



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 6608/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Paul Andrew Hatch
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	24 October 2015 – 24 October 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 collecting firewood

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

Lot 4876 on Deposited Plan 232404, Ajana  
Lot 4877 on Deposited Plan 232404, Ajana  
Lot 37 on Deposited Plan 228431, Ajana  
Lot 38 on Deposited Plan 228431, Ajana  
Lot 39 on Deposited Plan 228431, Ajana  
Lot 40 on Deposited Plan 228431, Ajana  
Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 35350, Ajana

#### **3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1000 dead native trees within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 6608/1.

#### **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. 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.

## 6. Vegetation management

The Permit Holder shall not clear the *riparian vegetation* of any *watercourse* or *wetland*.

### DEFINITIONS

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

*riparian vegetation* has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*;

*watercourse* has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*;

*wetland/s* means an area of seasonally, intermittently or permanently waterlogged or inundated land, whether natural or otherwise, and includes a lake, swamp, marsh, spring, dampland, tidal flat or estuary.



M Warnock  
SENIOR MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

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

24 September 2015

# Plan 6608/1

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## Legend

- Areas approved to clear
- LGA
- Roads
- cadastre\_land\_tenure\_flattened
- Virtual Mosaic



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MGA 94  
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

*M Warnock* Date 24/9/15

M Warnock

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20  
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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6608/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Mr Paul Hatch

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 4877 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 232404, AJANA  
LOT 4876 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 232404, AJANA  
LOT 40 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 228431, AJANA  
LOT 39 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 228431, AJANA  
LOT 38 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 228431, AJANA  
LOT 37 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 228431, AJANA  
LOT 302 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 35350, AJANA

Colloquial name:  
Local Government Authority: NORTHAMPTON, SHIRE OF  
DER Region: Midwest  
DPaW District: GERALDTON  
LCDC: BINNU  
Localities: AJANA

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
	1000	Mechanical Removal	Firewood collection

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted

Decision Date: 24 September 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
The vegetation under application has been mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 380 (Shepherd et al. 2001), described as shrublands; scrub-heath on sandplain.	To clear 1000 dead native trees within Lots 4876 and 4877 on Deposited Plan 232404, Lots 37, 38, 39 and 40 on Deposited Plan 228431 and Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 35350, Ajana, for the purpose of firewood collection	Good; Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)  To  Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994).	The condition of the vegetation was determined by digital aerial imagery.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The application is to clear up to 1000 dead native trees within Lots 4876 and 4877 on Deposited Plan 232404, Lots 37, 38, 39 and 40 on Deposited Plan 228431 and Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 35350, Ajana, for the purpose of firewood collection. The trees are distributed over an area of approximately 500 hectares; the vegetation is likely to range in condition from good to completely degraded (Keighery 1994).

Given that the application is for the clearing of dead trees which are scattered over 500 hectares, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community, conservation reserves or significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be considered a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

Croton Creek, a significant stream, and a minor, non-perennial watercourse are within the application area. Avoiding the clearing of vegetation within 50 metres of watercourses will minimise the impact the proposed clearing might otherwise have on these watercourses.

As the vegetation to be cleared is distributed over approximately 500 hectares and involves the removal of dead vegetation, the proposed clearing is not likely to contribute to or cause land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water or surface water and is not likely to cause or exacerbate flooding.

Given the above, the application is at variance to clearing principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles.

**Methodology**

Reference:  
Keighery (1994)

- GIS Databases:
- Clearing Regulations - Environmentally Sensitive Areas
  - Groundwater salinity, statewide
  - Hydrology, linear
  - IBRA Australia
  - Parks and Wildlife Tenure
  - Pre-European Vegetation
  - RIWI Act Areas
  - SAC Biodatasets Accessed August 2015
  - Soils, statewide
  - Wheatbelt Wetlands

**Planning instruments and other relevant matters.**

**Comments**

The applicant has applied for a Commercial Producers Licence from the Department of Parks and Wildlife (Parks and Wildlife) for the purpose outlined above. This licence is yet to be granted and is contingent on the clearing permit being granted by the Department of Environment Regulation (Parks and Wildlife 2015).

The Shire of Northampton has advised that it has no concerns regarding the application (Shire of Northampton 2015).

No Aboriginal Sites of Significance are mapped within the application area.

No public submissions have been received.

**Methodology**

References:  
Parks and Wildlife (2015)  
Shire of Northampton (2015)

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.

Parks and Wildlife (2015) Advice received in relation to clearing permit application CPS 6608/1, received 18 September 2015 (DER Ref: A973107).

Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R. and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001) Native Vegetation in Western Australia, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.

Shire of Northampton (2015) Advice received in relation to clearing permit application CPS 6608/1, received 8 July 2015 (DER Ref: A734345).