



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 7222/1
Permit Holder:	Western Honey Supplies Pty Ltd
Duration of Permit:	29 October 2016 to 29 October 2021

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

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

- Purpose for which clearing may be done**
Clearing for the purpose of *apiary site* maintenance.

- Land on which clearing is to be done**

APIARY LICENCE NUMBER	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	DISTRICT	TENURE
5769	120.2582087	-33.54932441	Albany	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5770	120.2762323	-33.57197854	Albany	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
88	117.7915998	-29.76200608	Central Wheatbelt	Land Administration Act - MOUROUBRA pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
89	117.7312537	-29.78598205	Central Wheatbelt	Land Administration Act - MOUROUBRA pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
90	117.7177606	-29.83383202	Central Wheatbelt	Land Administration Act - MOUROUBRA pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
91	117.6824528	-29.96605938	Central Wheatbelt	Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
92	117.6486065	-29.99412688	Central Wheatbelt	Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
5290	117.6099763	-30.14851232	Central Wheatbelt	Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
5291	117.642911	-30.15463484	Central Wheatbelt	Land Administration Act - REMLAP pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
666	115.8734089	-34.24168114	Donnelly	STATE FOREST 35 - CCWA
667	115.9384395	-34.2676433	Donnelly	STATE FOREST 36 - CCWA
843	115.9211866	-34.25049363	Donnelly	STATE FOREST 35 - CCWA
2011	115.8548366	-34.34177279	Donnelly	Greater Beedelup National Park - CCWA
2012	115.8767025	-34.34212362	Donnelly	Greater Beedelup National Park - CCWA
2124	115.9487044	-34.56869943	Donnelly	Greater Hawke National Park -

				CCWA
2125	115.9396372	-34.51916273	Donnelly	STATE FOREST 39 - CCWA
5993	116.1306597	-34.53225864	Donnelly	STATE FOREST 39 - CCWA
2814	116.1086681	-34.55640135	Donnelly	Greater Hawke National Park - CCWA
2815	116.1512686	-34.54050473	Donnelly	STATE FOREST 39 - CCWA
2816	116.1309836	-34.54560857	Donnelly	STATE FOREST 39 - CCWA
5759	120.3687075	-33.52139369	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5760	120.355925	-33.55357712	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5957	120.3958198	-33.53945098	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5958	121.1897625	-33.06816357	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5959	121.1895203	-33.10005722	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5960	121.2199195	-33.10613497	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5961	121.2525547	-33.09665301	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5962	121.2067683	-33.15077135	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5963	121.256493	-33.14893163	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5977	121.1700997	-33.04338447	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5978	121.1586034	-33.01251471	Esperance	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
3290	117.1299597	-29.50734444	Geraldton	Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
3291	117.1654521	-29.53088836	Geraldton	Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
5215	117.1533223	-29.56008693	Geraldton	Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
3292	117.2176686	-29.56789916	Geraldton	Land Administration Act - NINGHAN pastoral lease - Pastoral Lands Board
2699	117.1070086	-32.72426722	Great Southern	STATE FOREST 53 - CCWA
2703	117.1156928	-32.78137669	Great Southern	STATE FOREST 53 - CCWA
2757	117.0656025	-32.76280304	Great Southern	STATE FOREST 53 - CCWA
527	121.6762643	-31.80326868	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
714	121.5963391	-31.86129168	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
715	121.5204671	-31.82554675	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
2376	121.2083269	-31.17475077	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
2377	121.1606367	-31.16782022	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
3167	120.405299	-31.18986013	Kalgoorlie	GOLDFIELDS WOODLAND

				NATIONAL PARK - CCWA
5400	121.1382584	-31.13892071	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5474	120.9819283	-30.97819684	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5475	120.9475787	-31.04241836	Kalgoorlie	Land Act Reserve Unvested 9393 - Paddock Rabbit Dept (Proposed NR) (other)
5649	121.1505049	-31.19893642	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5650	121.1977198	-31.20688069	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5652	121.6498273	-31.74954206	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5653	121.6488918	-31.78201187	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5654	121.6961754	-31.77683932	Kalgoorlie	Land Administration Act - Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)
5707	120.4515168	-31.17258282	Kalgoorlie	GOLDFIELDS WOODLAND NATIONAL PARK - CCWA
5708	120.4213048	-31.14291243	Kalgoorlie	GOLDFIELDS WOODLAND NATIONAL PARK - CCWA
5709	120.462029	-31.14228415	Kalgoorlie	GOLDFIELDS WOODLAND NATIONAL PARK - CCWA
1865	115.4402375	-30.48812357	Moora	BADGINGARRA NATIONAL PARK - CCWA
4326	115.0848514	-29.94039663	Moora	Stockyard Gully Reserve - 36419 - Protection of Caves (Section 5 (1) (g) reserve) - CCWA
4327	115.0738025	-29.9493378	Moora	Beekeepers Nature Reserve 24496 - Protection of Flora - CCWA
4328	115.0613522	-29.95807168	Moora	Beekeepers Nature Reserve 24496 - Protection of Flora - CCWA
4329	115.0866878	-29.96594557	Moora	Beekeepers Nature Reserve 24496 - Protection of Flora - CCWA
4330	115.0680986	-29.97800329	Moora	Beekeepers Nature Reserve 24496 - Protection of Flora - CCWA
4331	115.0932606	-29.98902503	Moora	Local Government Reserve - Shire of Coorow - Reserve 970 - travellers
135	116.2931017	-32.82621364	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
1915	116.580235	-32.40320473	Perth Hills	BOYAGARRING CONSERVATION PARK - CCWA
1955	116.4565422	-32.45800748	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 67 - CCWA
1956	116.589383	-32.49017531	Perth Hills	Timber Reserve 146/25 - CCWA
1957	116.5654622	-32.522145	Perth Hills	Timber Reserve 146/25 - CCWA
2461	116.2923031	-32.65961419	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
2462	116.2756208	-32.6631736	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
2465	116.2535655	-32.62894662	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
2580	116.2675028	-32.63796278	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
2788	116.2747497	-32.80629998	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
3917	116.0395095	-32.2645103	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 22 - CCWA
4392	116.3032764	-32.60264365	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
4393	116.3240961	-32.56712639	Perth Hills	STATE FOREST 14 - CCWA
5638	115.7759833	-32.74243107	Swan Coastal	NINE MILE LAKE Nature Reserve - 16907 CCWA
2079	115.57021	-31.02699	Swan Coastal	

3. Area of clearing

- (a) The Permit Holder must not clear more than 3.85 hectares of native vegetation in total.
- (b) The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.05 hectares for each of the *apiary sites* described in condition 2 of this Permit.
- (c) 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) shall only move soils in *dry conditions*;
- (c) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (d) 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 the following records in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) 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 and/or decimal degrees;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

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 29 July 2021, 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;

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; 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.



James Widenbar
MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

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

29 September 2016



1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7222/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Western Honey Supplies Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property: Various locations within the mid and south west of Western Australia
Local Government Authority: Various

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
3.85		Mechanical Removal	Apiculture

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted

Decision Date: 29 September 2016

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

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.

Implementing hygiene management practices will limit the risk of weeds and dieback spreading within conservation estate.

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
The proposed clearing falls within various vegetation associations between Geraldton and Esperance.	Clearing of 0.05 hectares of regrowth within 77 apiary sites, totalling 3.85 hectares.	Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).	The vegetation condition was ascertained through aerial imagery.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application is to clear up to 3.85 hectares of native vegetation across 77 apiary sites within various properties, State Forests, Timber Reserves, Crown Leases, Crown Reserves and unallocated Crown land parcels across the mid and south west of Western Australia. The apiary sites are located within areas permitted under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act).

The proposed clearing may be in the form of minimal impact methods such as pruning, scrub rolling or slashing vegetation. Up to approximately 0.05 hectares may be necessary within each apiary site for access or placement of beehives. Clearing for a firebreak may also be required and has been factored into the 0.05 hectares.

Several of the apiary sites occur within close proximity to records of rare and priority flora, however as the apiary sites have been approved for use by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (Parks and Wildlife) and have previously been cleared, it is considered that the apiary sites are unlikely to comprise a high level of biodiversity and that the proposed clearing is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on rare or priority flora.

Several of the apiary sites occur within 200 metres of watercourses or wetlands. The application therefore may involve clearing wetland dependent vegetation. Noting the relatively small scale of the proposed clearing, it is considered that impacts to riparian vegetation and water quality are unlikely to be significant.

Several of the apiary sites are located within conservation areas managed by Parks and Wildlife . Noting the relatively small scale of the proposed clearing at each site, it is considered that the proposed clearing is unlikely to significantly impact on the environmental values of these conservation areas. However it is considered that accessing and working within the apiary sites will increase the risk of introduction and spread of weeds and dieback within these conservation areas. Hygiene management practices will minimise this risk.

Noting the relatively small scale of the proposed clearing, that the apiary sites have been approved for use by Parks and Wildlife and have previously been cleared, it is considered that the proposed clearing is unlikely to have a significant impact on fauna habitat, threatened or priority ecological communities, the incidence or intensity of flooding, the quality of surface or ground water or land degradation. It is also considered that the apiary sites are unlikely to be significant as remnants of native vegetation within a highly cleared landscape.

Given the above, 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.

Methodology GIS Datasets:
Department of Parks and Wildlife Tenure
Hydrography, linear (hierarchy)
SAC Biodatasets September 2016

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

Comments Apiarists generally have a preference to use existing cleared areas for apiary site locations and existing tracks/firebreaks for access them, to keep maintenance to a minimum. However, in some cases apiary sites may not have been used for a number of years and clearing of regrowth may be required.

Approvals to establish apiary sites are managed under the CALM Act. As part of this process, authority to access lands is obtained from the relevant land managers.

Parks and Wildlife's 'General Conditions for using Apiary Authorities on Crown Land in Western Australia' state that an apiarist must liaise with the local Parks and Wildlife apiary officer to gain final approval prior to using or entering a nominated apiary site, and that if an apiary site is no longer suitable for use the local Parks and Wildlife officer can request the apiarist to relocate (Parks and Wildlife, 2013).

On 8 August 2016 the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) received an application from Western Honey Supplies Pty Ltd to clear 3.85 hectares of native vegetation within 77 sites for the purpose of apiary site maintenance.

On 12 September 2016 the application was advertised in *The West Australian* newspaper for a seven day submission period. No public comments were received.

Methodology References:
Department of Parks and Wildlife (2013)

4. References

- 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.
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.