



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 688 / 1

File Number: 20642

Duration of Permit: From 6 April 2008 to 6 April 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

Quito Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

LOT 5426 ON PLAN 206216

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 17.32 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 688/1a.

CONDITIONS

1) Fencing

- (a) Prior to commencing clearing, the Permit Holder shall construct a fence enclosing the area cross hatched red on attached Plan 688/1a.
- (b) The fence shall be constructed and maintained so as to be adequate to exclude vehicle access and all classes of livestock.
- (c) Construction of the fence shall be completed prior to conducting clearing pursuant to this Permit.

2) Revegetation

- (a) The Permit holder shall undertake the following within the *revegetation area*:
 - (i) Deliberately plant and/or seed native vegetation in the area cross hatched green on Plan 688/1b that will result in a similar species composition, structure, density and *condition* of native vegetation in the area to that existing within the area cross hatched red on attached Plan 688/1b;
 - (ii) Ensure only local provenance seeds and propagating material from within 10km of the area cleared is used to revegetate the area.
- (b) If for any reason the *revegetation* undertaken in accordance with condition 2(a) fails, the Permit holder shall implement the requirements of conditions 2(a) again until the *revegetation*, in the opinion of the CEO, results in a similar species composition, structure, density and *condition* to vegetation in the area cross hatched red on attached Plan 688/1b.
- (c) The Permit holder shall complete activities required under condition 2(a) by September 2009.

3) Weed control

- (a) The Permit Holder shall undertake the following within the area cross hatched red on attached Plan 688/1a:
 - (i) Selectively remove or kill all *invasive weed* species during the months of September or October of each and every year;
 - (ii) Maintain the area cross hatched red on attached Plan 688/1a so that the total *percentage cover* of *weed* species is less than 40%;
 - (iii) Calculate the *percentage cover* of *weed* species during August of each year.

4) Dieback and weed control

- (a) When undertaking any clearing or *revegetation*, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *dieback*:
- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) avoid the movement of soil in wet conditions;
 - (iii) ensure that no *dieback*-affected *mulches*, *fill* or other material is brought into an area that is not affected by *dieback*; and
 - (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the area to be cleared.
- (b) When undertaking any clearing or *revegetation*, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:
- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected *mulches*, *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 area to be cleared.

5) Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities pursuant to this Permit, as relevant:

- (a) In relation to the fencing, *revegetation* and *weed* management pursuant to conditions 1, 2 and 3:
- (i) A description of the fencing, *revegetation* and weed management activities undertaken including a list of species used in *revegetation*;
 - (ii) The location of any fencing, *revegetation* and weed management activity recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994; and

6) Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 5 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

DEFINITIONS

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

condition means the rating given to native vegetation using the Keighery scale and refers to the degree of change in the structure, density, and species present in the particular vegetation in comparison to undisturbed vegetation of the same type. Keighery scale means the vegetation condition scale described in *Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community (1994)* as developed by B.J. Keighery and published by the Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia;

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

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

invasive weed means *Eragrostis curvula* (African lovegrass), *Ehrharta species* (Veldt grass), *Moraea species* (Cape Tulip) and *Watsonia species*.

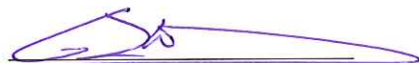
mulch means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

percentage cover means the percentage of vegetation that intersects a transect inclusive of both native vegetation and *weed* species.

revegetate, revegetated and revegetation means the re-establishment of a cover of native vegetation in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to vegetation within the area cross hatched red on attached Plan 688/1b, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding an/or planting.

revegetation area means the area cross hatched green on attached Plan 688/1b.

weed means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976, but excluding *invasive weed* species.



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