

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number: CPS 7231/2

Permit Holder: Commissioner of Main Roads Western Australia

Duration of Permit: From 20 November 2017 to 20 November 2027

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

ADVICE NOTE:

The funds referred to in condition 10 of this Permit are intended for the purchase of at least 254 hectares of native vegetation for conservation that:

- contains a high level of biological diversity;
- is significant as a remnant in an area that has been extensively cleared; and
- contains at least 155 hectares of vegetation representative of the Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt threatened ecological community.

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of road construction and upgrades including associated activities.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

PART LOT 1904 ON PLAN 228281, DALWALLINU

LOT M626 ON PLAN 3041, BINDI BINDI

LOT M624 ON PLAN 3041, BINDI BINDI

LOT M624 ON PLAN 3041, WALEBING

LOT M412 ON PLAN 3015, WALEBING

LOT M393 ON PLAN 3017, WALEBING

LOT M2136 ON DIAGRAM 24508, MILING

LOT M1560 ON DIAGRAM 7031, MILING

LOT M1488 ON DIAGRAM 6650, MILING

LOT M1487 ON DIAGRAM 6649, MILING

LOT M1330 ON PLAN 3041, BINDI BINDI

LOT M1146 ON DIAGRAM 4967, MILING

LOT 9 ON PLAN 7367, MILING

LOT 9889 ON PLAN 208166, NUGADONG

LOT 9888 ON PLAN 208166, NUGADONG

LOT 9888 ON PLAN 208166, WUBIN

LOT 97 ON PLAN 219806, WUBIN

LOT 9776 ON PLAN 28338, NUGADONG

LOT 95 ON PLAN 201951, PITHARA

LOT 94 ON PLAN 191900, WUBIN

LOT 92 ON PLAN 202010, WUBIN

LOT 91 ON PLAN 142808, WUBIN

LOT 9002 ON PLAN 76386, DALWALLINU

LOT 9001 ON PLAN 72299, MILING

LOT 8 ON PLAN 7367, MILING LOT 8 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA LOT 86 ON PLAN 184816, WUBIN LOT 85 ON PLAN 4936, MILING LOT 85 ON PLAN 184815, WUBIN LOT 848 ON PLAN 58553, WALEBING LOT 847 ON PLAN 58553, WALEBING LOT 846 ON PLAN 58554, WALEBING LOT 845 ON PLAN 58554, WALEBING LOT 844 ON PLAN 58554, WALEBING LOT 843 ON PLAN 58554, WALEBING LOT 842 ON PLAN 58554, WALEBING LOT 841 ON PLAN 58554, WALEBING LOT 840 ON PLAN 58577, WALEBING LOT 839 ON PLAN 58577, WALEBING LOT 835 ON PLAN 58552, WALEBING LOT 834 ON PLAN 58552, WALEBING LOT 833 ON PLAN 58551, WALEBING LOT 832 ON PLAN 58551, WALEBING LOT 831 ON PLAN 58551, WALEBING LOT 830 ON PLAN 58551, WALEBING LOT 829 ON PLAN 58550, BINDI BINDI LOT 828 ON PLAN 58550, BINDI BINDI LOT 827 ON PLAN 58550, BINDI BINDI LOT 826 ON PLAN 58550, BINDI BINDI LOT 825 ON PLAN 58549, BINDI BINDI LOT 824 ON PLAN 58549, BINDI BINDI LOT 823 ON PLAN 58546, BINDI BINDI LOT 822 ON PLAN 58546, BINDI BINDI LOT 821 ON PLAN 58547, BINDI BINDI LOT 820 ON PLAN 58547, BINDI BINDI LOT 811 ON PLAN 73300, DALWALLINU LOT 80 ON PLAN 33218, MILING LOT 803 ON PLAN 58548, WALEBING LOT 802 ON PLAN 58548, WALEBING LOT 801 ON PLAN 73300, DALWALLINU LOT 801 ON PLAN 58548, WALEBING LOT 800 ON PLAN 58548, WALEBING LOT 7 ON PLAN 7367, MILING LOT 7 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA LOT 7827 ON PLAN 150499, WUBIN LOT 7707 ON PLAN 148396, WUBIN LOT 7706 ON PLAN 148396, NUGADONG LOT 70 ON PLAN 142810, WUBIN LOT 6 ON PLAN 7367, MILING LOT 6 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA LOT 69 ON PLAN 142810, WUBIN LOT 65 ON PLAN 136032, WUBIN LOT 64 ON PLAN 136031, WUBIN LOT 616 ON PLAN 24599, DALWALLINU LOT 607 ON PLAN 221059, DALWALLINU LOT 603 ON PLAN 221059, DALWALLINU LOT 602 ON PLAN 221059, DALWALLINU LOT 601 ON PLAN 221059, DALWALLINU LOT 5 ON PLAN 7367, MILING LOT 5 ON PLAN 47978, DALWALLINU LOT 5 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

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LOT 5 ON PLAN 14334, WALEBING

LOT 599 ON PLAN 194975, DALWALLINU

LOT 598 ON PLAN 194974, DALWALLINU

LOT 597 ON PLAN 194974, DALWALLINU

LOT 594 ON PLAN 220542, DALWALLINU

LOT 563 ON PLAN 182912, DALWALLINU

LOT 562 ON PLAN 182912, DALWALLINU

LOT 55 ON DIAGRAM 63363, WALEBING

LOT 54 ON PLAN 232215, WUBIN

LOT 534 ON PLAN 247895, WALEBING

LOT 51 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

LOT 51 ON DIAGRAM 98174, DALWALLINU

LOT 512 ON PLAN 400056, BINDI BINDI

LOT 50 ON PLAN 69362, PITHARA

LOT 50 ON PLAN 232215, WUBIN

LOT 50 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

LOT 508 ON PLAN 400053, BINDI BINDI

LOT 502 ON PLAN 401294, WALEBING

LOT 502 ON PLAN 400051, MILING

LOT 501 ON PLAN 77608, WUBIN

LOT 501 ON PLAN 58637, WUBIN

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LOT 500 ON PLAN 58637, WUBIN

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LOT 500 ON PLAN 400049, MILING

LOT 500 ON PLAN 3989, WUBIN

LOT 4 ON PLAN 7367, MILING

LOT 4 ON DIAGRAM 28767, MILING

LOT 49 ON PLAN 232215, WUBIN

LOT 49 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

LOT 4310 ON PLAN 32955, WALEBING

LOT 4309 ON PLAN 32955, WALEBING

LOT 4248 ON PLAN 194903, MARNE

LOT 4247 ON PLAN 194903, PITHARA

LOT 4159 ON DIAGRAM 9954, MILING

LOT 3 ON PLAN 9461, MARNE

LOT 3 ON PLAN 7367, MILING

LOT 3 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

LOT 3 ON DIAGRAM 28767, MILING

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LOT 39 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

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LOT 3954 ON PLAN 175371, MILING

LOT 394 ON PLAN 170882, DALWALLINU

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LOT 3848 ON PLAN 4938, MILING

LOT 37 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

LOT 36 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

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LOT 3655 ON PLAN 142427, WUBIN

LOT 35 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

LOT 351 ON PLAN 302626, MILING

LOT 34 ON PLAN 23866, WALEBING

LOT 34 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

LOT 33 ON PLAN 23866, WALEBING

LOT 33 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA LOT 3328 ON PLAN 228282, DALWALLINU

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LOT 301 ON PLAN 194974, DALWALLINU

LOT 300 ON PLAN 300375, PITHARA

LOT 300 ON PLAN 194974, DALWALLINU

LOT 2 ON PLAN 9461, PITHARA

LOT 2 ON PLAN 7367, MILING

LOT 2 ON PLAN 26251, MARNE

LOT 2 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

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LOT 2 ON DIAGRAM 14975, MILING

LOT 29 ON PLAN 43661, DALWALLINU

LOT 2725 ON PLAN 87387, MARNE

LOT 2706 ON PLAN 88314, PITHARA

LOT 269 ON PLAN 209477, DALWALLINU

LOT 2690 ON PLAN 229801, PITHARA

LOT 2509 ON PLAN 228280, DALWALLINU

LOT 24 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

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LOT 22 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

LOT 21 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

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LOT 202 ON PLAN 400051, MILING

LOT 200 ON PLAN 400049, MILING

LOT 1 ON PLAN 9461, PITHARA

LOT 1 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA

LOT 1 ON DIAGRAM 79610, MILING

LOT 1 ON DIAGRAM 27737, WALEBING

LOT 1 ON DIAGRAM 14204, MILING

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LOT 1925 ON PLAN 228283, PITHARA

LOT 1911 ON PLAN 228282, DALWALLINU

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LOT 1885 ON PLAN 228281, DALWALLINU

LOT 1884 ON PLAN 228280, DALWALLINU

LOT 17 ON PLAN 85707, PITHARA

LOT 17 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

LOT 17 ON DIAGRAM 38157, MILING

LOT 178 ON PLAN 209477, DALWALLINU

LOT 16 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

LOT 1694 ON PLAN 131632, WALEBING

LOT 1543 ON PLAN 127481, PITHARA

LOT 1541 ON PLAN 228234, MARNE

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LOT 13 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

LOT 12 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

LOT 1286 ON PLAN 127501, PITHARA

LOT 1284 ON PLAN 127610, PITHARA

LOT 1283 ON PLAN 127500, DALWALLINU

LOT 11 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN

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LOT 114 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA LOT 110 ON PLAN 229929, PITHARA LOT 10 ON PLAN 229919, WUBIN LOT 107 ON PLAN 148398, WUBIN LOT 1079 ON PLAN 148312, PITHARA LOT 106 ON PLAN 184154, PITHARA LOT 1050 ON PLAN 202006, PITHARA LOT 104 ON PLAN 69362, PITHARA LOT 1035 ON PLAN 201951, PITHARA LOT 102 ON PLAN 73304, MILING LOT 102 ON PLAN 29447, PITHARA LOT 102 ON PLAN 184154, PITHARA LOT 101 ON PLAN 73304, MILING LOT 100 ON DIAGRAM 9973, MILING MELBOURNE LOCATION 3847, MILING ROAD RESERVE - 11706850, NUGADONG RAILWAY RESERVE, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11706856, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11715595, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 1258360, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11288337, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11409752, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11409751, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11409750, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11288326, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11288323, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11424552, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11288324, PITHARA **ROAD RESERVE - 1258358, PITHARA** ROAD RESERVE - 1258361, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 1258365, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11715593, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11715590, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11288327, DALWALLINU RAILWAY RESERVE, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 1258350, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 1258366, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11288328, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 1258364, DALWALLINU CLOSED ROAD, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11288340, NUGADONG ROAD RESERVE - 11708951, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11288338, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11424547, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11288339, NUGADONG ROAD RESERVE - 11424551, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11288336, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11424546, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11409779, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11708956, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 11409781, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11409782, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11424539, PITHARA ROAD RESERVE - 1338697, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11288334, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11409784, DALWALLINU ROAD RESERVE - 11288335, DALWALLINU

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3. Area of clearing

- (a) The Permit Holder must not clear more than 68.5 hectares of native vegetation within the combined areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7231/2a, Plan 7231/2b, Plan 7231/2c, Plan 7231/2d, Plan 7231/2e, Plan 7231/2f, Plan 7231/2g, Plan 7231/2h and Plan 7231/2i.
- (b) The clearing of 68.5 hectares of native vegetation must not include more than:
 - (i) 30 hectares of Carnaby's cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) habitat being the native vegetation mapped as Carnaby's cockatoo habitat in a shapefile provided to the Department on 8 September 2017; and
 - (ii) 15 hectares of the Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt threatened ecological community being the native vegetation mapped as the community in a shapefile provided to the Department on 30 May 2017.

4. Period within which clearing is authorised

The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation after 30 June 2022.

5. 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.

6. Type of clearing authorised

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the activities described in condition 1 of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those activities under the *Main Roads Act 1930* or any other written law.

7. Weed management

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

- clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the combined areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7231/2a, Plan 7231/2b, Plan 7231/2c, Plan 7231/2d, Plan 7231/2e, Plan 7231/2f, Plan 7231/2g, Plan 7231/2h and Plan 7231/2i;
- (b) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering within 50 metres of Nugadong Nature Reserve;
- (c) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering within 50 metres of Crown Reserve 15867;
- (d) ensure that no weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (e) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

8. Flora management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing of Population 3 of *Eremophila pinnatifida*, the Permit Holder must:
 - (i) obtain approval of a translocation site for salvaged topsoil from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; and
 - (ii) provide to the *CEO* the size and location of the approved translocation site recorded as a shapefile consisting of polygons using the Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94) coordinate system
- (b) When undertaking clearing of Population 3 of *Eremophila pinnatifida*, the Permit Holder must salvage the topsoil and translocate it to the approved translocation site.

- (c) Post translocation of Population 3 of *Eremophila pinnatifida*, the Permit Holder must monitor both the translocation site and the original site of Population 3 to record:
 - (i) the number of any germinants of Eremophila pinnatifida;
 - (ii) the location of each germinant of *Eremophila pinnatifida* recorded using a GPS unit set to GDA94, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (iii) the health of each germinant of Eremophila pinnatifida;
 - (iv) the extent of weed cover within 50 metres of each germinant of Eremophila pinnatifida recorded as a percentage;
 - (v) any threats to the survival of each germinant of Eremophila pinnatifida; and
 - (vi) a photo of each germinant of Eremophila pinnatifida.
- (d) The monitoring required by condition 8(c) must be undertaken on a biannual basis for a period of at least five years.
- (e) The Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing at both the translocation site and the original site of Population 3 of Eremophila pinnatifida on a biannual basis for a period of at least five years post translocation. A permit to take declared rare flora pursuant to section 23F of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 must be obtained with the specific purpose of undertaking weed control, before any weed control activities using herbicides occurs at these sites.
- (f) Any weed control undertaken to meet the requirements of condition 8(e) must not include the use of any herbicide that would likely inhibit the germination of Eremophila pinnatifida.

9. Offset

The Permit Holder must fund the purchase of the area cross-hatched red on attached Plan 7231/2j for inclusion in the conservation estate managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

10. Offset

Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall provide funding of \$175,260 to the Department for the purpose of establishing or maintaining native vegetation.

11. Record keeping

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records:

- (a) In relation to clearing:
 - (i) the date that clearing commenced:
 - (ii) the size and location where clearing of Carnaby's cockatoo habitat occurred recorded as a shapefile consisting of polygons using the GDA94 coordinate system;
 - (iii) the size and location where clearing of the Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt threatened ecological community occurred recorded as a shapefile consisting of polygons using the GDA94 coordinate system;
 - (iv) the date that clearing of Population 3 of Eremophila pinnatifida occurred;
 - (v) the size and location where topsoil was removed from Population 3 of Eremophila pinnatifida recorded as a shapefile consisting of polygons using the GDA94 coordinate system; and
 - (vi) the date that Population 3 of Eremophila pinnatifida was translocated.

(b) In relation to condition 8:

- (i) A report documenting the information recorded by each monitoring event as required by conditions 8(c) and 8(d); and
- (ii) A report documenting the methods and results of each *weed* control event as required by conditions 8(e) and 8(f).

12. 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 11 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 has been undertaken, a written report confirming that no clearing under this Permit has been undertaken, must be provided to the *CEO* on or before 30 June of each year.
- (c) Prior to 20 August 2027, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 11 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 12(a) of this Permit.
- (d) On or before 30 June of each year post translocation of Population 3 of *Eremophila pinnatifida*, the Permit Holder must provide to the Species and Communities Branch of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions a written report of records required under condition 11(b) of this Permit.

Definitions

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

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

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 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 Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

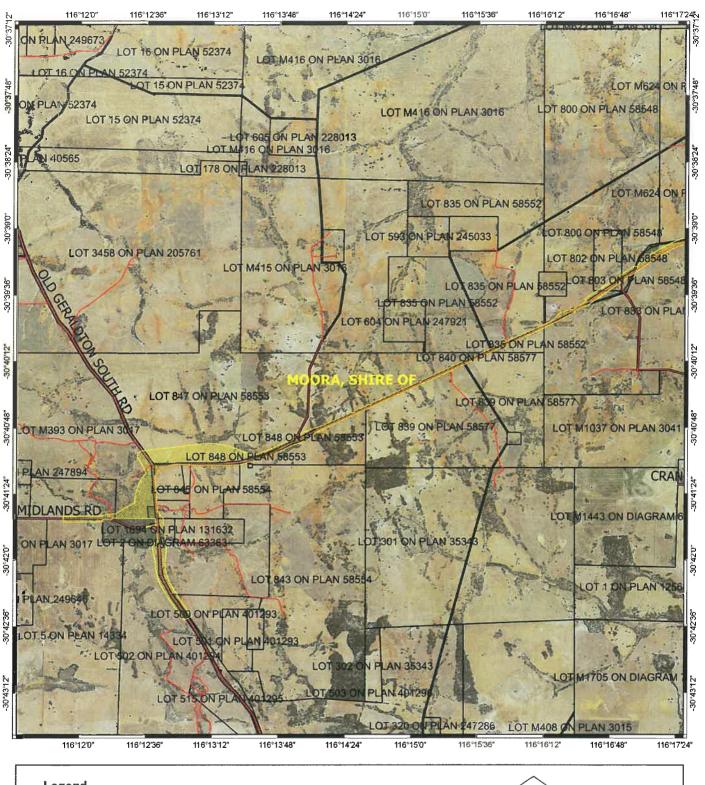
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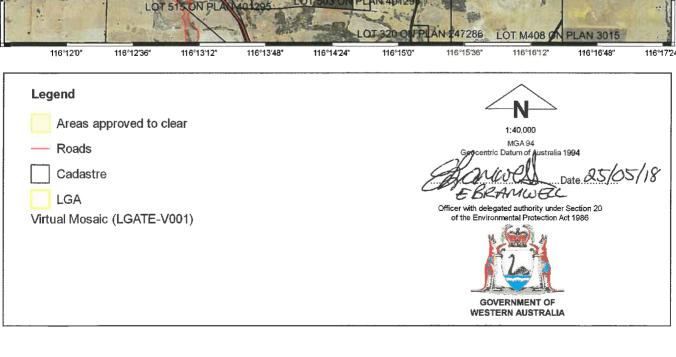
CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

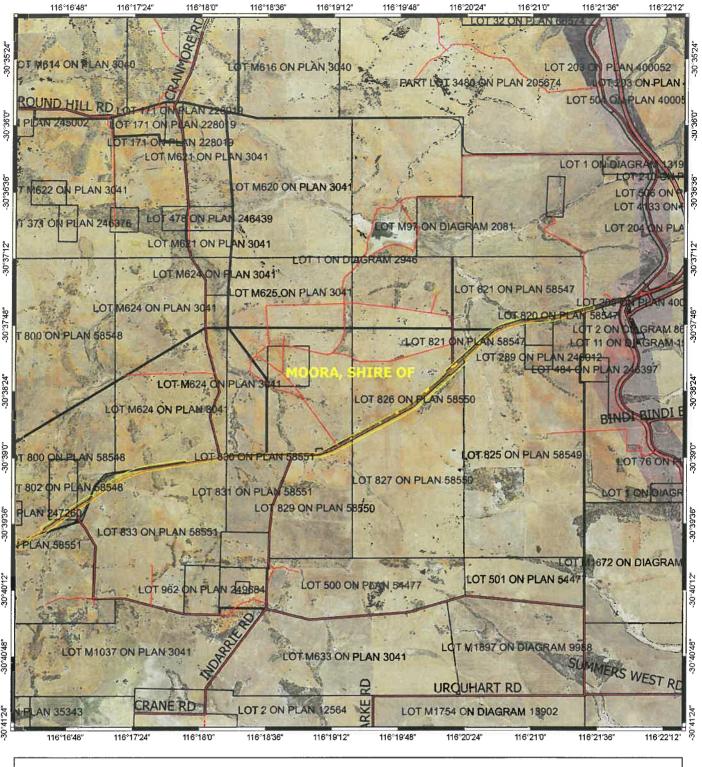
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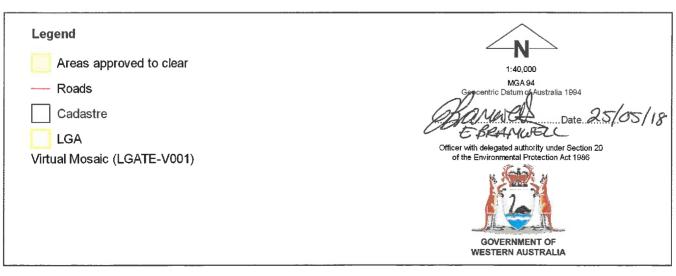
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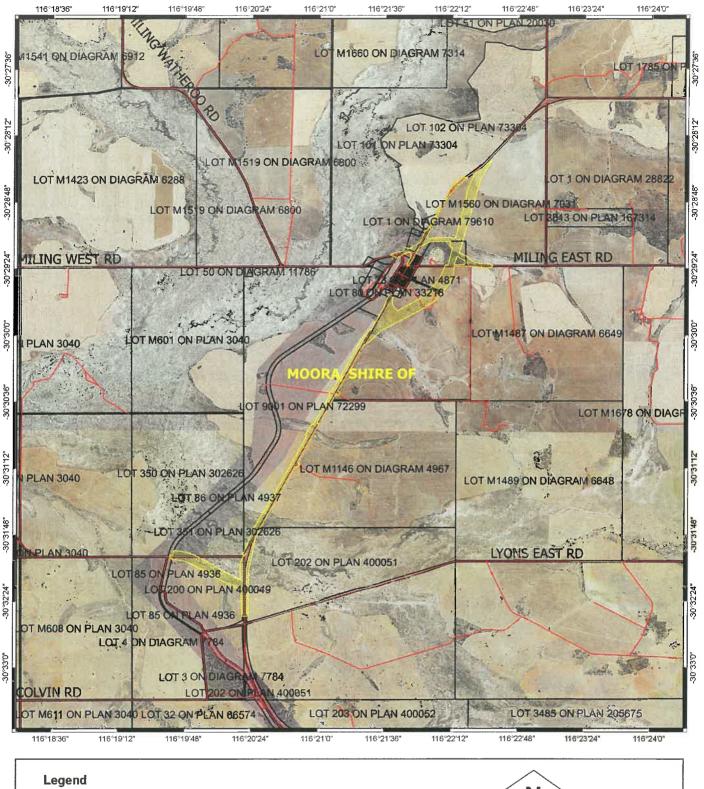


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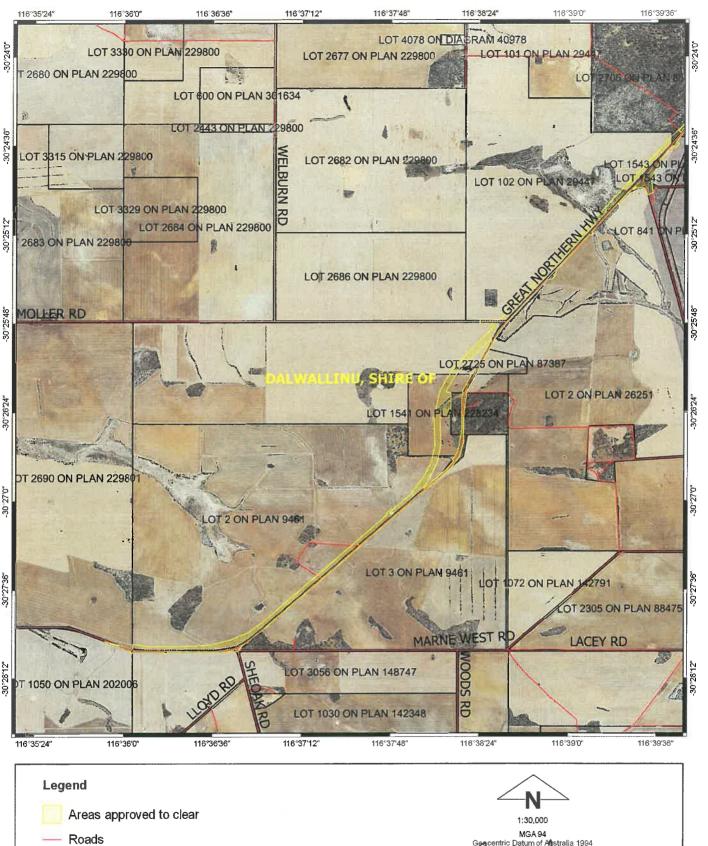


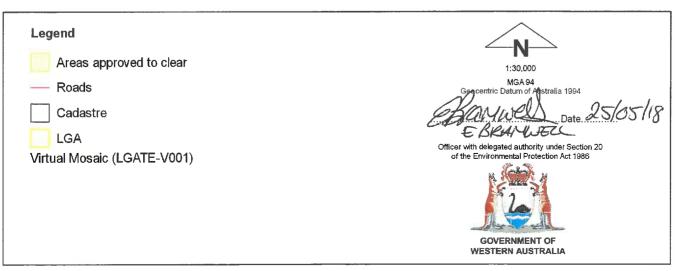
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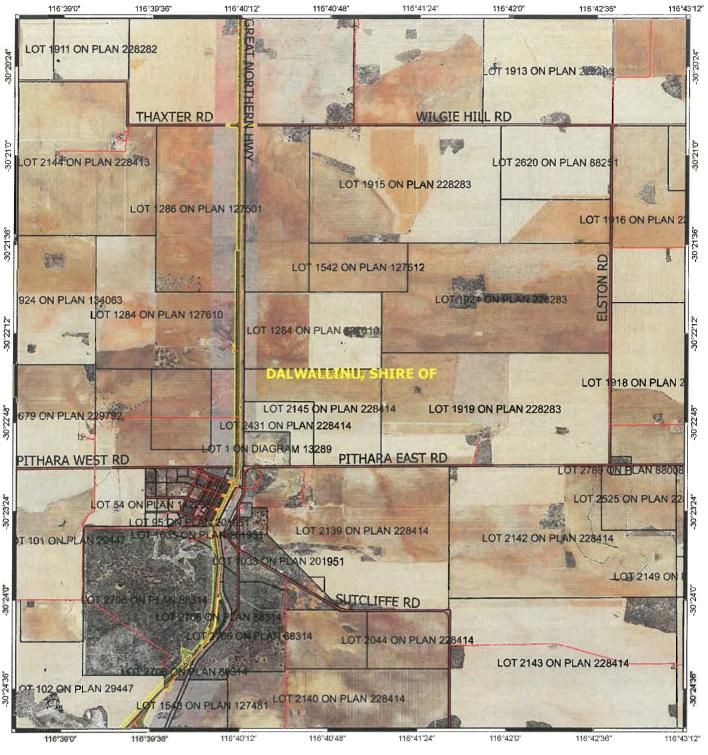
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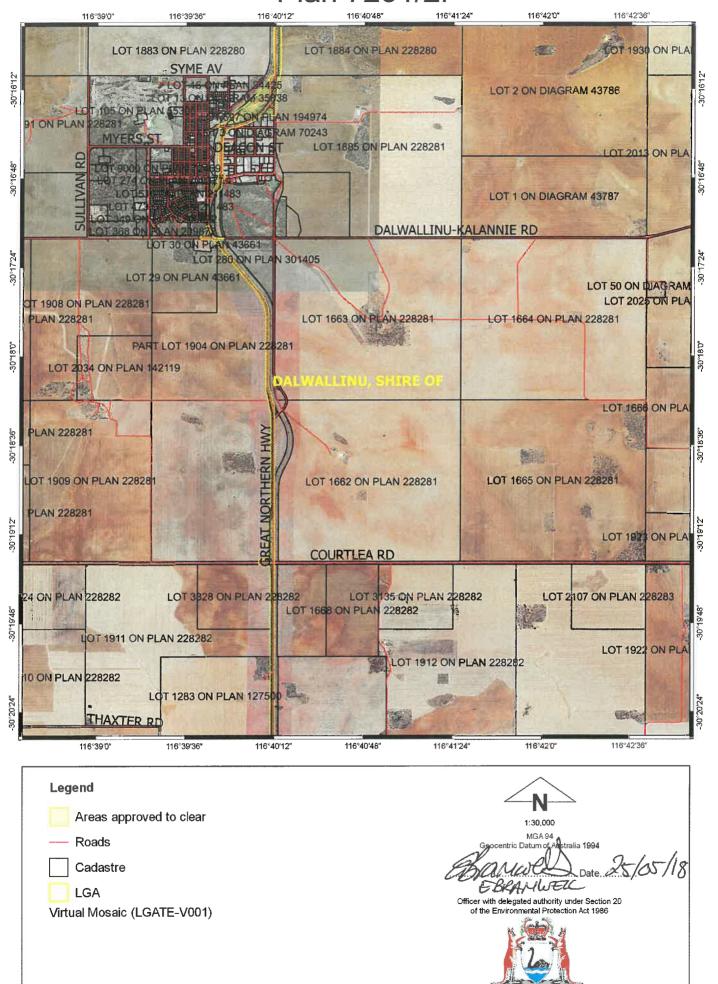


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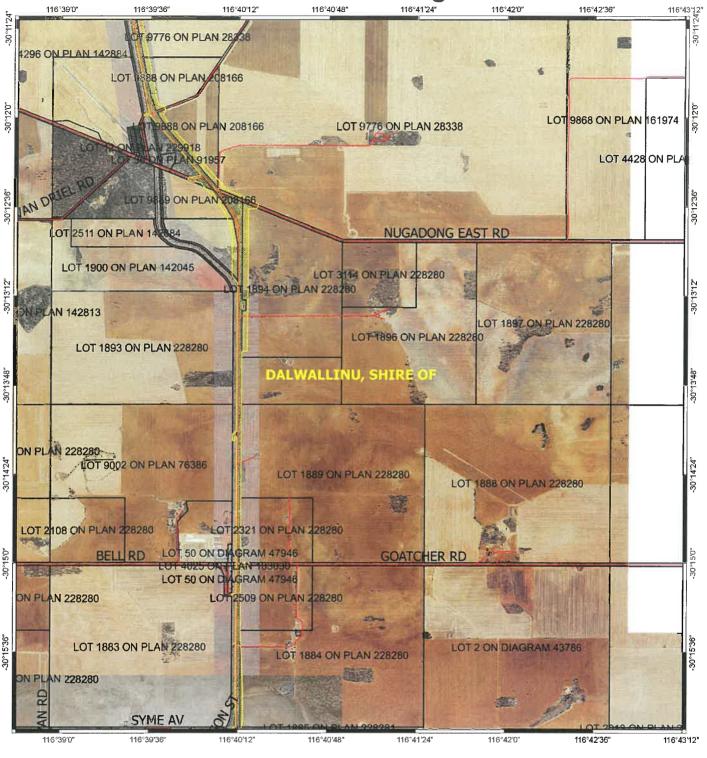




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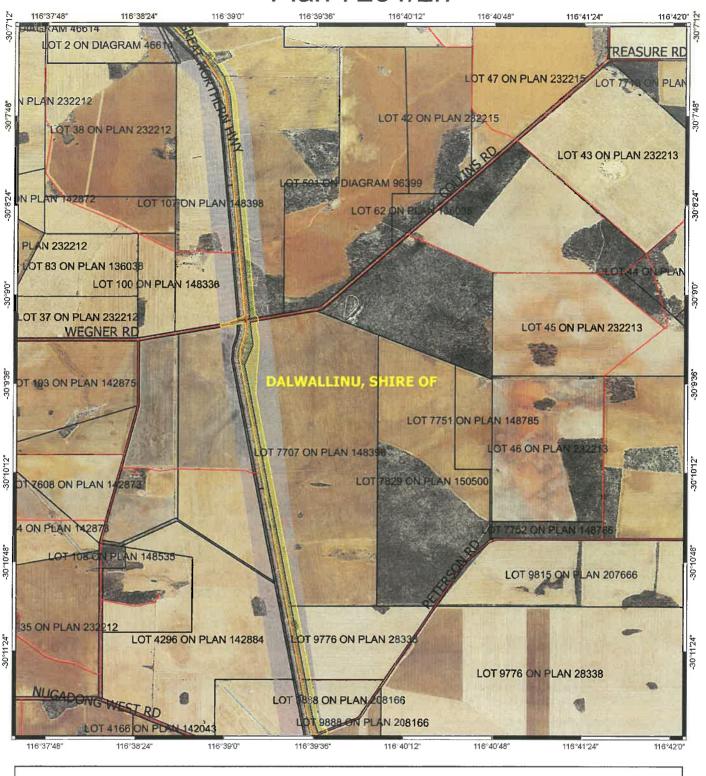


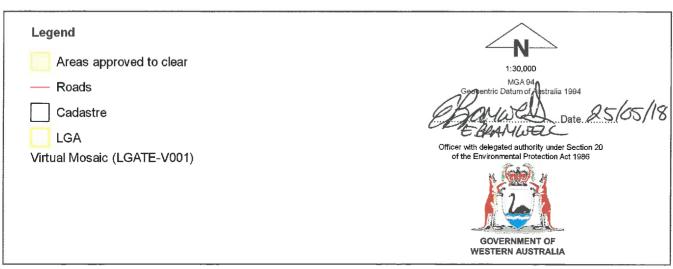
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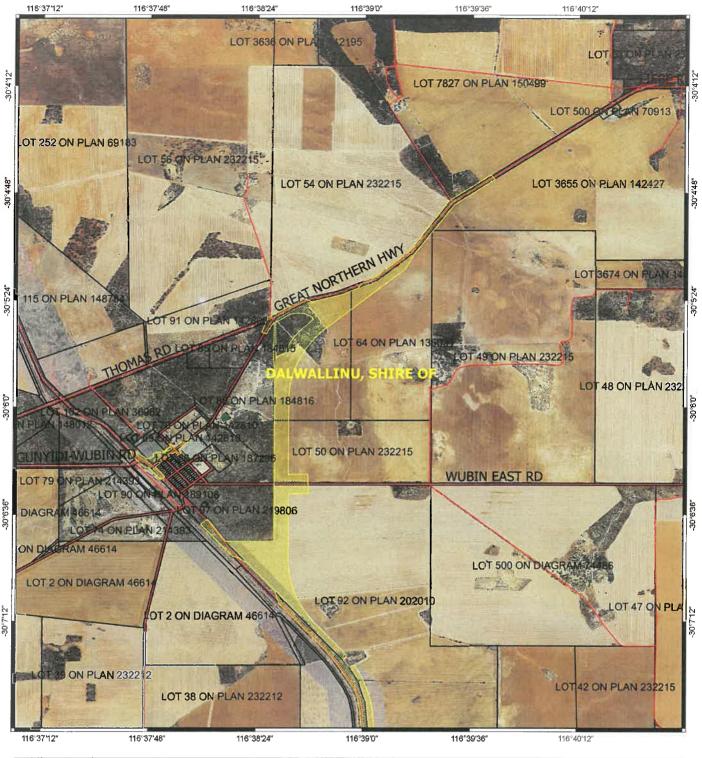


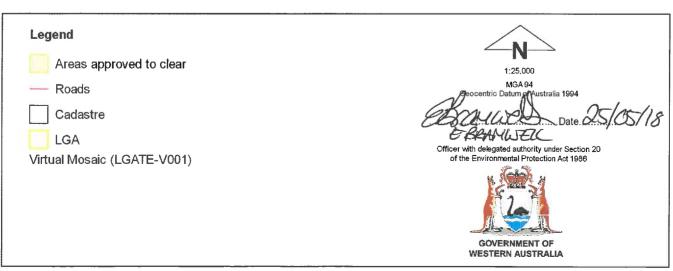
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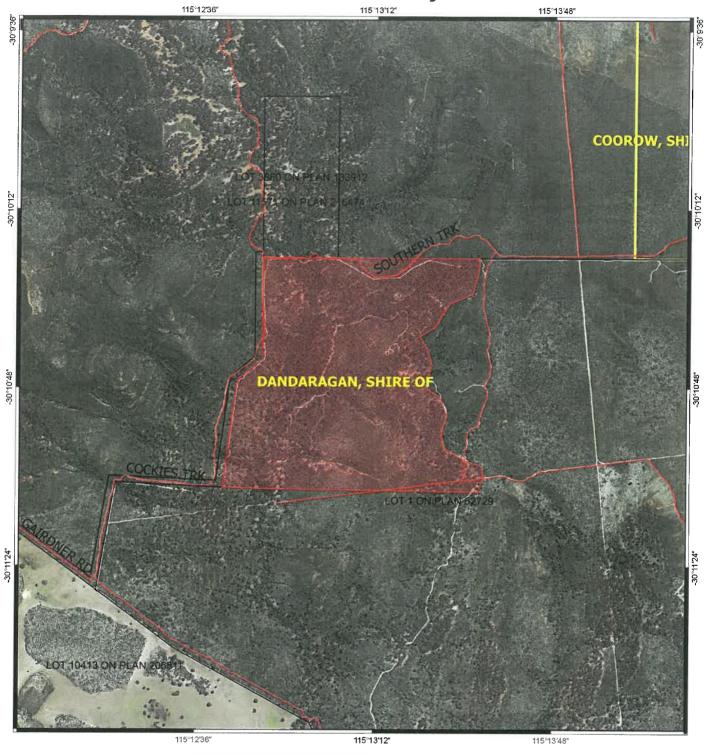


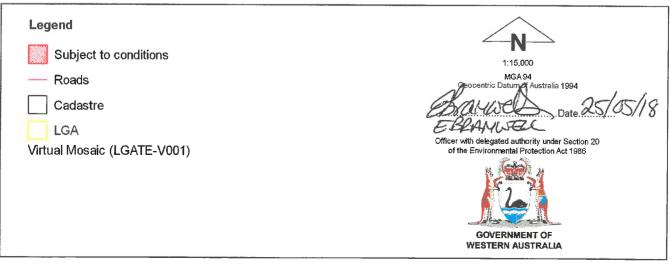
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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

7231/2

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name:

Commissioner of Main Roads Western Australia

Application received date:

09 February 2018

1.3. Property details

Property:

Various

Project name:

Great Northern Highway Muchea to Wubin Upgrade Stage 2 (Walebing to Wubin)

Local Government Authority:

Shire of Dalwallinu and Shire of Moora

Localities:

Dalwallinu, Bindi Bindi, Walebing, Marne, Pithara, Nugadong, Miling and Wubin

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

Purpose category:

Mechanical Removal

Road construction or upgrades

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

Amended 25 May 2018

Reasons for Decision:

Clearing Permit CPS 7231/1 has been amended to correct errors identified in conditions 3(a) and 7(a) of the permit, where incorrect plan numbers were referenced. No other changes

have been made to the permit.

Section 51K(1)(e) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* provides for amendments to be made to a clearing permit to correct clerical mistakes or unintentional errors/omissions.

2. Site Information

Clearing Description:

The proposed clearing of 68.5 hectares of native vegetation within an application area of approximately 830 hectares is for the purpose of upgrading Great Northern Highway between Walebing and Wubin. The application area can be divided into four sections; Walebing (SLK 147.7-165.6; Plan 7231/2a-b), Miling Bypass (SLK 177.5-186.7; Plan 7231/2c), Pithara (SLK 207.8-223.4; Plan 7231/2d-e) and Dalwallinu to Wubin (SLK 223.4-258; Plan 7231/2f-i). The application is part of a larger program of works to upgrade Great Northern Highway between Muchea and Wubin to national highway standards.

Vegetation Description:

The application area intersects five mapped Beard vegetation associations:

- 7 Medium woodland; York gum (Eucalyptus loxophleba) & wandoo
- 142 Medium woodland; York gum & salmon gum
- 435 Shrublands; Acacia neurophylla, A. beauverdiana & A. resinimarginea thicket
- 631 Succulent steppe with woodland and thicket; York gum over Melaleuca thyoides & samphire
- 1024 Shrublands; mallee & casuarina thicket

Finer scale vegetation type mapping was commissioned by the applicant with recorded vegetation types then aligned to Beard vegetation association descriptions. This work resulted in the identification of vegetation consistent with 15 additional Beard vegetation associations (8, 35, 36, 141, 352, 354, 551, 676, 936, 946, 950, 1040, 1048, 1155, 1413) (Arup Jacobs Joint Venture, 2016; Phoenix Environmental Sciences, 2016b; Phoenix Environmental Sciences, 2016c).

Vegetation Condition:

The condition of the vegetation within the application area is considered to be:

- Excellent: vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non-aggressive species;
- Very Good: vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance;
- Good: vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbance; retains basic structure or ability to regenerate;
- Degraded: basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance; scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching Good condition without intensive management; and
- Completely Degraded: the structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994).

Vegetation condition was determined through flora surveys commissioned by the applicant (Phoenix Environmental Sciences, 2016a; Phoenix Environmental Sciences, 2016b; Phoenix Environmental Sciences, 2016c).

The applicant provided the following estimated breakdown of the proposed clearing in relation to vegetation condition (Main Roads Western Australia, 2017a):

- Completely Degraded = 2 hectares
- Degraded = 29.5 hectares
- Good = 18.1 hectares
- Very Good = 16.5 hectares
- Excellent = 2.4 hectares

Comments:

Clearing Permit CPS 7231/1 has been amended to correct errors identified in conditions 3(a) and 7(a) of the permit, where incorrect plan numbers were referenced. No other changes have been made to the permit; the size of the clearing area, the method of clearing and the purpose of the clearing remain the same.

The local area referred to in the assessment is defined as the area within 10 kilometres of the application area.

Figure 1: Map of application area



3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The amendment is to correct an administrative error in conditions 3(a) and 7(a) of the permit.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed since the assessment for CPS 7231/1, and can be found in the Decision Report for CPS 7231/1.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

The assessment against planning instruments and other relevant matters has not changed since the assessment for CPS 7231/1, and can be found in the Decision Report for CPS 7231/1.

4. References

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