

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 6970/1

File Number:

DER2015/002697-1

Duration of Permit: From 21 May 2016 to 21 May 2018

PERMIT HOLDER

City of Albany

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 7562 on Deposited Plan 186463, Wellstead Unnamed road reserve (Pin 1093781), Wellstead

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.25 hectares of native vegetation within the areas cross hatched yellow on the attached Plan 6970/1.

CONDITIONS

1. Dieback and weed control

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds and

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared:
- (b) ensure that no dieback or weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

DEFINITIONS

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

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

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

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;

weed/s means any plant -

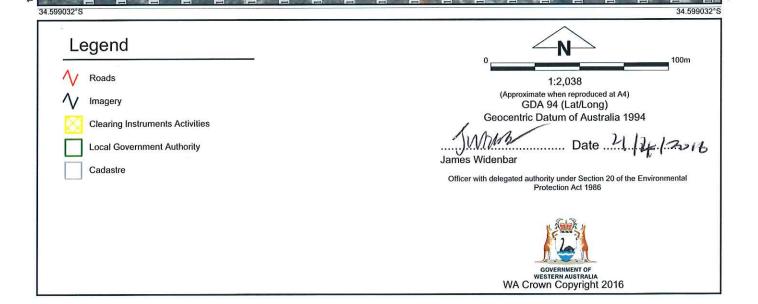
- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

James Widenbar MANAGER

CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

21 April 2016





Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

6970/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

City of Albany

1.3. Property details

Property:

Lot 7562 on Deposited Plan 186463 Unnamed road reserve (PIN 1093781)

Local Government Authority:

Localities:

City of Albany Wellstead

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

0.25

Mechanical Removal

Creating a firebreak and fire protection areas

Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Granted

Decision Date:

21 April 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 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 of a small degraded (Keighery, 1994) area is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. Relevant 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 Beard vegetation association 980 is described

as shrublands comprising jarrah mallee-heath (Shepherd et al, 2001).

Vegetation Condition

Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles, planning instruments and other relevant matters

Comments

The City of Albany has applied to clear up to 0.25 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of creating a firebreak and fire protection areas within Lot 7562 on Deposited Plan 186463 and an unnamed road reserve.

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, remnant vegetation values, watercourses, land degradation, conservation areas, surface water quality, groundwater quality, and flooding. The assessment has found that the clearing under application is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Methodology

GIS Databases:

- DPaW Tenure
- Hydrography, linear
- Hydrography, heirachery
- IBRA Australia
- Groundwater salinity, statewide
- Pre-European Vegetation
- SAC Biodatasets (Accessed April 2016)

4. References

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.