



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 6494/1
Permit Holder:	City of Busselton
Duration of Permit:	16 May 2015 – 16 May 2017

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 pathway construction.
- 2. Land on which clearing is to be done**
Lot 5308 on Deposited Plan 194748 (Reserve 24846), West Busselton.
- 3. Area of Clearing**
The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.008 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 6494/1.
- 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.
- 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. 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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CLEARING REGULATION

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

16 April 2015

Plan 6494/1



Legend

-  Areas approved to clear
-  Roads
-  Cadastre
- Virtual Mosaic
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MGA 94
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

Jane Clarkson Date 16.4.15

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6494/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: City of Busselton

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 5308 on Deposited Plan 194748 (Reserve 24846), West Busselton
Local Government: City of Busselton
Authority:
DER Region: Greater Swan
DPaW District: Blackwood
LCDC: Sussex LCDC

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.008		Mechanical Removal	Pathway Construction

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit: Granted
Decision Date: 16 April 2015

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

The application is to clear 0.008 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of pathway construction.

Vegetation Condition

Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application is for 0.008 hectares of Sword Sedge (*Lepidosperma sp.*) within Lot 5308 on Deposited Plan 194748, West Busselton, for the purpose of pathway construction.

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

The application area occurs within a conservation category wetland and partially occurs within a Priority Ecological Community. Given the degraded condition of the vegetation under application and the small area proposed to be cleared, there are unlikely to be any significant environmental impacts from the proposed clearing.

The area under application is located within reserve 24846 and is surrounded by native vegetation. The disturbance caused by the proposed clearing will increase the risk of weeds and dieback being spread into this reserve. Weed and dieback management practices will assist in mitigating this risk.

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 Databases:
- EPP Lakes
- Hydrology, linear
- Groundwater salinity, statewide
- Pre-European Vegetation
- SAC Biodatasets
- Soils, statewide

Planning instrument, Native Title, RIWI Act Licence, EP Act Licence, Works Approval, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

Comments

The original application to clear up to 0.016 hectares of native vegetation was amended to reduce the proposed clearing to 0.008 hectares.

The proposed clearing was referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for consideration of its potential environmental impact as the vegetation proposed to be cleared occurs within a watercourse protected by the Environmental Protection Swan Coastal Plain Lakes Policy 1992. The EPA determined to not assess the proposal under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act) and recommended that the proposal be dealt with under Part V Division 2 of the EP Act (clearing of native vegetation provisions) (EPA 2015).

No submissions relating to this application have been received.

Methodology

References:
EPA 2015

4. References

EPA (2015) Notice Under Section 39A(3) Environmental Protection Act 1986 - CPS 6494/1 Not assessed. Environmental Protection Authority, Western Australia (DER REF: A892485).

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