



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 5106/3
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Mr Austen William Langford
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	7 September 2012 to 7 September 2022

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 *apiary site* maintenance.

#### 2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Apiary site no.	Local Government Authority	District	Land tenure	Longitude	Latitude
65	116.0357764	-32.30662224	State Forest 22 - CCWA	Perth Hills	65
161	116.0760502	-34.6818092	Boorara-Gardner National Park - CCWA	Donnelly	161
412	116.480615	-32.33899385	STATE FOREST 67 - CCWA	Perth Hills	412
3206	116.4195225	-32.25173412	STATE FOREST 13 - CCWA	Perth Hills	3206
3370	116.1954203	-32.10216586	STATE FOREST 22 - CCWA	Perth Hills	3370
4380	116.1487219	-31.57465028	Moodyne Nature Reserve R41938 - CCWA	Perth Hills	4380
4527	116.839022	-32.75220055	STATE FOREST 51 - CCWA	Great Southern	4527
4597	116.0702911	-32.0937653	Local Government Reserve - Shire of Gosnells - Reserve 7415 - Parks and Recreation	Perth Hills	4597
4678	116.0386108	-32.08401134	Local Government Reserve - Shire of Gosnells - Reserve 7415 - Parks and Recreation	Perth Hills	4678
4883	115.5930753	-29.76231414	Land Act Reserve (Other) - Aboriginal Lands Trust - Indigenous Affairs 28609 - Use and benefit of Aboriginies (other)	Moora	4883
5050	116.0572739	-32.40221638	SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK - CCWA	Perth Hills	5050

Apiary site no.	Local Government Authority	District	Land tenure	Longitude	Latitude
5228	116.0466223	-32.38956607	SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK - CCWA	Perth Hills	5228
5598	116.0227839	-31.62268942	Bullsbrook Nature Reserve 1654 - CCWA	Perth Hills	5598
5857	116.3684036	-32.11789502	STATE FOREST 13 - CCWA	Perth Hills	5857
6109	116.0856939	-31.84598078	STATE FOREST - CCWA	Perth Hills	6109
6331	116.0454198	-32.09794264	Local Government Reserve - Shire of Armadale - Reserve 34155 - Parks and Recreation (Perth Hills District advised this area is managed by Regional Parks)	Perth Hills	6331
7987	115.72041	-31.63143	Neerabup National Park CROWN RESERVE 27575, DBCA	Nowergup	7987

### 3. Area of clearing

- The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.85 hectares of native vegetation in total.
- The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.05 hectares for each of the *apiary sites* described in condition 2 of this Permit.
- The clearing described in conditions 3(a) and 3(b) of this Permit may only occur within a 500 metre radius of the coordinates of each *apiary site* described in condition 2 of this Permit, subject to the Permit Holder having the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under any written law.

### 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 within *apiary sites* described in condition 2 and the type of clearing in condition 3 of this Permit to the extent of activities permitted under an authority granted to the Permit Holder under Part 8A of the *Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002*.

### 6. Clearing not authorised

This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear trees that have a diameter, at average adult human chest height, of 10 centimetres or greater.

## PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

### 7. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of 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:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

## 8. Method of clearing

- (a) The Permit Holder must comply with the directions of the relevant District Apiary Officer of the Department of Parks and Wildlife prior to undertaking clearing within *apiary sites* described in condition 2 of this Permit.
- (b) The Permit Holder may only clear native vegetation using minimal impact methods, such as hand mowers or raking.

## 9. 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.

## PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

### 10. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings and/or decimal degrees;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

### 11. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
  - (i) of records required under condition 10 of this Permit; and
  - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year.
- (c) Prior to 7 June 2022, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 10 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a) of this Permit.

## DEFINITIONS

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

*apiary site/s* means the land specified in an apiary authority as the land to which an apiary licence granted under Part VIII Division 2 of the CALM Act, or an apiary permit granted under Part VIII Division 1 of the CALM Act;

**CALM Act** means the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*;

*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; and

**weed/s** mean any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

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

31 October 2018



## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: CPS 5106/3  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Mr Austen Langford

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Various locations within Western Australia  
Local Government Authority: Various

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.85		Mechanical Removal	Apiculture

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 22 October 2018  
Reasons for Decision: This amendment was received on 16 May 2018 requesting the addition of apiary site 7987 to the permit.

The amended application has been re-assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The Delegated Officer has concluded that the assessment has not changed since the assessment of 5106/2.

## 2. Site Information

**Clearing Description:** The application is to clear up to 0.85 hectares of native vegetation across 17 apiary sites within various properties, State Forests, Timber Reserves, Crown Leases, Crown Reserves and unallocated Crown land parcels across the mid and south west of Western Australia. The apiary sites are located within areas permitted under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act).

**Comment:** The proposed clearing may be in the form of minimal impact methods such as pruning, scrub rolling or slashing vegetation. Up to approximately 0.05 hectares may be necessary within each apiary site for access or placement of beehives. Clearing for a firebreak may also be required and has been factored into the 0.05 hectares.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The assessment against the 10 clearing principles outlined in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* has not changed and can be found in the Decision Report for application CPS 5106/2.

### Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Apiarists generally have a preference to use existing cleared areas for apiary site locations and existing tracks/firebreaks for access them, to keep maintenance to a minimum. However, in some cases apiary sites may not have been used for a number of years and clearing of regrowth may be required.

Approvals to establish apiary sites are managed under the CALM Act. As part of this process, authority to access lands is obtained from the relevant land managers.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction's (DBCA) 'General Conditions for using Apiary Authorities on Crown Land in Western Australia' state that an apiarist must liaise with the local DBCA apiary officer to gain final approval prior to using or entering a nominated apiary site, and that if an apiary site is no longer suitable for use the local DBCA officer can request the apiarist to relocate (Parks and Wildlife, 2013).

This application was advertised on the DWER website on 23 October for seven days. No public submissions were received.

## 4. References

- Department of Parks and Wildlife (2013) General Conditions for using Apiary Authorities on Crown Land in Western Australia. Department of Parks and Wildlife, 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.