



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

**Purpose Permit number:** CPS 6130/2  
**Permit Holder:** Shire of Esperance  
**Duration of Permit:** 6 December 2014 – 6 December 2019

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 road maintenance, widening and upgrades.

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

Gibson Road reserve (PIN 11644311, PIN 11644312, PIN 11644958 and PIN 11644313) (Gibson 6448)

Coolinup Road reserve (PIN 11645690) (Condingup 6450)

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 6 hectares of native vegetation within the combined areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 6130/2a and Plan 6130/2b.

**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. Type of clearing authorised**

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the activities described in condition 1 of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

### PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

**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;
- (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;

*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 a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



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ACTING SENIOR MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION



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12 May 2016

# Plan 6130/2a



## Legend

-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities



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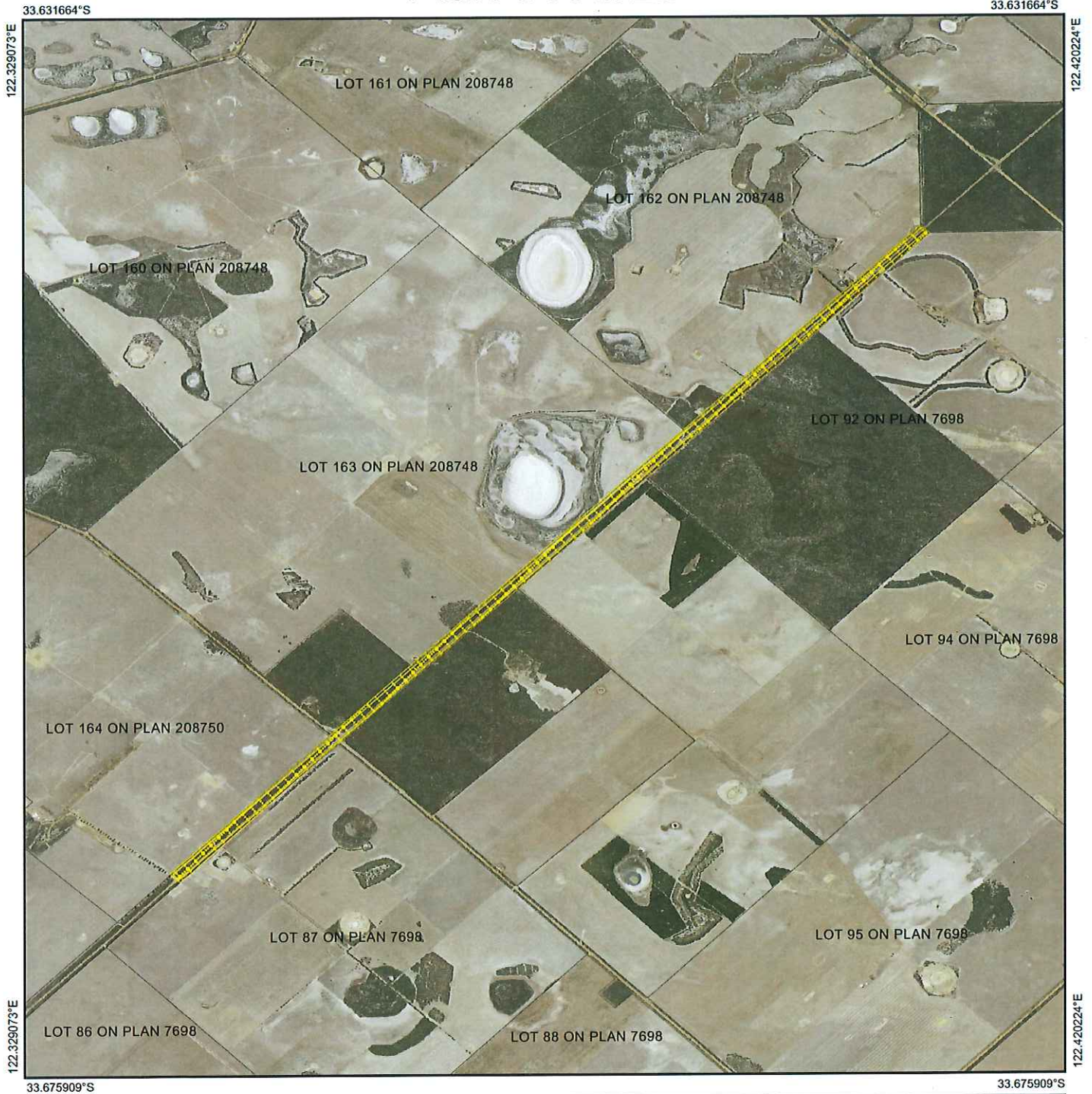
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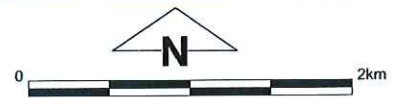
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# Plan 6130/2b



## Legend

-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities



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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6130/2  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Shire of Esperance

### 1.3. Property details

#### Property:

ROAD RESERVE - 11645690, CONDINGUP  
ROAD RESERVE - 11644311, GIBSON  
ROAD RESERVE - 11644312, GIBSON  
ROAD RESERVE - 11644958, GIBSON  
ROAD RESERVE - 11644313, GIBSON

Colloquial name:  
Local Government Authority:  
DER Region:  
DPaW District:  
Localities:

ESPERANCE, SHIRE OF  
Goldfields  
ESPERANCE  
CONDINGUP and GIBSON

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
6		Mechanical Removal	Road construction or upgrades

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 12 May 2016

Reasons for Decision: The assessment found that the addition three hectares of proposed clearing to be in a degraded (Keighery 1994) condition and unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts.

## 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 47 is described as shrublands; tallerack mallee-heath (Shepherd et al. 2001).	The applicant has applied to amend 6130/1 to undertake an additional three hectares of clearing along Gibson road reserve within the previously approved footprint. No further clearing is proposed along Coolinup road.	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 vegetation reports provided by the applicant (Shire of Esperance 2013, 2015).
Mapped Beard vegetation association 6048 is described as shrublands; banksia scrub-heath on sandplain in the Esperance Plains Region (Shepherd et al. 2001).	The clearing of six hectares of native vegetation within Coolinup Road reserve, Condingup and Gibson Road reserve, Gibson is for the purpose of road maintenance, widening and upgrades.	To Excellent: Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery 1994)	Gibson Road reserve consists of vegetation in a degraded (Keighery 1994) condition with high weed infestation including Victorian tea tree, Pine Trees and bridal creeper. There are also planted Tuarts (Eucalyptus gomphocephala) and other plantation Eucalypts in some locations. There are several riparian sections along the road dominated by Melaleuca species. The few sections of remaining
Mapped Beard vegetation association 41 is described as shrublands; teatree scrub (Shepherd et al. 2001).			
Mapped Beard vegetation association 125 is described as bare areas; salt lakes (Shepherd et al. 2001).			

Mapped Beard vegetation association 1516 is described as shrublands; mallee scrub, black marlock & Forrest's marlock (Shepherd et al. 2001).

vegetation are dominated by Acacia and Nuytsia. The majority of the understorey is extensively weed infested but includes Xanthorrhoea and Adenanthos cuneatus. A small pocket in very good (Keighery 1994) condition is found near a drainage line towards Dempster Road (Shire of Esperance 2013).

Coolinup Road reserve consists of Banksia speciose shrubland in excellent (Keighery 1994) condition (Shire of Esperance 2015).

### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The applicant has applied to increase the size of the clearing of the permit CPS6130/1 from 3 hectares to 6 hectares. The additional clearing is proposed within Gibson road reserve only. 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 CPS 6130/1.

**Methodology** GIS Database:  
- SAC Bio Datasets - accessed January 2016

### Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

**Comments** The applicant has applied to increase the size of the clearing of the permit CPS6130/1 from 3 hectares to 6 hectares. Originally, the application to amend included additional clearing along Coolinup Road reserve (PIN 11645017, Mount Ney and unallocated Crown land (UCL) (PIN: 993550), Neridup. However, the proponent has recently carried out this clearing and therefore, Coolinup road reserve and UCL (PIN: 993550) is not included within this amendment.

The recent clearing along Coolinup Road reserve and within the UCL is currently under investigation by Department of Environment Regulation.

No Submissions have been received in relation to this application.

No Aboriginal Sites of Significance have been recorded within the area under application.

**Methodology** GIS Database:  
-Aboriginal sites of significance

### 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.
- Shire of Esperance (2013) Vegetation Report for Coolinup Road and Gibson Road. Western Australia (DER Ref:A676727)
- Shire of Esperance (2015) Coolinup Road reserve CPS 6130/2 Targeted Flora Survey 2015. Western Australia DER Ref: A970704