



## **CLEARING PERMIT**

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

### **PERMIT DETAILS**

Area Permit Number: 6396/1

File Number: DER2014/003056-1

Duration of Permit: 30 May 2015 to 30 May 2017

### **PERMIT HOLDER**

Princess Nominees Pty Ltd

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

Lot 16 on Plan 15741, Lowden

### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 110 native trees within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 6396/1.

### **CONDITIONS**

Nil.

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J Clarkson  
A/SENIOR MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

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

30 April 2015

# Plan 6396/1

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## Legend

-  Areas approved to clear
-  Iga
-  Roads
-  Cadastre
-  Virtual Mosaic



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Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

 Date 30/4/15  
Jane Clarkson

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







## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6396/1  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Princess Nominees Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 16 ON PLAN 15741, LOWDEN  
Local Government: Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup  
Authority:  
DER Region: South West

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
	110	Mechanical Removal	Restoration

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted  
Decision Date: 30 April 2015

## 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 1184: Medium woodland-fringing; jarrah, marri, Eucalyptus rudis & Agonis flexuosa (Shepherd et al, 2001).	The clearing of 110 native trees is for the purpose of revegetation.	Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).	The vegetation condition was assessed through photographs provided by the applicant.

Mattiske vegetation complex Balingup (BL): Open forest of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata-Corymbia calophylla on slopes and woodland of Eucalyptus rudis on the valley floor in the humid zone (Mattiske and Havel, 1998).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The application is to clear 110 flooded gums and saplings within Lot 16 on Plan 15741, Lowden, for the purpose of revegetation. The applicant proposes to remove and replace the dead/diseased flooded gums that have been infected by lerp infestation and follow a strategic management plan that they have developed that involves revegetating the area with a native overstorey of Jarrah, Marri, Blackbutt, Peppermint trees as well as a native understorey.

The 110 native trees proposed for clearing are located along the perimeter of an earth dam on the property that flows to the Preston River. As the purpose of clearing is to remove infected flooded gums and saplings to revegetate the application area, the clearing impacts are considered to be negligible.

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 assessment has found that the clearing under application is at variance to principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to any of the remaining clearing principles

- Methodology** GIS Database:
- Hydrology, linear
  - DPaW Tenure
  - Groundwater salinity, statewide
  - Soils, statewide
  - RIWI Act, Areas
  - Pre-European Vegetation
  - SAC Bio Datasets Accessed April 2015

#### **Planning instruments and other relevant matters.**

**Comments** The application proposes to clear 110 native trees within Lot 16 on Plan 15741, Lowden, for the purpose of revegetation. The applicant has provided strategic management plans for the rejuvenation project.

The area under application falls within the Preston Valley Irrigation Area proclaimed under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act (1914). The applicant was issued a permit to 'interfere with bed and banks' (PMB180750), from the Department of Water (DoW, 2015) on the 20 April 2015 for the proposal.

The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup (2015) has advised that they have no objection to the proposal to clear for the purpose of revegetation.

The application area is mapped within a mythological Aboriginal Site of Significance known as 'Preston River'.

The applicant will be notified of their obligations under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

Under the Town Planning Scheme Zone, the application area is zoned as 'General Farming Scenic'.

No submissions have been received.

- Methodology** References:
- Department of Water (2015)
  - Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup (2015)
- GIS Databases:
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
  - Town Planning Scheme Zones

#### **4. References**

- Department of Water (2015) Advice for Clearing Permit CPS 6396/1. Department of Water. Western Australia. (DER Ref: A851885).
- Government of Western Australia (2013) 2012 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of October 2012. WA Department of Environment and Conservation, Perth.
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
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- 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.
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