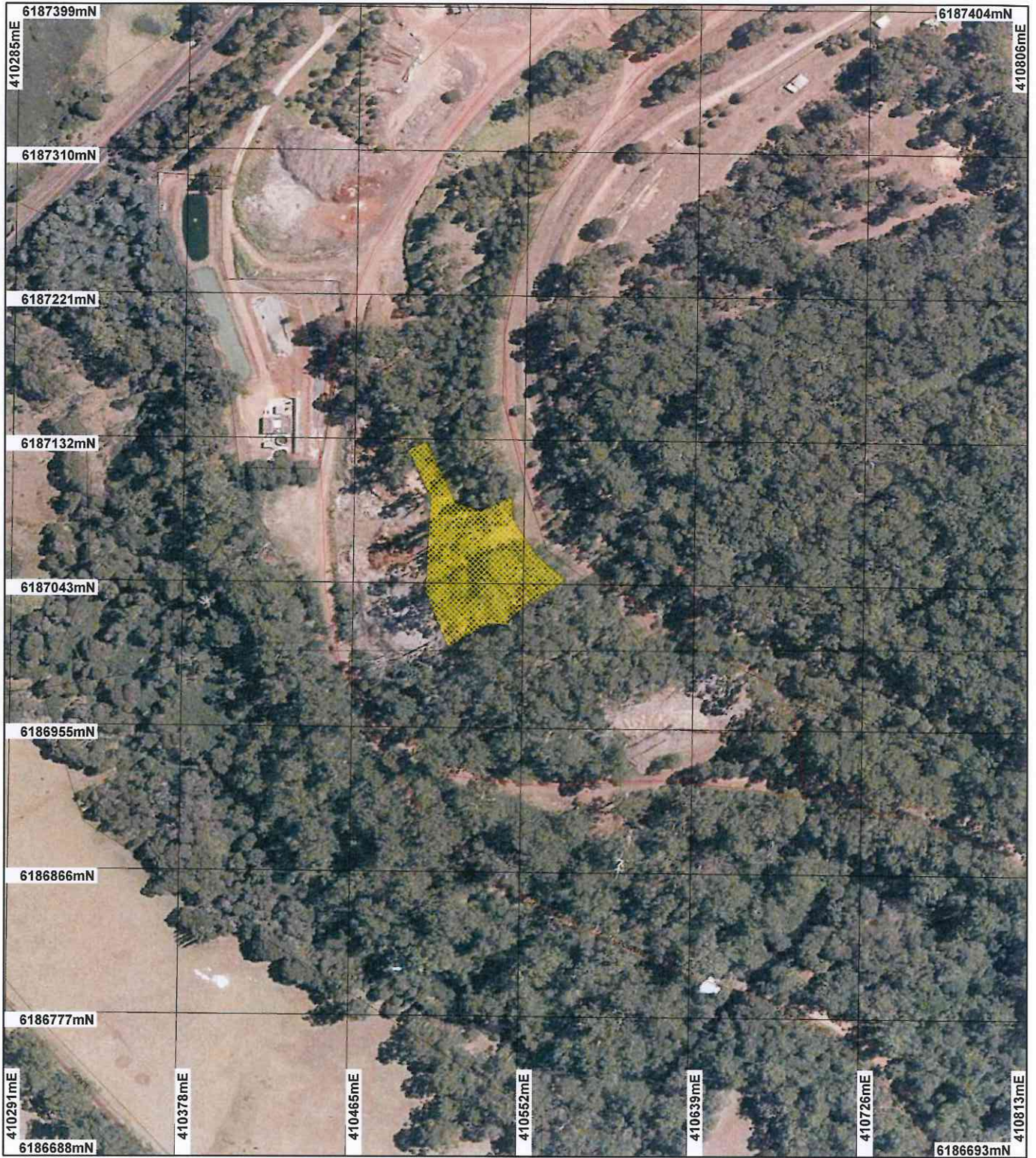
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M Warnock  
A/MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

15 December 2011

# Plan 4679/1



## LEGEND

- Clearing Instruments
- Areas Approved to Clear
  - Road Centrelines
  - Cadastre



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(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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*M Wamock* Date 15/12/11

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 4679/1  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Auswest Timbers Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 297 ON PLAN 33537 (Lot No. 297 VASSE PEMBERTON 6260)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Manjimup  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
	20	Mechanical Removal	Hazard reduction or fire control

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 15 December 2011

## 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 area under application is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 1144 which Shepherd (2009) describes as 'Tall forest; karri & marri (Corymbia calophylla)'.	Auswest Timbers are proposing to clear 20 native trees for the purpose of hazard reduction and extending a sawdust residue area.  The area under application consists of mature Karri trees with no native understorey vegetation (DEC, 2011).	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation was determined via a site inspection conducted by Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC, 2011).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

This application proposes to clear 20 native trees for the purpose of hazard reduction and extending a sawdust residue area.

The application area appears to be in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition with little to no understorey.

The area under application is adjacent to Gloucester National Park. The disturbance cause by the proposed clearing will increase the likelihood of weeds and dieback spreading into the adjacent National Park. Weed and dieback management will assist in mitigating this risk.

Given the small area under application and its degraded condition it is unlikely that the proposed clearing will negatively impact upon flora, fauna or water quality, nor will it cause appreciable land degradation.

Considering the above the clearing may be at variance to principle (h) and is not likely to be at variance to any of the remaining clearing principles.

### Methodology

References:  
Keighery (1994)

GIS Database:  
- DEC Tenure  
- SAC Biodatasets (accessed 7 Dec 2011)

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

### Comments

The area under application falls within the Warren River Water Reserve which is an area gazetted under the Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947 (CAWS Act). The Warren River catchment has been subject to clearing controls since December 1978 to prevent salinisation of water resources. The Department of Water (Dow) has advised that Lot 297 is located in Zone D, a low salinity risk part of the catchment, where Dow Policy and Guidelines for the 'Granting of Licences to Clear Indigenous Vegetation' provide for the grant of a licence subject to the retention of native vegetation on at least 10 per cent of the holding area (DoW, 2011). Post clearing Lot 297 will retain in excess of 10 per cent vegetation and therefore DoW has no objection to the clearing proposal (DoW, 2011).

The Shire of Manjimup (2011) has advised that 'In relation to the application for clearance of native vegetation, referred to the Shire of Manjimup for comment, that there is no Planning or other matters which would affect the proposal'

### Methodology

#### References:

Department of Water (2011)  
Shire of Manjimup (2011)

#### GIS Database:

- Country Area Water Supply Act (Part IIA)

## 4. References

- DEC (2011) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 4679/1, Lot 297 Vasse Hwy, Pemberton. Site inspection undertaken 9 December 2011. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (DEC Ref: A456636).
- Department of Water (CPS 4679/1) Groundwater Advice for Clearing Permit Application CPS 4679/1 - Lot 297 Vasse Hwy, Pemberton (DEC Ref: A449953).
- 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.
- Shire of Manjimup (2011) Planning Advice for clearing permit CPS 4679/1 - Lot 297 Vasse Hwy, Pemberton (DEC Ref: A452306).

## 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)