



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 7161/2
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Mrs Diana Dowsett Mr Allan Dowsett
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	1 October 2016 to 1 October 2026

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

#### 1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of *apiary site* maintenance.

#### 2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Apiary Site Number	Longitude	Latitude	District	Land Tenure
1130	115.8624	-31.6562	Swan Coastal	Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65
1885	116.6190	-32.2047	Perth Hills	Wandoo National Park R47883
3944	115.8829	-31.6341	Swan Coastal	Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65
5271	115.7488	-31.5254	Swan Coastal	Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65
5437	115.8033	-31.4743	Swan Coastal	Yeal Nature Reserve
5995	115.7937	-31.4838	Swan Coastal	Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65
6116	116.3978	-32.1836	Perth Hills	Helena National Park
6150	116.0673	-32.0302	Perth Hills	Korong National Park

#### 3. Area of clearing

- The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.4 hectares of native vegetation in total.
- The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.05 hectares for each of the *apiary sites* described in condition 2 of this Permit.
- The clearing described in conditions 3(a) and 3(b) of this Permit may only occur within a 500 metre radius of the coordinates of each *apiary site* described in condition 2 of this Permit, subject to the Permit Holder having the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under any written law.

#### 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.

#### 5. Type of clearing authorised

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation within *apiary sites* described in condition 2 and the type of clearing in condition 3 of this Permit to the extent of activities permitted under an authority granted to the Permit Holder under Part 8A of the *Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002*.

## 6. Clearing not authorised

This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear trees that have a diameter, at average adult human chest height, of 10 centimetres or greater.

## PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

### 7. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

### 8. Method of clearing

- (a) The Permit Holder must comply with the directions of the relevant District Apiary Officer of the Department of Parks and Wildlife prior to undertaking clearing within *apiary sites* described in condition 2 of this Permit.
- (b) The Permit Holder may only clear native vegetation using minimal impact methods, such as hand mowers or raking.

### 9. 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 known *weed* and *dieback*-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.

## PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

### 10. Records must be kept

The permit holder must maintain records relating to the listed relevant matters in accordance with the specifications detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Records that must be kept**

No.	Relevant matter	Specifications
1.	In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the species composition, structure, and density of the cleared area;</li><li>(b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;</li><li>(c) the date that the area was cleared;</li><li>(d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and</li><li>(e) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 7; and</li><li>(f) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds and dieback in accordance with condition 9.</li></ol>

## 11. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
  - (i) of records required under condition 10 of this Permit; and
  - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year.
- (c) Prior to 1 July 2026, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 10 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a) of this Permit.

## DEFINITIONS

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

**apiary site/s** means the land specified in an apiary authority as the land to which an apiary licence granted under Part VIII Division 2 of the CALM Act, or an apiary permit granted under Part VIII Division 1 of the CALM Act;

**CALM Act** means the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*;


**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; and

**weed/s** mean 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 Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

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

17 September 2021



# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details and outcome

### 1.1. Permit application details

<b>Permit number:</b>	CPS 7161/2
<b>Permit type:</b>	Purpose permit
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Mr Allan Dowsett and Mrs Diana Dowsett
<b>Purpose of clearing:</b>	Apiculture
<b>Properties and Location (LGA area/s):</b>	<p>Apiary Site 1130 is located within Lot 5607 on Deposited Plan 208673 (Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65), Pinjar, City of Wanneroo</p> <p>Apiary Site 1185 is located within Lot 3060 on Deposited Plan 36442 (Crown Reserve R 47883 - Wandoo National Park), Dale, Shire of Beverley</p> <p>Apiary Site 3944 is located within Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 54937 and Lot 5607 on Deposited Plan 208673 (Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65), Pinjar/ Bullsbrook, City of Wanneroo and City of Swan</p> <p>Apiary Site 5271 is located within Lot 5608 on Deposited Plan 208676 (Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65), Yanchep, City of Wanneroo</p> <p>Apiary Site 5437 is located within Lot 11620 on Deposited Plan 243039 (R 42450 - Yeal Nature Reserve), Yanchep/ Yeal, Shire of Gingin</p> <p>Apiary Site 5995 is located within Lot 5608 on Deposited Plan 208676 (Gnangara-Moore River State Forest 65), Yanchep, City of Wanneroo</p> <p>Apiary Site 6616 is located within Lot 3053 on Deposited Plan 36441 (Crown Reserve R 47882 - Helena National Park), Flint, Shire of Beverley</p> <p>Apiary Site 6150 is located within Lot 3071 on Deposited Plan 36440 (Crown Reserve R 47881 - Korung National Park), Carmel / Canning Mills, City of Kalamunda</p>

### 1.2. Description of clearing activities

This amendment is to extend the permit for a further five years and to decrease the total area of the proposed clearing to 0.4 hectares, following a reduction in number of apiary sites to eight (CPS 7161/1 allowed for the clearing of 0.9 hectares and 18 apiary sites). The apiary sites are permitted for apiculture under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) by Apiary permits 1130, 1885, 3944, 5271, 5437, 5995, 6116 and 6150.

### 1.3. Decision on application and key considerations

<b>Decision:</b>	Granted
<b>Decision date:</b>	17 September 2021
<b>Decision area:</b>	0.4 hectares (ha) of native vegetation

### 1.4. Reasons for decision

This clearing permit amendment application was submitted, accepted, assessed and determined in accordance with sections 51E and 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and was received by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 29 July 2021.

In undertaking the assessment, the Delegated Officer had regard for the site characteristics, relevant datasets, the clearing principles set out in Schedule 5 of the EP Act, and any other matters considered relevant to the assessment. The assessment identified that the proposed clearing will have negligible impact on habitat for flora, fauna and ecological communities and conservation areas.

The assessment has not changed since the assessment for CPS 7161/1. The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed reduction in clearing is not likely to lead to an unacceptable risk to environmental values. In the assessment of CPS 7161/1, the Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing may be at variance to clearing principles (f) and (h) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles. The requirement for hygiene management practices has been conditioned on clearing permit CPS 7161/2 and will limit the risk of weeds and dieback spreading within conservation estate.

## **2. Assessment of application**

### **2.1. Avoidance and mitigation measures**

The applicant has committed to the use of low impact clearing methods in the form of either pruning, scrub rolling or slashing vegetation. The Delegated Officer was satisfied that no further avoidance or mitigation measures are required given the small scale and low impact nature of the clearing.

### **2.2. Assessment**

The amendment application is to clear up to 0.4 hectares of native vegetation across eight apiary sites within various properties, across the South West of Western Australia. The apiary sites are located within areas permitted under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act).

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 7161/1.

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 7161/1.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to comply with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (WA) and ensure that no Aboriginal Sites of Significance are damaged through the clearing process.

## **Appendix A - References and databases**

### **1. GIS datasets**

Publicly available GIS Databases used (sourced from [www.data.wa.gov.au](http://www.data.wa.gov.au)):

- Aboriginal Heritage Places (DPLH-001)
- Cadastre Address (LGATE-002)
- DBCA – Lands of Interest (DBCA-012)
- DBCA Legislated Lands and Waters (DBCA-011)
- DBCA Managed Reserves (DBCA-014)
- Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia – Western Australia (DBCA-045)
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (DWER-046)
- IBRA Vegetation Statistics
- Regional Parks (DBCA-026)

Restricted GIS Databases used:

- ICMS (Incident Complaints Management System) – Points and Polygons
- Threatened Flora (TPFL)
- Threatened Flora (WAHerb)
- Threatened Fauna
- Threatened Ecological Communities and Priority Ecological Communities
- Threatened Ecological Communities and Priority Ecological Communities (Buffers)

## **2. References**

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) (2016) Clearing permit and decision report CPS 7161/1 (DWER Ref: A367992)

Department of Parks and Wildlife (2013) General Conditions for using Apiary Authorities on Crown Land in Western Australia. Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia.

Mr and Mrs Dowsett (2021). Application to amend CPS 7161/1, received 29 July 2021 (DWER Ref: DWERDT484383)