



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 5241/1
Permit Holder:	Albany City Kart Club Inc
Duration of Permit:	20 September 2012 – 20 September 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 extending kart club facilities.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 8122 on Deposited Plan 26510, Drome

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than one hectare of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 5241/1.

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 activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the right to access land under the *Land Administration Act 1997* 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:

- 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. 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

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

20 September 2012

Plan 5241/1



LEGEND

- Clearing instruments
- Areas Applied to Clear
- Areas Subject to Conditions
- Areas Approved to Clear
- Road Centrelines
- Cadastral for labelling
- Local Government Authorities
- Albany Townsite 20cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007

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Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5241/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Albany Cart Club Inc

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 8122 ON PLAN 26510 (DROME 6330)
Local Government Area: City of Albany
Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

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

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant
Decision Date: 20 September 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: 978 Low forest; jarrah, Eucalyptus staeri & Allocasuarina fraseriana (Shepherd 2009)	The proposal is to clear one hectare of native vegetation for the purpose of extending Albany City Kart Club facilities. The area under application contains two vegetation types: Hakea spp shrubland/woodland complex containing Eucalyptus staeri Low open forest over a distinctive low shrub layer of Hakea spp over a diverse sedgeland. This vegetation type occurs predominately in very good (Keighery, 1994) condition.	Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	The vegetation condition was determined from two flora surveys of the application area and aerial photography (Sandiford 2005, Sandiford and Barrett 2010).
As above	Pericalymma spongiocaula low heath over Chordifex isomorphus which is the dominant sedge and occurs predominantly in a very good (Keighery, 1994) condition.	Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	As above

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The proposed clearing of one hectare of native vegetation within Lot 8122 on Deposited Plan 26510 for the purpose of extending the Albany City Kart Club facilities is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts.

No rare flora species or threatened ecological communities occur within the vicinity of the application area.

The application area contains Albany Regional Vegetation Survey vegetation units Hakea spp Shrubland/Woodland Complex and Pericalymma spongiocaula Low health, both with less than 10% of their pre-European extent remaining. There are signs of disturbance within both vegetation types on site with dieback likely to be present (DEC 2010). Given this the application may be at variance to principle (e). Weed and dieback management will minimise impacts to surrounding vegetation.

It is unlikely the proposal will be considered as significant fauna habitat; impacting on conservation areas; or causing or exacerbating land degradation, water quality or flooding.

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

Methodology Reference:

- DEC (2010)
- GIS databases:
 - Clearing Regulations - Environmentally Sensitive Areas - 30 May 2005
 - Groundwater Salinity, statewide - DoW 13/07/06
 - Hydrogeographic Catchments, Catchments - DoW 01/06/07
 - Hydrogeology, statewide - DOW 13/07/06
 - Hydrography, linear DOW 13/7/06
 - Pre-European vegetation - DA 01/01
 - SAC Biodatasets (Accessed 20 Sep 2012)

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

Comments

The applicant holds a hectare lease over Lot 8122 until 30 April 2021.

No public submissions have been received.

Methodology

4. References

- DEC (2010) Site Inspection report for CPS 3968/1 - Great Southern Motorplex Group - Lot 8122 Albany Hwy, Albany. Department of Environment and Conservation. DEC refA354100
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Sandiford (2005) Vegetation and Flora Survey Parker Brook Reserve, Albany Hwy, September 2005. DEC ref A335543
- Sandiford and Barrett (2010) Albany Regional Vegetation Survey, Extent, Type and Status. A project funded by the Western Australian Planning Commission (EnviroPlanning 'Integrating NRM into Land Use Planning' and State NRM Program), South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. and City of Albany for the Department of Environment and Conservation. Unpublished report. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia.
- 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
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)