



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 4774/1

File Number: 2011/011597-1

Duration of Permit: From 27 February 2012 to 27 February 2014

### PERMIT HOLDER

Anthony John and Annette Robin Williamson

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

UNNAMED ROAD RESERVE, KORBEL 6415 (PIN: 1302749)

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

Clearing for the purpose of cropping.

### CONDITIONS

#### 1. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.33 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 4774/1.

#### 2. 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.

#### 3. Type of clearing authorised

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under the *Land Administration Act 1997* or any other written law.

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Kelly Faulkner  
MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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

2 February 2012

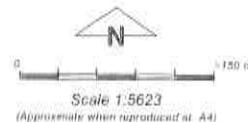
# Plan 4774/1



## LEGEND

- Clearing Instruments:**
- Areas Approved to Clear
  - Road Control Lines
  - Cadastre for Labelling
  - Local Government Authorities

Bruce Rock 1:4m Orthomosaic  
- Landgate 2001



Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

Note: the data in this map have not been projected, they may result in geometric distortions or measurement inaccuracies.

Date 2/2/12

K Faulkner

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 4774/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Anthony John and Annette Robin Williamson

### 1.3. Property details

Property: ROAD RESERVE ( KORBEL 6415)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Bruce Rock  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.33		Mechanical Removal	Grazing & Pasture

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 2 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
Beard Vegetation Association 1023 (Shepherd, 2009): Medium woodland; York gum, wandoo & salmon gum (Eucalyptus salmonophloia)	The proposal to clear 0.33 hectares of native vegetation in an unmade road reserve, Korbelt, within the Shire of Bruce Rock, is for the purpose of cropping.  The vegetation is considered to be completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) with minimal native understorey and comprised of approximately 21 trees.	Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994)	The condition of the vegetation under application was assessed through aerial imagery.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The proposal to clear 0.33 hectares of native vegetation in an unmade road reserve, Korbelt, within the Shire of Bruce Rock, is for the purpose of cropping.

The vegetation is described as Beard Vegetation Association 1023 (Shepherd, 2009) a Medium woodland; York gum, wandoo & salmon gum (Eucalyptus salmonophloia). The condition of the vegetation is considered to be completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) with minimal native understorey and comprised of approximately 21 trees. Although the application falls within a highly cleared landscape, given the small amount of clearing (21 trees) and that the vegetation is considered to be completely degraded (Keighery, 1994), and not representative of the vegetation association; it is not considered significant as a remnant.

There are no declared rare flora species or threatened ecological communities in the vicinity of the application area. The application is adjacent to a vegetated remnant in better condition. The clearing of the vegetation under application would not have a detrimental impact on fauna or impact on ecological linkages.

The assessment determined that the proposed clearing is not likely to significantly impact any biodiversity, environmental values or cause appreciable land degradation or flooding within the local or regional context.

A small portion of the eastern end of the application area is within a riparian area. Given this the application is at variance to principle (f) as some vegetation is growing in and in association with a watercourse, however the proposed clearing will have a minimal environmental impacts.

The assessment of the application identified that the clearing is at variance to principle (f) and not likely to be at variance to the remaining principles.

Methodology References:

Keighery (1994)

GIS databases:

- Clearing Regulations - Environmentally Sensitive Areas - 30 May 2005
- Hydrogeographic Catchments, Catchments - DoW 01/06/07
- Hydrography, linear DOW 13/7/06
- Pre-European vegetation - DA 01/01
- SAC Biodatasets (Accessed 25 Jan 2012)

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

### Comments

The Shire of Bruce Rock has provided authority for that applicant to apply for a clearing permit within the road reserve.

The area under application is within the Avon River System (unconfirmed) RIWI Act Area.

A public submission (2012) was received and concerns raised have been addressed in the assessment where appropriate.

The vegetation is within the agricultural area defined in EPA Position Statement No. 2 (EPA 2000). EPA Position Statement No. 2 (EPA 2000) states that significant clearing of native vegetation has already occurred on agricultural land, leading to a reduction in biodiversity and increase in land salinisation, and therefore any further reduction in native vegetation through clearing for agriculture cannot be supported. The EPA (2000) recommends that all existing native vegetation be protected from passive clearing through, for example, grazing by stock or clearing by other means.

In exceptional circumstances the EPA would consider supporting clearing for agriculture within this region if:

- (a) There are alternative mechanisms for protecting biodiversity.
- (b) The area to be cleared is relatively small, depending on the scale at which biodiversity changes over the area, including extent of vegetation in the surrounding area and recognising that values will vary for different ecosystems.
- (c) The proponent demonstrates that the elements set out in Section 4.3 of Position Statement No 2 are being met. This will require extensive local and regional biodiversity work.
- (d) Land degradation, including aquatic environments and threatening processes, such as dieback, salinisation or disruption of catchment processes, on-site and off-site would not be exacerbated.

The application is consistent with points (b) and (d).

### Methodology

References:  
EPA (2000)

GIS databases:  
- RIWI Act, Areas

## 4. References

- EPA (2000) Environmental protection of native vegetation in Western Australia. Clearing of native vegetation, with particular reference to the agricultural area. Position Statement No. 2. December 2000. Environmental Protection Authority, Western Australia.
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Public Submission (2012). Public submission received on 29 January 2012. DEC Ref: A469520
- 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