



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7404/1

File Number: 2016/002465

Duration of Permit: 9 April 2017 to 9 April 2019

PERMIT HOLDER

Ertech Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 8 on Deposited Plan 28671, Ferndale

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.021 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7404/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

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Matthew Gannaway

MANAGER

CLEARING REGULATION

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

10 March 2017



1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7404/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Ertech Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 8 on Deposited Plan 28671, Ferndale
Colloquial name: Kent Street Weir
Local Government Authority: City of Canning
DER Region: Greater Swan

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.021		Mechanical Removal	Building or structure

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 10 March 2017
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application received on 13 December 2016 has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (f), may be at variance to principle (h), and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles.

The Delegated Officer had regard to the clearing occurring on the banks of the Canning River within Bush Forever site 224. The Delegated Officer also had regard to the conditions already imposed on the Kent Street Weir refurbishment works under the *Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006*. It was concluded that given the size of clearing proposed, and the existing controls in place, the risk of significant environmental impacts occurring is low.

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 application area is mapped as Hedde vegetation complex 'Swan' described as 'Fringing woodland of <i>Eucalyptus rudis</i> (Flooded Gum) - <i>Melaleuca raphiophylla</i> (Swamp Paperbark) with localised occurrence of low open forest of <i>Casuarina obesa</i> (Swamp Sheoak) and <i>Melaleuca cuticularis</i> (Saltwater Paperbark)' (Hedde et al., 1980).	The application is for the clearing of 0.021 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 8 on Deposited Plan 28671, Ferndale for the purpose of constructing a footpath.	Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery, 1994).	The condition of the vegetation was estimated based on aerial imagery.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The applicant proposes to clear 0.021 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 8 on Deposited Plan 28671, Ferndale. The Department of Water in conjunction with the Department of Parks and Wildlife and the City of Canning propose to refurbish the Kent Street Weir to extend the life of the structure and ensure the safety of visitors/workers in the area. In order to maintain pedestrian and cycle access across the Canning River while works are being undertaken, a temporary structure will be installed. The proposed clearing is for the purpose of connecting the temporary structure with the existing walkway on the southern side of the river. The applicant has been engaged to complete the works (Ertech Pty Ltd, 2016).

The application area is located on the banks of the Canning River and includes riparian vegetation. The application area is also located within Bush Forever site 224. It is considered that the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (f), may be at variance to principle (h), and is not likely to be variance to the remaining clearing principles.

Given the size of clearing proposed, no significant environmental impacts are expected.

Methodology

References:
Ertech Pty Ltd (2016)

GIS Databases:
SAC Bio Datasets accessed March 2017
Hydrography linear
Bushforever sites

Planning instruments and other relevant matters.**Comments**

The application was advertised online for a 21 day public comment period on 9 January 2017. No public submissions were received.

The application area occurs within the Development Control Area declared under the *Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006* (SCRM Act). Approval under Part 5 of the SCRM Act was obtained for the proposed Kent Street Weir refurbishment works on 11 May 2016. The approval is subject to a number of conditions including requirements to prepare and implement an Acid Sulfate Soil Management Plan, Construction Environmental Management Plan and a Bank Stabilisation and Revegetation Management Plan approved by the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

4. References

- Ertech Pty Ltd (2016) Application for a clearing permit CPS 7404/1 including supporting information. Western Australia (DER Ref: A1341800 and A1341782).
- Hedde, E. M., Loneragan, O. W., and Havel, J. J. (1980) Vegetation Complexes of the Darling System, Western Australia. In Department of Conservation and Environment, Atlas of Natural Resources, Darling System, 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.