



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: CPS 7239/1  
File Number: 2013/001352  
Duration of Permit: 22 October 2016 to 22 October 2018

### PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Augusta – Margaret River

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 4862 on Deposited Plan 91785, Prevelly  
Rivermouth Road reserve (PIN 11604252), Prevelly

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.073 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 7239/1.

### 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; and
- (c) 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;

*weeds/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.

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Emma Bramwell  
A/ MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

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

22 September 2016

# Plan 7239/1



## Legend

-  Roads
-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority
-  Cadastre



0  100m

1:1,850

(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

GDA 94 (Lat/Long)

Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

*E. Harwood* Date *22/04/16*

Manager

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



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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7239/1  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Shire of Augusta Margaret River

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 4862 on Plan 91785, Prevelly  
Rivermouth Road reserve (PIN 11604252), Prevelly

Colloquial name:

Local Government Authority: AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER, SHIRE OF

DER Region: Greater Swan

DPaW District: BLACKWOOD

LCDC:

Localities: PREVELLY

### 1.4. Application

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

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted

Decision Date: 22 September 2016

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 18 August 2016 and has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O 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.

The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed 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

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

#### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

##### Vegetation Description

The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association 1108 which is described as shrublands; *Acacia decipiens* (Shepherd et al., 2001).

##### Clearing Description

The vegetation is considered degraded to good in the proposed trenching and tank area and good to excellent in the leach drain area.

##### Vegetation Condition

Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).

To

Excellent; Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery, 1994).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The application is to clear 0.073 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 4862 on Deposited Plan 9178 and the Rivermouth Road reserve (PIN 11604252), Prevelly, for the purpose of constructing drainage and associated infrastructure.

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, remnant vegetation values, wetlands and 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 proposed clearing has the potential to increase the risk of weeds and dieback being introduced into adjacent areas of remnant vegetation, including Leeuwin - Naturalist Ridge conservation area. Weed and dieback management practices will assist in minimising this risk.

## Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

**Comments** The application area is located within the boundaries of the Blackwood Groundwater Area and Busselton Coast Surface Water Area proclaimed under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914* (RIWI Act). The Department of Water (DoW) advised that it has assessed the proposed clearing to have low risk to water resources in the area, that the taking and use of water is subject to assessment and licensing by DoW, and that any proposed interference with a watercourse, drain, dam or reservoir that flow over or is situated on the land is subject to assessment and approval under a permit (DoW, 2016). DoW also advised that for the management of road drainage and/or dealing with sheet runoff from hard surfaces no assessment under the RIWI Act is required (DoW, 2016).

The applicant is seeking Native Title approval Section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

The application was advertised in *The West Australian* newspaper on 5 September 2016 by the Department of Environment Regulation inviting submissions from the public within a seven day period. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

**Methodology** References:  
DoW (2016)

## 4. References

- Department of Water (DoW) (2016) Advice received in relation to clearing permit application CPS 7239/1. Department of Water, Government of Western Australia, Perth. (DER ref. A1162844)
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R. and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001) Native Vegetation in Western Australia, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.