

#### CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

#### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 5007/1

File Number:

2011/006792-1

Duration of Permit: From 15 June 2012 to 15 June 2014

#### PERMIT HOLDER

City of Joondalup

#### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 12803 on Plan 15142,

Burns Beach Road reserve (PIN 1342109 and PIN 1346374), Iluka.

#### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 28 Acacia rostellifera within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 5007/1.

#### 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

- a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be
- 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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NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 Plan 5007/1



# LEGEND

Department of Environment and Conservation



## **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

#### 1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

5007/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

City of Joondalup

Property details

Property:

LOT 12803 ON PLAN 15142 (Lot No. 1000 OCEAN REEF ILUKA 6028)

ROAD RESERVE (ILUKA 6028) ROAD RESERVE (ILUKA 6028)

Local Government Area:

City of Joondalup

Colloquial name:

Burns Beach Road reserve

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Restoration

Mechanical Removal

Decision on application

**Decision on Permit Application:** 

**Decision Date:** 

24 May 2012

#### 2. Site Information

## 2.1. Existing environment and Information

### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

#### Vegetation Description

The area under application is mapped as Heddle vegetation Cottesloe Complex central and south, consisting of a Mosaic of woodland of Eucalyptus gomphocephala (Tuart) and open forest of Eucalyptus gomphocephala (Tuart), Eucalyptus marginata (Jarrah) and Corymbia calophylla (Marri) with

closed heath on Limestone outcrops (Heddle, 1980)

#### **Clearing Description**

The proposal is to clear 28 native trees within Lot 12803 on Deposited Plan 15142, Road reserve (PIN 1346374) and Road reserve (PIN 1342109). Iluka, for the purpose of preventing further damage to other local native plant species.

#### Vegetation Condition

Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)

#### Comment

The condition of the vegetation was obtained through aerial imagery (Perth Metropolitan central 50cm orthomosaic Landgate, 2011).

#### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

#### Comments

The application to clear a total of 28 Acacia rostellifera within Lot 12803 on Deposited Plan 15142 and Burns Beach Road reserve, Iluka, for the purpose of preventing further damage to local native plant species is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts.

Six threatened fauna species have been recorded in the local area (10km radius). The 28 acacia trees under application are not likely to provide significant habitat for local fauna.

Given the proposed clearing is for 28 individual trees, the clearing area under application is not considered to be a significant remnant (Heddle, 1980).

The proposed clearing falls within the Coastal Strip from Burns Beach to Hillarys, Bush Forever site 325. The disturbance resulting from the proposed clearing will increase the risk of weeds and dieback spreading into the Bush Forever site. Weed and dieback management practices will assist in mitigating this risk,

Given the above the proposed clearing may be at variance to principle (h), and is not likely to be at variance to any other principle.

#### Methodology

#### References

- DEC (2007-)
- -Government of Western Australia (2011)
- Heddle (1980)
- Keighery (1994)

#### **GIS Databases**

- Clearing Regulations Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Pre-European vegetation
- SAC Biodatasets (Accessed May 2012)
- Soils Statewide
- WA Herbarium (1998)
- Perth Metropolitan Central 15cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2011

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

#### Comments

No submissions from the public have been received.

The Department of Planning have recommended that Priority flora be mapped in the Bush Forever site and protected during site works. It has been requested that the removal of Acacia rostellifera is not to result in the clearing or disturbance of existing vegetation within the Bush Forever site. Furthermore the Department of Planning have recommended that no building materials, rubbish or other matter is to be deposited into Bush Forever area 325 during or after development (Department of Planning, 2012).

#### Methodology

Reference:

Department of Planning (2012)

#### 4. References

DEC (2007) DEC Fauna Habitat Notes.xls. February 2007. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia. Department of Planning (2012) Bush Forever advice for Clearing Permit Application CPS 5007/1. Department of Planning, Western Australia (DEC Ref: A506371).

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Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.

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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)