

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: CPS 7082/1

File Number: DER2016/000789-1

Duration of Permit: From 16 July 2016 to 16 July 2021

PERMIT HOLDER

Minister for Education

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 244 on Deposited Plan 216972 (Reserve 41245), Pemberton

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.4 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7082/1.

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:

- (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;
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared; and
- (d) only move soils in dry conditions.

DEFINITIONS

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

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

dry conditions means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

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.

James Widenbar MANAGER

CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

16 June 2016





Legend



Imagery



Clearing Instruments Activities





Local Government Authority



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(Approximate when reproduced at A4) GDA 94 (Lat/Long) Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994



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James Widenbar

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986



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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

7082/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Minister for Education

Property details

Property:

LOT 244 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 216972, PEMBERTON

Local Government Authority:

MANJIMUP, SHIRE OF

DER Region: DPaW District:

SOUTH COAST DONNELLY

Localities:

0.4

PEMBERTON

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Horticulture

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

Granted 16 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 proposed clearing may impact the environmental values of adjacent vegetation through the introduction or spread of weeds and dieback. Weed and dieback management measures will minimise impacts to this vegetation.

The Delgatated Officer 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

Vegetation Description Mapped Beard vegetation association 3 is described as medium forest; jarrah-marri

(Shepherd et al. 2001).

Vegetation Condition

Very Good; Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994).

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Mapped Mattiske vegetation complex CRb is described as tall open forest of Corymbia calophylla-Eucalyptus diversicolor on upper slopes with Allocasuarina decussata-Banksia grandis on upper slopes in hyperhumid and perhumid zones (Mattiske and Havel 1998).

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

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, remnant vegetation values, wetlands, watercourses, land degradation, impacts to 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 all clearing principles.

The disturbance caused by the proposed clearing may increase the risk of weeds and dieback spreading into the adjacent vegetation. Weed and dieback management conditions will assist in mitigating the impacts of the proposed clearing.

The clearing is for educational purposes, including a garden and agricultural program. No submissions have been received.

The application area occurs within an unassigned priority Public Drinking Water Source Area and Zone D of Warren River Water Reserve, an area gazetted under the Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947. The

Department of Water has no objections to the proposed clearing (DoW 2016).

Methodology

References:

DoW (2016)

GIS Databases:

- Country Areas Water Supply Act (Part IIA) Clearing Control Catchments
- Hydrography, linear
- Hydrography, hierarchy
- Parks and Wildlife tenure
- Public Drinking Water Source Areas
- SAC bio datasets accessed June 2016
- Virtual mosaic

4. References

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