



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 6860/1

File Number: 2013/001071-1

Duration of Permit: From 27 February 2016 to 27 February 2018

PERMIT HOLDER

Nicvil Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 30 on Plan 4829, Wattleup

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 2.7 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 6860/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

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James Widenbar
MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

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

28 January 2016

Plan 6860/1



Legend

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



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

James Widenbar Date *28/1/2016*
James Widenbar

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





1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 6860/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Nicvil Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 30 ON PLAN 4829, WATTLEUP
Local Government Authority: COCKBURN, CITY OF
DER Region: GREATER SWAN
DPaW District: SWAN COASTAL
Localities: WATTLEUP

1.4. Application

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

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted

Decision Date: 28 January 2016

Reasons for Decision: The clearing application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and has concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Through assessment it has been determined that the clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. State policies and other relevant policies have been taken into consideration in the decision to grant a clearing permit.

In April 2013 the former Department of Environment and Conservation granted a clearing permit over the same area, for the same purpose. The City of Cockburn has granted planning development approval for the development of a storage yard and hardstand within the application area. These factors were taken into consideration in the decision to grant a clearing permit.

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 998 is described as a medium woodland; tuart (Shepherd et al. 2001).	The clearing of 2.7 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 30 on Plan 4829, Wattleup, for the purpose of constructing a hardstand area.	Completely Degraded; No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994).	The condition and description of the vegetation was determined by a site inspection undertaken by Department of Environment and Conservation officers in March 2013 (DEC 2013).
Heddle vegetation complex Cottesloe Complex Central and South is described as a mosaic of woodland of <i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i> (Tuart) and open forest of <i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i> (Tuart) - <i>Eucalyptus marginata</i> (Jarrah) - <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> (Marri); closed heath on the Limestone outcrops (Heddle et al. 1980).		To Good; Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994).	

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application to clear up to 2.7 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing a hard stand area is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The vegetation under application consists predominately of *Xanthorrhoea preissii* stands, with isolated *Acacia* sp., Jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginata*) and Tuart (*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*) amongst non-native species and a ground cover of weeds (DEC 2013). The vegetation is in good to completely degraded (Keighery 1994) condition, with the majority of the application in degraded (Keighery 1994) condition. The vegetation under application has been disturbed through historical clearing, rubbish dumping and weed invasion (DEC 2013).

Given the degraded (Keighery 1994) condition of the vegetation, lack of understorey species, and lack of

hollow bearing trees, 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 comprise significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

As no wetlands or watercourses are mapped within or adjacent to the application area and given its relatively small size, 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, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

Methodology

References:

- DEC (2013)
- Keighery (1994)

GIS databases:

- SAC Biodatasets accessed January 2016
- Hydrography, linear

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments

In April 2013, Clearing Permit CPS 5520/1 was granted by the former Department of Environment and Conservation, over the same area and for the same purpose as CPS 6860/1. The applicant has advised that no clearing was conducted under this permit. Clearing Permit CPS 5520/1 had nil conditions and expired on 26 April 2015.

The application area is located in the Latitude 32 Industry Zone. The applicant has received development approval from the City of Cockburn (City of Cockburn 2012). The City of Cockburn requests that the any cleared vegetation is transplanted or provided to an organisation to replant and that a fauna relocation plan be developed (City of Cockburn 2015).

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

Methodology

References:

- City of Cockburn (2012)
- City of Cockburn (2015)

4. References

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- City of Cockburn (2012) Notice of Approval to Commence Development - Lot 30 Moylan Road, Wattleup. City of Cockburn, Western Australia. DEC REF: A613655.
- DEC (2013) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 5520/1. Site inspection undertaken 26/03/2013. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia. DER REF: A613656.
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- 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.