

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:

CPS 6965/1

Permit Holder:

Satterley Forrestfield Pty Ltd

**Duration of Permit:** 

2 July 2016 - 2 July 2021

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 constructing a sales office.

# 2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 515 on Plan 4684, Forrestfield

# 3. Area of clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.82 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 6965/1.

## 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.

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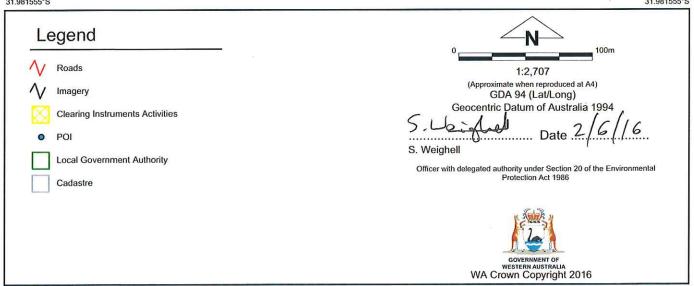
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**CLEARING REGULATION** 

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

2 June 2016







# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

#### 1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

6965/1

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Satterley Forrestfield Ptd Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 515 ON PLAN 4684, FORRESTFIELD

**Local Government Authority:** 

KALAMUNDA, SHIRE OF Greater Swan

**DER Region: DPaW District:** Localities:

**PERTH HILLS FORRESTFIELD** 

1.4. **Application** 

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing Mechanical Removal For the purpose of: Building or structure

0.82

1.5. **Decision on application** 

**Decision on Permit Application:** 

Granted

**Decision Date:** 

02 June 2016

Reasons for Decision:

The clearing application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s510 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and it has been 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.

## 2. Site Information

#### **Existing environment and information**

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

The application area is mapped as:

Beard vegetation association 3 which is described as 'Medium forest; jarrah-marri' (Shepherd et al. 2001);

Beard vegetation association 1009 which is described as 'Medium woodland; marri & river gum' (Shepherd et al. 2001); and

Heddle vegetation complex Forrestfield which is described as 'Vegetation ranges from open forest of Corymbia calophylla (marri) -Eucalyptus wandoo (wandoo) -Eucalyptus marginata (jarrah) to open forest of Eucalyptus marginata (jarrah) - Corymbia calophylla (marri) - Allocasuarina fraseriana (sheoak) - Banksia species. Fringing woodland of Eucalyptus rudis (flooded gum) in the gullies that dissect this landform' (Heddle et al. 1980).

Clearing Description The application to clear

up to 0.82 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 515 on Plan 4684, Forrestfield, is for the purpose of constructing a sales office as part of

a residential

development.

**Vegetation Condition** 

Completely Degraded; No longer intact, completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994). Comment

The condition of the vegetation under application was determined via a site inspection undertaken by the Department of Environment Regulation on 8 April 2016 (DER, 2016), and supporting documentation within Clearing Permit Application CPS 6965/1 (Strategen, 2016).

#### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

#### Comments

The application to clear up to 0.82 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing a sales office as part of a residential development is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The vegetation under application consists of jarrah and marri trees amongst non-native species including a ground cover of weeds (DER 2016). The vegetation is in a completely degraded (Keighery 1994) condition.

Given the completely degraded (Keighery 1994) condition of the vegetation and lack of native understorey species, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community or nearby conservation areas. The application area is also unlikely to contain high biological diversity or significant remnant vegetation.

Nine fauna species listed as rare or likely to become extinct under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 have been recorded within the local area (five kilometre radius) including the woylie (Bettongia pencillata subsp. ogilbyi), Carnaby's cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus latirostris), Baudin's cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus baudinii), forest red-tailed black cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus banksii subsp. naso), curlew sandpiper (Calidris ferruginea), great knot (Calidris tenuirostris), southern brush-tailed phascogale (Phascogale tapoatafa subsp. tapoatafa), western swamp tortoise (Pseudemydura umbrina) and chuditch (Dasyurus geoffroii) (Parks and Wildlife, 2007-).

The application area contains six marri and three jarrah trees. Marri and jarrah are known to be suitable for foraging, breeding and roosting by black cockatoos. The majority of the trees within the application area are small to medium sized (DER, 2016) and are considered unlikely to provide a substantial food source, or be used for roosting purposes by black cockatoos. None of the trees were observed to contain suitable black cockatoo nesting hollows (Strategen, 2016).

Given the application area does not contain significant habitat trees, has no midstorey, and exhibits a ground cover consisting of weeds, the native vegetation proposed to be cleared is unlikely to constitute significant habitat for fauna.

There are no watercourses or wetlands mapped within the application area. The closest waterbody is the Woodlupine Brook located 100 metres south. Given this and the completely degraded (Keighery 1994) condition of the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on riparian vegetation, contribute to or cause appreciable land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water or surface water, or cause or exacerbate the incidence or intensity of flooding.

Considering the above, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

#### Methodology

References:

DER (2016) Keighery (1994)

Parks and Wildlife (2007-)

Strategen (2016)

#### Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments

Planning approval has been received for the proposed temporary sales office (Shire of Kalamunda, 2016).

The application was advertised in the West Australian newspaper on 21 March 2016 for a 21 day public submission period. No public submissions have been received for this application.

Methodology

References:

Shire of Kalamunda (2016)

#### 4. References

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Shire of Kalamunda (2016) Notice of Determination on Application for Planning Approval – Satterley Forrestfield Pty Ltd (DER Ref: A1105837).

Strategen (2016) Native vegetation clearing permit application – Supporting documentation for Clearing Permit Application CPS 6965/1 Satterley Property Group (DER Ref:A1056754).