



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 6578/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation TA Synergy
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	5 December 2015 – 5 December 2020

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 infrastructure upgrades.
- 2. Land on which clearing is to be done**  
State Forest 4 (PIN: 547275), Cardiff  
State Forest 24 (PIN: 1046290), Cardiff  
Lot 5192 on Deposited Plan 213624, Muja
- 3. Area of Clearing**  
The Permit Holder must not clear more than 8 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 6578/1.
- 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.

### PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

- 5. 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*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *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.
- 6. Avoid, minimise etc.**  
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:
  - (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.



## 7. Fauna management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to conduct a *fauna survey* of the Permit Area to identify *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* being utilised by fauna species listed below:
  - (i) *Calyptorhynchus latirostris* (Carnaby's cockatoo);
  - (ii) *Calyptorhynchus baudinii* (Baudin's cockatoo); and
  - (iii) *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* (Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo).
- (b) Where fauna are identified under condition 7(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *fauna specialist* to map *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* within the Permit Area.
- (c) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide the results of the *fauna survey* in a report to the CEO.
- (d) The fauna survey report must include the following:
  - (i) the location of the *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (ii) the location of any fauna species, listed in condition 7(a) if identified, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (iii) the name and amount of each fauna species identified;
  - (iv) the methodology, used to survey the Permit Area; and
  - (v) a description of the *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* identified.
- (e) where fauna are identified under condition 7(b) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
  - (i) no clearing within 10 metres of *black cockatoo habitat tree/s* of the identified fauna occurs, unless first approved by the CEO; and
  - (ii) no taking of identified fauna occurs, unless first approved by the CEO.

## PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

### 8. Records to be kept

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

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:
  - (i) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (ii) the date that the area was cleared;
  - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
  - (iv) the purpose for which clearing was undertaken.

### 9. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 31 July of each year, a written report:
  - (i) of records required under condition 8 of this Permit; and
  - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 July to 30 June of the preceding financial year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 July to 30 June of the preceding financial year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO on or before 31 July of each year.
- (c) Prior to 5 September 2020, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 8 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 9(a) of this Permit.



## DEFINITIONS

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

*black cockatoo habitat tree/s*: means trees that have a diameter, measured at 1.5 metres from the base of the tree, of 50 centimetres or greater; and

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

*fauna specialist*: means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specializing in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in fauna identification and surveys of fauna native to the region being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the CEO as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.


*fauna survey* means a field-based investigation, including a review of established literature, of the biodiversity of fauna and/or fauna habitat of the Permit Area. Where conservation significant fauna are identified in the Permit Area, the survey should also include sufficient surrounding areas to place the Permit Area into local context;

*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*

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