



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 6704/1
Permit Holder:	Shire of Capel
Duration of Permit:	From 24 October 2015 to 24 October 2020

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of developing the Capel Civic Precinct.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lots 276 on Deposited Plan 33850, Capel
Lots 277 on Deposited Plan 33850, Capel
Buchanan Road reserve (PIN 11434444), Capel
Capel Drive road reserve (PIN 11434451), Capel

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 31 native trees within the areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 6704/1.

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 activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Warnock", written over a horizontal line.

M Warnock
SENIOR MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

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

24 September 2015

Plan 6704/1

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Legend

-  Cadastre
-  Roads
-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority



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 (Approximate when reproduced at A4)
 GDA 94 (Lat/Long)
 Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

approved Date 24/9/15

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



1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6704/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Shire of Capel

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 277 on Deposited Plan 33850, Capel
Lot 276 on Deposited Plan 33850, Capel
Buchanan Road reserve, (PIN 11434444) Capel
Capel Road reserve (PIN 11434451) Capel
Shire of Capel

Local Government Authority:

DER Region: Greater Swan
DPaW District: Blackwood
LCDC: Capel
Localities: Capel

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
	31	Mechanical Removal	Building or structure

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
Beard vegetation association 1000 is described as mosaic: medium forest; jarrah-marri / low woodland; banksia / low forest; tea tree (Melaleuca spp.) (Shepherd et al 2001).	Clearing of 31 native trees within Buchanan Road reserve (PIN 11434444), Capel Drive road reserve (PIN 11434451) and Lots 276 and 277 on Deposited Plan 33850, Capel, for the purpose of developing the Capel Civic Precinct.	Completely Degraded; No longer intact, completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994).	The condition of the vegetation under application was obtained via aerial imagery and site photos provided by the applicant (Shire of Capel 2015a).
Beard vegetation association 1182 is described as medium woodland; Eucalyptus rudis & Melaleuca rhapsiophylla (Shepherd et al 2001).			
Hedde Vegetation Southern River Complex is described as open woodland (Hedde et al 1980).			
Hedde Vegetation Swan Complex is comprised of fringing woodland with localized occurrence of low open forest (Hedde et al 1980).			

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application to clear up to 31 native trees for the purpose of developing the Capel Civic Precinct is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The vegetation is considered to be in a completely degraded (Keighery 1994) condition and has been classified as open parkland dominated by Eucalyptus species, with a predominately introduced ground cover (Shire of Capel 2015a).

Given the degraded condition of vegetation, lack of understorey species and its location within the landscape, the clearing the vegetation under application is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community, conservation reserves within the local area or significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

As the closest watercourse, the Capel River, is 200 metres from the application area and given the limited number of trees to be cleared (31 trees), clearing the vegetation under application is not likely to impact on riparian vegetation, 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, clearing the vegetation under application is not likely to be at variance to the clearing Principles.

Methodology References:
Shire of Capel (2015a)

GIS datasets:
Hydrography linear
SAC Biodatasets accessed September 2015

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments The proposed clearing allows for the development of the Capel Civic Precinct. The development includes the upgrading of surrounding road reserves to allow school bus parking (Shire of Capel 2015b).

No Aboriginal Sites of Significance have been mapped within the application area.

No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

Methodology References:
Shire of Capel (2015b)

GIS datasets:
Aboriginal Sites of Significance

4. References

- Heddle, E. M., Loneragan, O. W., and Havel, J. J. (1980) Vegetation Complexes of the Darling System, Western Australia. In Department of Conservation and Environment, Atlas of Natural Resources, Darling System, Western Australia
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- 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 Capel (2015a) Clearing permit application and supporting documentation (DER ref A951203)
- Shire of Capel (2015b) Additional Information for clearing permit application CPS 6704/1 (DER ref A968469)