



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Purpose Permit number:</b> | CPS 5002/1                 |
| <b>Permit Holder:</b>         | Shire of York              |
| <b>Duration of Permit:</b>    | 8 June 2012 to 8 June 2014 |

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 improving line of sight and road widening
- 2. Land on which clearing is to be done**  
Spencers Brook - York Road reserve, York (PIN: 11339639)  
Wallaby Road reserve, Badgin (PIN:1353869)
- 3. Area of Clearing**  
The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 18 native within the combined areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 5002/1a and Plan 5002/1b.
- 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.
- 5. Type of clearing authorised**  
This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the activities described in condition 1 of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.
- 6. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures**  
Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the Permit Holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

### PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

- 7. 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:
  - (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
  - (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
  - (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

**8. Fauna management**

The Permit Holder shall retain *habitat trees* found within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 5002/1b.

**PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

**9. Records must be kept**

The Permit Holder must maintain records pursuant to condition 8 of this Permit for the location of each *habitat tree* identified recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings.

**10. Reporting**

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 8 March 2014 the permit holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a) of this Permit.

**DEFINITIONS**

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

*habitat tree(s)* means trees that have a diameter, measured at 1.5m above the ground, of 50cm or greater, healthy but with dead limbs and broken crowns that are likely to contain hollows and roosts suitable for native fauna, or where these are not present then healthy but with the potential to contain hollows and roosts.



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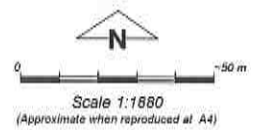
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# Plan 5002/1a



## LEGEND

- Clearing Instruments**
- Areas Approved to Clear
  - Road Centrelines
  - Cadastre
  - Image Index (cont)
- Recently added
  - Coverage
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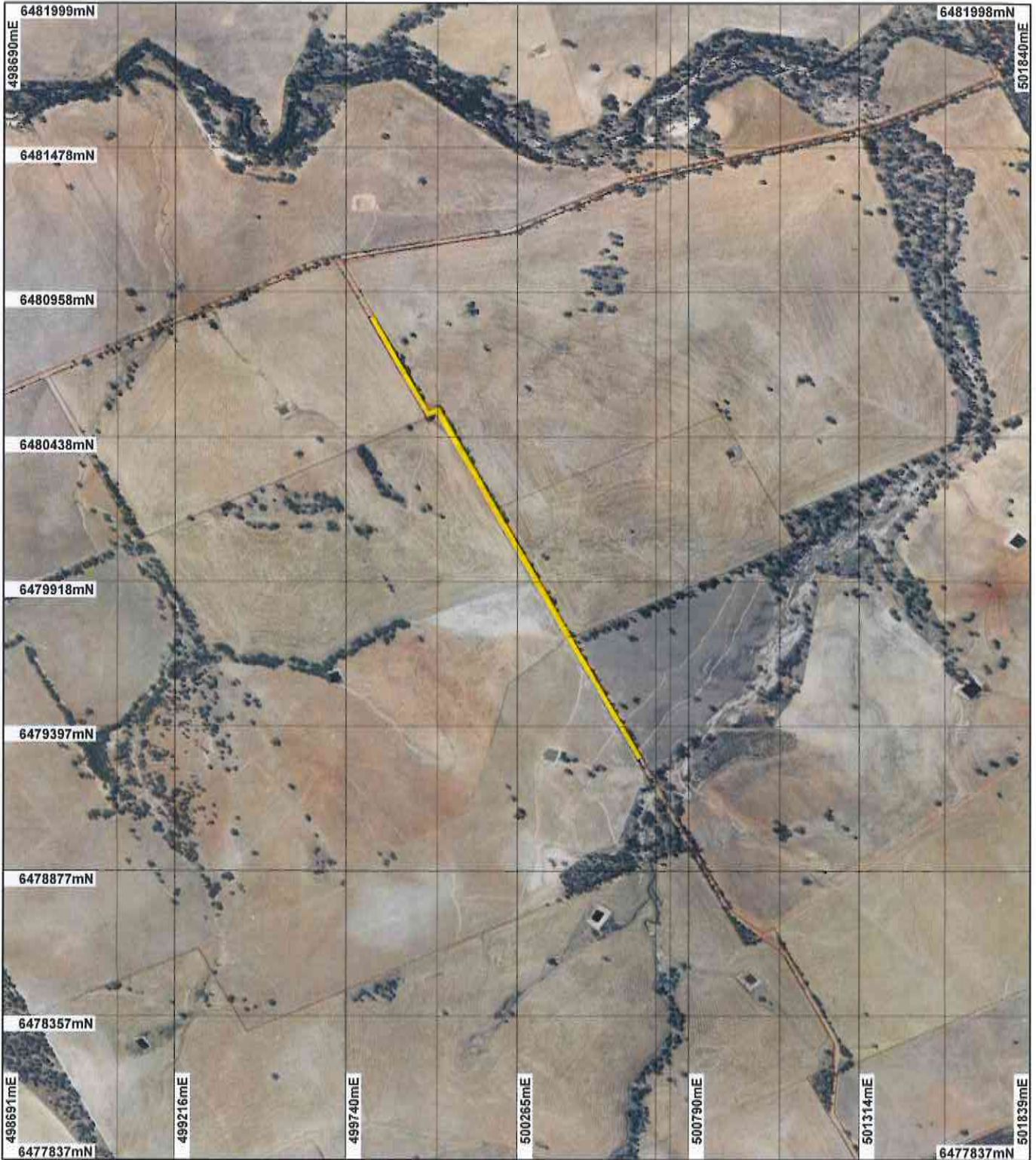
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# Plan 5002/1b

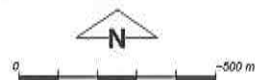


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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5002/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Shire of York

### 1.3. Property details

Property: ROAD RESERVE (YORK 6302)  
ROAD RESERVE (BADGIN 6302)  
Local Government Area: Shire of York  
Colloquial name: Wallaby Road reserve and Spencers Brook Road reserve

### 1.4. Application

| Clearing Area (ha) | No. Trees | Method of Clearing | For the purpose of:              |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|                    | 18        | Mechanical Removal | Road construction or maintenance |

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 17 May 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 vegetation within Spencers Brook Road reserve is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 852 which is described as 'Grasslands, short bunch grass savanna low tree; snappy gum & bloodwood (Eucalyptus terminalis) over arid short grass on plains' (Shepherd, 2009). | The clearing within Spencers Brook Road reserve consists of four mature eucalyptus trees. No native understorey is present.  | Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994) | The condition of the vegetation was determined via a site inspection conducted by Department of Environment and Conservation Officers on 19 April 2012 (DEC, 2012). |
| The vegetation within Wallaby Road reserve is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 1049 which is described as 'Medium woodland; wandoo, York gum, salmon gum, morrel & gimlet' (Shepherd, 2009).   | The clearing within Wallaby Road reserve consists of approximately fourteen Wandoo and Salmon Gums. The trees under application range in size and age. No native understorey is present. | As above   | As above  |

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The clearing proposed within Spencers Brook Road reserve consists of four mature eucalyptus trees. These trees are required to be cleared to improve line of sight for motorists entering Spencers Brook Road from Sixth Road.

The four trees under application do not contain any visible hollows (DEC, 2012).

The proposed clearing of four trees is not likely to have any significant environmental impacts.

The clearing proposed within Wallaby Road reserve consists of approximately fourteen Wandoo and Salmon Gum trees. The purpose of the proposed clearing is to widen the road so that local farmers can freely move large machinery down the road.

Numerous trees along Wallaby Road contain hollows of a suitable size to be utilised by fauna (DEC, 2012). Fauna management practices requiring the retention of habitat trees will ensure that significant habitat for native fauna is not impacted.

Considering trees along Wallaby Road contain hollows, the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (b). The remaining clearing principles are not likely to be at variance.

**Methodology**    References:  
DEC (2012)

GIS Database:  
- Hydrography linear  
- SAC Biodatasets (accessed April 2012)  
- Pre European Vegetation

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

#### **Comments**

A public submission has been received in relation to this application which advises that other options such as pruning should be examined first. This submission also states that there is very little vegetation remaining in the Shire of York and that a Priority 1 species (*Thomasia glabripetala*) has been recorded in Badgin (Submission, 2011). DEC officers have inspected the site under application and found that no mid or understorey vegetation was present, therefore *Thomasia glabripetala* will not be impacted by the clearing. The option of pruning was discussed with the applicant. DEC acknowledges that the Shire of York retains approximately 36 per cent vegetation however, the vegetation under application is not a significant remnant. Fauna management practices will be imposed to ensure no hollow bearing trees will be removed.

**Methodology**    Referenece:  
Submission (2011)

### **4. References**

- DEC (2012) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 5002/1, Spencers Brook Road reserve and Wallaby Road reserve. Site inspection undertaken 19 April 2012. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (DEC Ref: A500155).
- 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.
- Submission (2011) Submission in relation to Clearing Permit Application CPS 5002/1 (DEC Ref : A500300).

### **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)                    |