



Section 70(2)
Environmental Protection Act 1986.

VEGETATION CONSERVATION NOTICE

CPS 6897/1

Person to whom this vegetation conservation notice is given:
(being the owner and occupier of the land described below)

The Shire of Coorow

Land to which this vegetation conservation notice relates (“the land”):

Lot 709 on Deposited Plan 219608 as comprised on Certificate of Title Volume LR3109 Folio 756
And
Lot 710 on Deposited Plan 219608 as comprised on Certificate of Title Volume LR3109 Folio 757
And
Lot 712 on Deposited Plan 219608 as comprised on Certificate of Title Volume LR3109 Folio 759

Reasons for which this vegetation conservation notice is given:

This vegetation conservation notice is given because I reasonably suspect on the following grounds that unlawful clearing, as defined by Section 70(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, has taken place on the land:

- A site inspection of the land by Department of Environment Regulation inspectors on 4 December 2014 confirmed that clearing had been carried out
- Aerial imagery between 2004 and 2014 shows native vegetation has been cleared on the land
- No clearing permit had been granted for the clearing.
- The clearing was not for an exempt purpose
- The clearing is unauthorised clearing under section 51C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Requirements of this Notice:

The person to whom this vegetation conservation notice is given, and each subsequent owner and or occupier of the land who is bound by this vegetation conservation notice, are required to undertake the following specified measures:

1. No unlawful clearing

Ensure that no further unlawful clearing takes place on the land.

2. Movement of soil prohibited

Ensure no movement of soil, including scraping, raking, ploughing or other mechanical movement of soil, is carried out within the *specified area* other than purposes required under this vegetation conservation notice or for the purpose of complying with a written firebreak notice issued under section 33 of the *Bushfires Act 1954*.

3. Restoration of land levels

Restore land levels within the specified areas to the levels that existed at 1 November 2014 to prevent erosion or the drift or movement of sand, soil, dust or water

4. Revegetation

- (a) *Revegetate* the *specified area* so as to achieve a species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition* of native vegetation similar to pre clearing species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition*.
- (b) Complete initial *revegetation* by 30 June 2017.
- (c) Ensure only *local species* are used in the *revegetation*
- (d) Where, for any reason, *revegetation* undertaken under measure 4(a) of this notice does not result in a species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition* of native vegetation similar to pre clearing species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition*, each and every year for a period of ten (10) years after the giving of this notice continue to *revegetate* the *specified area* until a species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition* of native vegetation similar to pre clearing species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition* is achieved.

5. Weed control

Each and every year for a period of ten (10) years after the giving of this notice

- (a) Remove or kill *weed species* within the *specified area* during the month of September of each year so that the *percentage cover* that is *weed species* is less than 20%;
- (b) Complete initial weed control by 30 September 2017

6 Monitoring

- (a) Prior to 30 September 2017, establish five quadrats located so that the southwest corners are located at the coordinates set out in the table below; and

Quadrat No.	Eastings	Northings
1	304245	6671989
2	304290	6671983
3	304361	6672004
4	304325	6672016
5	304315	6672061

- (b) Permanently mark the southwest corner of each quadrat with a steel picket.
- (c) Engage an *environmental specialist* to carry out one vegetation survey in each of the quadrats in the month of September or October of each and every year for a period of ten (10) years after the giving of this notice to determine:
 - (i) The species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition* of native vegetation in each quadrat
 - (ii) The *percentage cover* of native vegetation in each quadrat
 - (ii) The *percentage cover* of vegetation in each quadrat that is *weed species*

7. Records must be kept

Maintain the following records for a period of ten (10) years from the date of the giving of this vegetation conservation notice

- (a) in relation to the *revegetation* of the *specified area*
 - (i) The date or dates of *revegetation* activities undertaken

- (ii) A description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken
 - (iii) A list of species planted or seeded
 - (iv) The number of each species planted or the quantity of seed for each species sown
- (b) in relation to weed control
- (i) The date or dates on which *weed species* control activities were carried out
 - (ii) A description of the *weed species* control activities carried out on each date.
- (c) in relation to monitoring
- (i) The species composition, structure, density and *vegetation condition* of native vegetation in the *specified area* as determined by the monitoring carried out under measure 6 of this notice.
 - (ii) The *percentage cover* of native vegetation in each quadrat
 - (iii) The *percentage cover* of vegetation in each quadrat that is *weed species*

8. Reporting

For a period of ten (10) years after the giving of this notice, provide to the *CEO*, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records kept under measure 7 of this notice for the period 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year.

DEFINITIONS

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

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Public Service of the State through which the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* is administered

environmental specialist means a person who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience in the assessment of Western Australian native vegetation.

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.

local species means native vegetation species recorded as naturally occurring within 20 kilometres of the land.

percentage cover means the area of ground covered by the canopy of each and every species of flora, including native flora, *weed species* and *invasive weed species* within the monitored area expressed as a percentage of the total cover of all species within the monitored area

revegetate, revegetated and *revegetation* means the re-establishment of native vegetation

specified area means those portions of Lot 709 on Deposited Plan 219608, Lot 710 on Deposited Plan 219608 and Lot 712 on Deposited Plan 219608 bounded by a line joining the Zone 50 GDA 94 points set out in the table below consecutively:

Point	Eastings	Northings
1	304222	6671985
2	304240	6672014
3	304258	6672008
4	304272	6672053
5	304280	6672044

6	304280	6672054
7	304287	6672082
8	304313	6672096
9	304339	6672091
10	304347	6672032
11	304370	6672037
12	304380	6672021
13	304381	6671997
14	304350	6671974
15	304336	6671965
16	304272	6671971
17	304283	6672045

then directly to the point of commencement.

vegetation 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.

weed species 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) that is not a species recorded as naturally occurring within 20 kilometres of the land



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

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