



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7027/1
File Number: 2011/006837-1
Duration of Permit: From 18 June 2016 to 18 June 2018

PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Denmark

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 556 on Deposited Plan 71707, Ocean Beach

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.23 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 7027/1.

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 *dieback*:

- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (ii) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *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 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 2007*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

S. Weighell

Simon Weighell
A/MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION





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19 May 2016

Plan 7027/1



Legend

-  Areas approved to clear
-  Roads
-  LGA
-  Cadastre
- Virtual Mosaic (LGATE-V001)



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MGA 94
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

S. Weighell Date *19/5/16*
Simon Weighell

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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7027/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Shire of Denmark

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 556 on Deposited Plan 71707, Ocean Beach
Local Government Area: Shire of Denmark

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.23	-	Mechanical Removal	Road construction or maintenance

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant

Decision Date: 19 May 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 the clearing principles.

Through assessment it has been determined that the clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. Standard weed and dieback management conditions have been included to reduce the risk of indirect impacts to adjoining remnant vegetation.

State policies and other relevant policies have been 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	Vegetation Condition
The closest mapped vegetation association to the application area is Beard vegetation association 423 which is described as shrublands, <i>Acacia</i> scrub-heath (unknown spp.) (Shepherd et al., 2001).	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994).

3. Assessment of application against Clearing Principles

Comments The proposed clearing is 0.23 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 556 on Deposited Plan 71707, Ocean Beach for the purpose of expanding a carpark.

A site inspection (DER, 2016) of the application area noted that the vegetation is in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition with impacts evident relating to the position of the application area adjoining a beach access node, walk trail and bike trail carparking area. The application area also showed signs of previous disturbance relating to the installation of a toilet block and signs of a significant rabbit population. The application area was dominated by the introduced *Pelargonium capitatum*, *Euphorbia paralias* and grass species.

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

The application was advertised on 9 May 2016 for a 7 day public submission period. No submissions have been received.

Methodology**References:**

Keighery (1994)

DER (2016)

GIS Datasets:

SAC biodata sets accessed May 2016

Hydrography linear

4. References

DER (2016) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7027/1, Lot 556 on Deposited Plan 71707, Ocean Beach. Site inspection undertaken 27 April 2016. Department of Environment Regulation, Western Australia (DER Ref: A1091462).

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