



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

<b>Purpose permit number:</b>	CPS 643/1
<b>Permit holder:</b>	Shire of Dumbleyung
<b>Purpose of clearing:</b>	Road widening
<b>Shire:</b>	Dumbleyung
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The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the above stated purposes, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

## **PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED**

### **1. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Carwardine Rd between Dumbleyung-Lake Grace and Candlelight Road;  
 Moulyinning Road Reserve between One Twenty Five Road and Candlelight Road;  
 Moulyinning Road Reserve between Candlelight Road and Dumbleyung-Lake Grace Road;  
 Pearce Road between Candlelight Road and Rabbit Proof Fence Road;  
 Holden Road Reserve;  
 Harrison Road Reserve;  
 Springhurst Road Reserve between Boundary Road and Harrison Road;  
 Hills Road Reserve between Holden Road and Dumbleyung-Lake Grace Road;  
 Tarin Rock Road Reserve between Falcondale Road and Willock Road;  
 Wishbone Road Reserve between White Well Road and Datatine Road;  
 Mt Pleasant Road Reserve;  
 Nippering Road Reserve between Nippering School Road and 1500 metres south of White Well Road;  
 White Well Road Reserve between Nippering Road and Beynon Road;  
 Tincurrin Road Reserve between One Fourteen Road and Dumbleyung-Lake Grace Road;  
 Smiths Road Reserve;  
 Dongolocking Road Reserve between Tincurrin Road and 800 metres west of Moran Road;  
 Tarin Rock Road Reserve between Boundary Road and Naisbitt Road;  
 Willock Road Reserve between Tarin Rock Road and Old Lake Grace Road;  
 Old Lake Grace Road Reserve between Willock and 200 metres west of Jarring Road;  
 Kukerin Road Reserve between Siberia Road and One Twenty Nine Road;  
 Rifle Range Road Reserve between One Twenty Five Road and Kukerin Road;  
 Candlelight Road Reserve between Merilup Road and 3000 metres south east of Edwards Road;  
 Candlelight Road Reserve between Dumbleyung-lake Grace Road and Kukerin Road;  
 One Twenty Five Road Reserve between Moulyinning Road and Adams Road;  
 One Twenty Nine Road Reserve between Rasmussen Road and 6700 metres south east of Wishbone Road;  
 Dualling Road Reserve between One Twenty Nine Road and 3300 metres north west of Beagley Road;  
 Peterson Road Reserve between Datatine Road and Rabbit Proof Fence Road.

## 2. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 4 hectares of *native vegetation*.

## 3. 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.

## 4. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1 and 2 of this Permit, the permit holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

## **PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

## 5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purposes of road upgrades the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

## 6. Dieback and weed control

- (a) When undertaking any *clearing* and *revegetation*, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *dieback*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) avoid the movement of soil in wet conditions;
  - (iii) ensure that no *dieback*-affected *road building materials*, *mulches* or *fill* are brought into an area that is not affected by *dieback*; and
  - (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (b) When undertaking any *clearing* and *revegetation*, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected *road building materials*, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
  - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (c) 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* and *revegetated* under this Permit.

## **7. Flora Management**

- (a) Prior to undertaking clearing within the areas described in Clearing Authorised above, the areas shall be inspected by a *flora specialist* who shall identify *Rare Flora* and *Priority flora taxa*.
- (b) Where *Rare Flora* or *Priority Flora taxa* are identified in relation to condition 7(a) the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
  - (i) All records of DRF and priority flora are submitted to the Department of Environment and Conservation, Species and Communities Branch.
  - (ii) No clearing occurs with 50m of identified DRF, unless approved by the CEO.

## **8. Offsets**

- (a) The Permit Holder shall prepare an offset proposal having regard to:
  - (i) the conservation of bushland containing any priority flora species, or comparable conservation values, preferably in the local area;
  - (ii) the revegetation of land to offset the loss of native vegetation that is significant as a remnant in a highly cleared area; or
  - (iii) improved management, the protection or conservation of an area of native vegetation, preferably in the local area.
- (b) The permit holder shall provide the CEO with an offset proposal for the CEO's approval prior to the commencement of clearing under this clearing permit (CPS 643/1) and prior to implementing the offset.
- (c) The permit holder shall implement the offset proposal approved under condition 8(b).

## **PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

### **9. Records must be kept**

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to the purpose of clearing:
  - (i) The species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
  - (ii) The location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
  - (iii) The date that the area was cleared; and
  - (iv) The size of the area cleared (in hectares).
- (b) In relation to Flora Management pursuant to condition 7:
  - (i) The location of each Rare Flora and Priority Flora recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994; and
  - (ii) The species of each Rare Flora or Priority Flora identified.
- (c) In relation to the offsets of areas pursuant to condition 8:
  - (i) The location of any area of offsets recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
  - (ii) A description of the offset activities undertaken; and
  - (iii) The size of the offset area (in hectares).

## 10. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO*, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records requested under condition 9 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

## 11. Definitions

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

**CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation;

**clearing** has the meaning given to it in section 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

**dieback** means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on *native vegetation*;

**EP Act** means the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

**fauna specialist** means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna;

**fauna clearing person** means a person who has obtained a licence from the Department of Conservation and Land Management, issued pursuant to the *Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970* (as amended) authorising them to take fauna in order to carry out the approved clearing associated with this permit;

**fill** means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

**flora specialist** means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora.

**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;

**native vegetation** has the meaning given to it in sections 3 and 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and regulation 4 of the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*;

**Priority flora taxa** means those plant taxa that described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the *Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia*, Department of Conservation and Land Management, as amended.


**Rare Flora** means flora that is declared to be rare flora under section 23F of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*;

**revegetation** means the re-establishment of a cover of *native vegetation* in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting;

**road building materials** means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water;

**term** means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed;

**weed** means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.



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