

#### **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:

CPS 5274/2

Permit Holder:

BASF Agricultural Specialties Pty Ltd

**Duration of Permit:** 

7 December 2012 to 7 December 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 establishing a firebreak

# 2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 12811 on Deposited Plan 210271, Mordalup

#### 3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.4 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 5274/2.

# 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. 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

#### 6. 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.

#### 7. 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) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (c) 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;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow; and

*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;

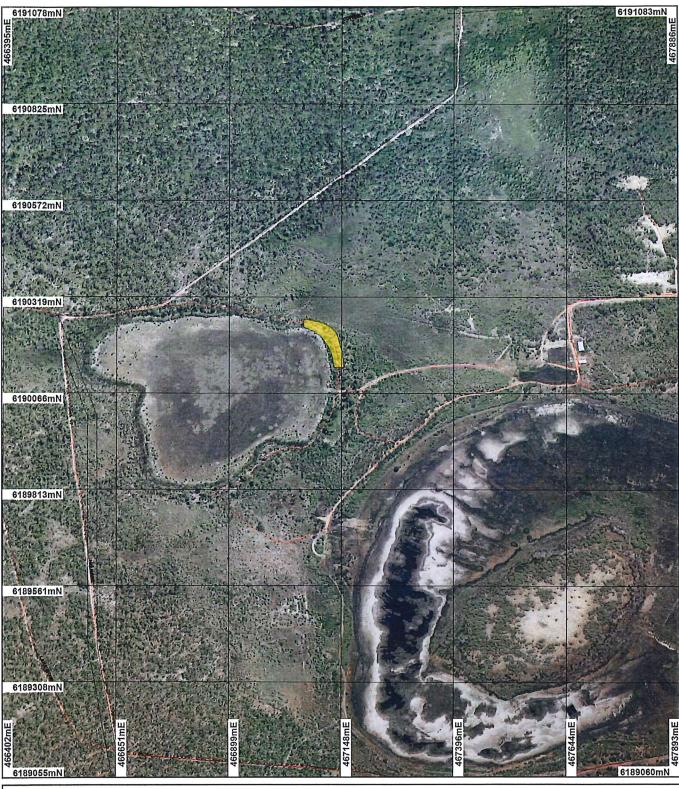
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**CLEARING REGULATION** 

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

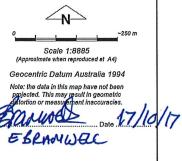
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# Plan 5274/2





Recently added
Coverage
Tonebridge 50cm
Orthomosaic - Landgate
2004







# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

# 1. Application details

#### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

5274/2

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

#### Applicant details

Applicant's name:

BASF Australia Pty Ltd

# 1.3. Property details

Property:

0.4

LOT 12811 ON PLAN 210271 (MORDALUP 6258)

Colloquial name:

Mcalinden

**Local Government Authority:** 

Shire of Manjimup

#### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing Mechanical Removal For the purpose of:

Hazard reduction or fire control

# **Decision on application**

**Decision on Permit Application:** 

**Decision Date:** 

Reasons for Decision:

Final amendment 17 October 2017

The amendment application is to amend Clearing Permit CPS 5274/1 by updating the name of the Permit Holder and extending the duration of the permit by five years to 7

December 2022.

The amendment application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 510 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act), and the Delegated Officer has concluded that assessment has not changed since the assessment for CPS 5274/1.

### 2. Site Information

# **Existing environment and information**

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

### **Vegetation Description**

The application area has been mapped as the following Beard vegetation associations (Shepherd et al, 2001):

- 27: Low woodland; paperbark (Melaleuca sp.); and
- 126: Bare areas; freshwater lakes.

The application area has been mapped as Mattiske vegetation complex YR: Mosaic of open woodland of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata-Corymbia calophylla (marri), open woodland of Melaleuca cuticularis (saltwater paperbark), open woodland of Melaleuca preissiana (moonah)-Banksia littoralis (swamp banksia)-Banksia seminuda (river banksia), tall shrubland of Myrtaceae spp. and sedgelands on broad depressions in humid and subhumid zones (Mattiske and Havel, 1980).

### **Clearing Description**

This application proposes to clear up to 0.4 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of establishing a firebreak around a wetland.

The vegetation within the application area is predominately Eucalyptus and Melaleuca woodland (DMP, 2012).

The area under application has been previously cleared for a firebreak, however there has been a large amount of regeneration and the area is currently in a very good to excellent (Keighery, 1994) condition (DMP, 2012).

# Vegetation Condition Comment

**Excellent: Vegetation** structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds nonaggressive (Keighery 1994)

To

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

The condition of the vegetation was determined via a site inspection conducted by officers of the former Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP, 2012) and via digital imagery (Tonebridge 50cm Orthomosaic -Landgate 2004).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The applicant has applied for amendment to Clearing Permit CPS 5274/1 by updating the name of the Permit Holder and extending the duration of the permit by five years to 7 December 2022.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 5274/1.

### Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments

The assessment of Planning and Other Relevant Matters has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 5274/1.

### 4. References

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Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R. and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001) Native Vegetation in Western Australia, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.