



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 5700/2

File Number: 2013/000090-1

Duration of Permit: From 12 October 2013 to 12 October 2015

### PERMIT HOLDER

Rocky Property Nominees Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 16326 on Deposited Plan 88745, Westdale.

Lot 75 on Deposited Plan 56223, Westdale.

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 2 hectares of native vegetation and 50 native trees within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 5700/2.

### CONDITIONS

#### 1. Fauna management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit between 1 January to 1 February and between 8 March to 31 December, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to conduct a *fauna survey* of the Permit Area to identify *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* being utilised by fauna species listed below:
  - (i) *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* (*Carnaby's cockatoo*);
  - (ii) *Calyptorhynchus baudinii* (*Baudin's cockatoo*); and
  - (iii) *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* (*Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo*).
- (b) Where fauna or black cockatoo habitat trees are identified under condition 1(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to map *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* within the Permit Area.
- (c) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the *fauna survey* in a report to the CEO.
- (d) The *fauna survey* report must include the following:
  - (i) the location of the *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (ii) the location of any fauna species, listed in condition 1(a) if identified, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees; and
  - (iii) the name and amount of each fauna species identified;
  - (iv) the methodology, used to survey the Permit Area; and
  - (v) a description of the *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* identified.
- (e) where fauna are identified under condition 1(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
  - (i) no clearing within 10 metres of black cockatoo habitat tree/s of the identified fauna occurs, unless first approved by the CEO; and
  - (ii) no taking of identified fauna occurs, unless first approved by the CEO.

## DEFINITIONS

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

***black cockatoo habitat tree/s:*** means trees that have a diameter, measured at 1.5 metres from the base of the tree, of 50 centimetres or greater;

***fauna specialist:*** means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specializing in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in fauna identification and surveys of fauna native to the region being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the CEO as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*; and

***fauna survey:*** means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of fauna and/or fauna habitat of the Permit Area. Where conservation significant fauna are identified in the Permit Area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the Permit Area into local context.

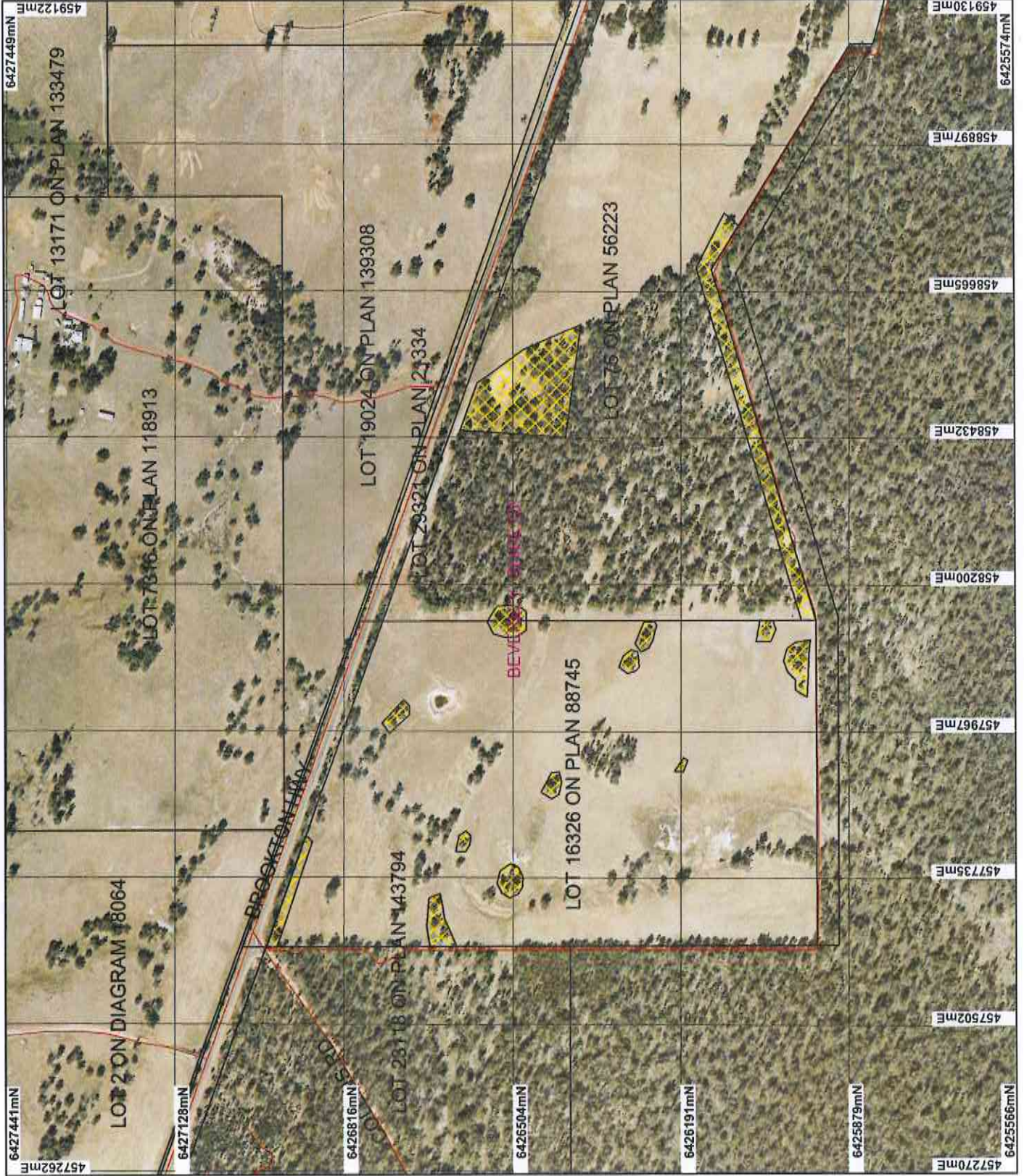


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9 January 2014

# Plan 5700/2



**LEGEND**

- Centrelines
- Local Government Authorities\_1
- Clearing Instruments
- Areas Approved to Clear
- Beverley 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2006

Scale 1:9000  
 (Approximate when represented at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1984

Note: the data in this map have not been inspected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.

J Clarkson Date 9.11.14

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# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5700/2  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: The Rocky Property Nominees Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 16326 ON PLAN 88745 (WESTDALE 6304)  
LOT 75 ON PLAN 56223 (Lot No. 75 BROOKTON WESTDALE 6304)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Beverley  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
2		Mechanical Removal	Grazing & Pasture

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 9 January 2014

## 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
Mapped Beard vegetation associations (Shepherd et al 2001): 3: Described as medium forest, jarrah-marri. 4: Medium woodland; marri & wandoo. Mattiske vegetation complex (Mattiske et al 1998): Yalanbee (Y6): Woodland of Eucalyptus wandoo-Eucalyptus accedens, less consistently open forest of Eucalyptus marginata fs24 subsp. thalassica-Corymbia calophylla on lateritic uplands and breakaway landscapes in arid and perarid zones (Mattiske et al 1998). Mi (Michibin complex): Open woodland of Eucalyptus wandoo over Acacia acuminata with some Eucalyptus loxophleba on valley slopes, with low woodland of Allocasuarina huegeliana on or near shallow granite outcrops in arid and perarid zones. Coolakin complex: Woodland of Eucalyptus wandoo with mixtures of Eucalyptus patens, Eucalyptus marginata subsp. thalassica and Corymbia calophylla on the valley slopes in arid and perarid zones.	The application is to clear 2 hectares and 50 native trees of native vegetation within Lot 75 on Plan 56223 and Lot 16326 on Plan 88745, Westdale, for the purpose of increasing run-off into an existing dam, fenceline maintenance, firebreak maintenance and improving agricultural efficiency.	Completely Degraded; No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994).	The vegetation condition was established by an inspection of the application area on 6 September 2013 by Department of Environment Regulation (2013) staff.  The vegetation under application consists of Wandoo and Marri trees over pasture species in a completely degraded condition. (Keighery 1994)

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** Clearing permit application CPS 5700/1 has been amended in order to allow for the clearing of potential Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Baudin's Cockatoo or Carnaby's Cockatoo habitat trees outside of the known breeding times of these species. A review of current environmental information reveals no new additional information. Therefore the assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS5700/1.

**Methodology**    **References**  
Keighery (1994)  
DER (2013)  
Shah (2006)

GIS databases:

- Hydrography, linear
- Matiske Vegetation Complexes
- Pre-European vegetation
- SAC Biodatasets (September 2013)
- DEC Managed Lands
- Beverley 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2006

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

**Comments**

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 5700/1.

#### **4. References**

- DER (2013) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 5694/1 and 5700/1, Lot 75 on Plan 56223 and Lot 16326 on Plan 88745, Westdale. Site inspection undertaken 6/09 /2013. Department of Environment Regulation, Western Australia (DER Ref A672127).
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Matiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment 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.