



## **CLEARING PERMIT**

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

### **PERMIT DETAILS**

Area Permit Number: 5936/1

File Number: DER2013/001405-1

Duration of Permit: From 15 March 2014 to 15 March 2016

### **PERMIT HOLDER**

Anne Frances Buegge

### **LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE**

Lot 9758 on Deposited Plan 203095 (Linfarne)

### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 2 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 5936/1.

### **CONDITIONS**

Nil.

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M Warnock

MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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

13 February 2014

# Plan 5936/1



## LEGEND

- Clearing Instruments**
- Areas Approved to Clear
  - Cadastre
- Road Centrelines**
- Manjimup 50cm Orthomosaic
  - Landgate 2007



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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Date

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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 5936/1

Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Paul Adrian Buegge

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 9758 on Plan 203095 (Linfarne)

Local Government Area: Shire of Manjimup

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
2		Mechanical Removal	Dam construction or maintenance

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant

Decision Date: 13 February 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 Association 3 is described as Medium forest; jarrah-marri (Shepherd et al 2001).	The clearing of two hectares of native vegetation within Lot 9758 on Plan 203095, Linfarne, for the purpose of constructing a dam.	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)  to  Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)	Vegetation description and condition were determined through a site inspection (DER 2014).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The application is to clear up to two hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing a dam, within Lot 9758 on Plan 203095, Linfarne.

Approximately 50 percent of the application area is in completely degraded condition (Keighery 1994), containing tuarts over pasture. The remaining area contains dense wetland vegetation in very good (Keighery 1994) condition (DER 2014). The area under application has been trampled by stock, excluding the area of dense wetland vegetation (DER 2014). The applicant does not intend on clearing the larger tuart trees however has left them in the application just in case the water level of the dam raises and inadvertently kills the trees.

Due to the presence of stock the application area is not likely to support rare or priority flora. No threatened or priority ecological communities have been recorded in the local area (10 kilometre radius), therefore the application area is not likely to comprise of, or be necessary for the maintenance of these communities.

Yanmah Brook runs through the application area. The proposed clearing may cause short-term sedimentation of surface water of this watercourse, however, given the small size of the clearing and that the watercourse is non-perennial (DER 2014) this impact is considered to be minimal.

The closest conservation reserve is North Donnelly State Forest which is located approximately 1.4km north of the application area. Due to limited amount of clearing proposed and the applicants intention to retain large tuart trees, the application is not likely to impact upon conservation areas, cause or exacerbate land degradation or flooding.

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

- Methodology**
- Pre-European Vegetation
  - IBRA WA (Regions - Sub Regions)
  - Hydrography, linear
  - Manjimup 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007
  - Aboriginal Sites of Significance
  - SAC Biodatasets
  - Site inspection 2014

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

**Comments** The application area falls within the Donnelly River System Surface Water Area covered by the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914* and Yanmah Brook. The Department of Water (2014) has advised that the applicant has a current permit to 'interfere with bed and banks', and should surface water be diverted, or used for a purpose other than domestic use or stock watering, a surface water licence is required.

- Methodology**
- Hydrography, linear
  - Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSA)
  - RIWI Act, Areas

#### **4. References**

- Department of Water (2014) Assessment advice. DER Ref: A713051
- DER (2014) Site inspection report for clearing permit application CPS 5936/ Lot 9758 on Plan 203095, Linfarne. Site inspection undertaken 13/01/2014. Department of Environment Regulation, Western Australia (DER Ref: A715063).
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