

# CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

## PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: CPS 5561/1

File Number:

2013/001826-1

Duration of Permit: From 31 May 2013 to 31 May 2015

## PERMIT HOLDER

Sally June Hunt

Christopher Basil Hunt

## LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 3 on Deposited Plan 46961, Kirup

## **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.2106 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 5561/1.

## CONDITIONS

Nil.

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MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

9 May 2013

# Plan 5561/1



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# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

## 1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

5561/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Sally June and Christopher Basil Hunt

1.3. Property details

Property:

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LOT 3 ON PLAN 46961 (House No. 16 LUKIS KIRUP 6251)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup

1.4. Application Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Hazard reduction or fire control

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Grant

Decision Date:

9 May 2013

### 2. Site Information

## 2.1. Existing environment and information

## 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

## Vegetation Description

Beard Vegetation Association: 3 - Medium forest; jarrah-marri (Shepherd et al. 2001).

Heddle Vegetation Complex: Balingup Complex - Open forest of Jarrah and Marri (Heddle et al. 1980).

Mattiske Vegetation Complex: Goonaping -Mosaic of open forest of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata (humid zones) and Eucalyptus marginata subsp. thalassica (semiarid to perarid zones) on the sandy-gravels, low woodland of Banksia attenuata on the drier sandier sites (humid to perarid zones) with some Banksia menziesii (northern arid and perarid zones) and low open woodland of Melaleuca preissiana-Banksia littoralis on the moister sandy soils (humid to perarid zones) (Mattiske & Havel 1998).

#### Clearing Description

The application is to clear up to 0.2106 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 3 on Plan 46961, Klrup, for the purpose of fire hazard reduction.

The vegetation under application has a Corymbia calophylla and Eucalyptus marginata overstorey with an understorey of Kingia australis, Xanthorrhoea preissil, Macrozamia riddle, Pteridium esculentum and Mirbelia dilate (DEC 2013).

Non-native Acacia sp. and Pinus sp. occur within the application area (DEC 2013).

## Vegetation Condition

Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994).

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Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994).

#### Comment

Vegetation description and condition were determined through aerial imagery and a site inspection (DEC 2013).

# 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

#### Comments

The application is to clear up to 0.2106 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 3 on Plan 46961, Kirup, for the purpose of fire hazard reduction.

The vegetation under application consists of a Corymbia calophylla and Eucalyptus marginata overstorey with an understorey of Kingia australis, Xanthorrhoea preissii, Macrozamia riddle, Pteridium esculentum and Mirbelia dilate (DEC 2013). The vegetation is in good (Keighery 1994) to degraded (Keighery 1994) condition (DEC 2013).

Non-native Acacia sp. and Pinus sp. occur within the application area (DEC 2013).

There are no rare flora species or threatened ecological communities within the local area (10 kilometre radius). Given the clearing consists of 0.2106 hectares and the local area (10 kilometre radius) is well vegetated (50 percent), it is unlikely for the proposed clearing to contain significant fauna habitat, impact on nearby conservation areas, cause or exacerbate land degradation or flooding or impact on groundwater. There are no watercourses within the application area, therefore the proposed clearing is unlikely to impact on surface water quality.

There are several records of priority flora species within the local area (10 kilometre radius). The closest record

is a priority four species, located approximately 1.2 kilometres from the application area. This species occurs on swampy flats, granite outcrops and along watercourses (Western Australian Herbarium 1998). Given that the vegetation under application does not include this habitat, this species is unlikely to occur with the application area.

The assessment of the application identified that the clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the principles.

## Methodology

References:

DEC 2013 Keighery 1994

Western Australian Herbarium 1998

GIS Databases:

- DEC Tenure
- Donnybrook 50cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2004
- Hydrography, Linear
- SAC Biodatasets

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

#### Comments

The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup (2013) support the proposed clearing for fire hazard reduction. They advise that Lot 3 on Plan 46961 is zoned 'Urban' under the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup Town Planning Scheme No.4 and that the proposed clearing is consistent with the aims and provisions of this scheme (Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup 2013).

The application area is located within the Capel River System Surface Water Area covered by the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914.

No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

## Methodology

References:

Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup 2013

GIS Databases: - RIWI Act areas

## 4. References

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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