



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 5902/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Electricity Networks Corporation TA Western Power
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	25 January 2014 – 25 January 2019

### ADVICE NOTE:

This Permit does not confer upon the Permit Holder authorisation to access the land to which the Permit relates.

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 building protection zone.

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

Lot 3 on Diagram 75736 (Bridgetown 6255)

Lot 13557 on Plan 220247 (Hester 6255)

#### 3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.204 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 5902/1.

#### 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.

### PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

#### 5. Dieback and weed control

(a) 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*:

- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (ii) shall only move soils in *dry conditions*;
- (iii) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

(b) At least once in each 12 month period for the term of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas cleared under this Permit.

## 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 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;

**weed/s** means any plant -

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



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MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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

27 December 2013



# Plan 5902/1



## LEGEND

- Road Centrelines
- Local Government Authorities
- Cadastre for labelling
- Clearing Instruments
- Areas Approved to Clear

Brunniston Fire Scar 50cm  
Orthomosaic - Landgate  
2009



0 ————— 62 m

Scale 1:2500  
(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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

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# Clearing Permit Decision Report

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5902/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Electricity Networks Corporation TA Western Power

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 3 ON DIAGRAM 75736 (BRIDGETOWN 6255)  
LOT 13557 ON PLAN 220247 (HESTER 6255)  
Local Government Area: Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes  
Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.204		Mechanical Removal	Hazard reduction or fire control

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 27 December 2013

## 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 association 3 is described as medium forest; jarrah-marri (Shepherd et al 2001).	The clearing of 0.204 hectares within Lot 13557 on Plan 220247, Hester and Lot 3 on Diagram 75736, Bridgetown is for the purpose of establishing a building protection zone.	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)	The description and condition of the vegetation under application was determined from aerial imagery (Bridgetown Fire Scar 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2009).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, remnant vegetation values, wetlands, watercourses, land degradation, surface water quality, groundwater quality, and flooding.

The application area is located within Hester State Forest. The clearing as proposed may increase the spread of weeds and dieback into the state forest. Weed and dieback management practices will help mitigate this risk

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

### Methodology

The clearing is for the purpose of establishing a building protection zone. No submissions have been received.

#### References:

- Keighery (1994)
- Shepherd et al (2001)

#### GIS Datasets:

- Bridgetown Fire Scar 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2009
- Hydrology, linear
- IBRA Australia
- DEC Tenure
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- SAC Biodata sets - accessed December 2013

#### 4. References

- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, 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.