



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 4765/1  
File Number: 2011/006781-1  
Duration of Permit: 23 February 2012 – 23 February 2014

### PERMIT HOLDER

City of Albany

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 8244 on Deposited Plan 36832 (Goode Beach 6330)

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.04 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 4765/1.

### 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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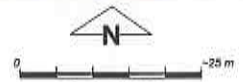
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# Plan 4765/1



## LEGEND


-  Road Centrelines
-  Clearing Instruments
-  Areas Approved to Clear
-  Cadastre for labelling
- Albany 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007



Scale 1:1000  
(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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 Date 23/2/12  
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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 4765/1  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: City of Albany

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 8244 ON PLAN 36832 ( GOODE BEACH 6330)  
Local Government Area: City of Albany  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

| Clearing Area (ha) | No. Trees | Method of Clearing | For the purpose of:   |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 0.04               |           | Mechanical Removal | Building or Structure |

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 23 February 2012

## 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 has been mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 423 which is described as Shrublands; Acacia scrub-heath (unknown spp.) (Shepherd 2009). | The application proposes to clear up to 0.04 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 8244 on Plan 36832, Goode Beach, for the purpose of constructing a boardwalk. | Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994) | The condition of the vegetation was determined through aerial imagery (Albany 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007). |

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The application proposes to clear up to 0.04 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 8244 on Plan 36832 (Crown reserve 48916), Goode Beach, for the purpose of constructing a walk path, boardwalk and birdhide.

The application area is adjacent to a perennial lake and is likely to contain vegetation growing in association with a watercourse therefore the application is at variance to Principle (f).

Within the local area (10km radius) 23 fauna species of conservation significance have been recorded. The closest records are the Carpet Python (*Morelia spilota* subsp. *imbricata*, (Specially Protected under the Wildlife Conservation Act (WC)) and the Quokka (*Setonix brachyurus*) (Threatened under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and Vulnerable under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999), which were recorded within 1km from the application area (DEC 2007-). The vegetation within the applied area is not likely to provide significant habitat for the above mentioned fauna. It is also noted that the area under application is surrounded by large tracts of remnant vegetation, which are likely to provide more significant habitat. Therefore, the vegetation under application is not considered to be significant habitat for indigenous fauna.

The assessment determined that the proposed clearing is not likely to significantly impact any biodiversity, fauna habitat nor will it cause appreciable land degradation within the local or regional context. Given the above, the application is at variance to (f), and is not likely to be at variance to the any of the remaining clearing principles.

Methodology  
References  
DEC (2007-)

GIS Databases:  
- Albany Townsite 20cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007  
- SAC BioData sets  
- Hydrography linear

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

### Comments

The application proposes to clear up to 0.04 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 8244 on Plan 36832 (Crown reserve 48916), Goode Beach, for the purpose of constructing a walk path, boardwalk and birdhide.

Crown Reserve 48916 is under a management order by the City of Albany for the purpose of public recreation.

The area under application is mapped as Rural under the Town Planning Scheme.

The application area falls within the Albany groundwater area which is an area proclaimed under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914.

### Methodology

GIS Databases

- Town Planning Scheme

- RIWI, Groundwater Areas

## 4. References

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## 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)                    |