



GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7414/1

File Number: DER2016/002496

Duration of Permit: From 25 March 2017 to 25 March 2019

### PERMIT HOLDER

Carnarvon Christian Parent Controlled School Association Inc.

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 1406 on Deposited Plan 171363, Morgantown

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 2 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7414/1.

### CONDITIONS

Nil.

*Anne Mathews*

Dr Anne Mathews  
SENIOR MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

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

22 February 2017



# Plan 7414/1



**Legend**

- Roads
- LGA
- Cadastre
- Virtual Mosaic (LGATE-V001)
- Areas approved to clear



1:3,483

MGA 94  
Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

*Alice Matthews* Date 22/2/2017  
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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20  
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986







## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7414/1  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Carnarvon Christian Parent Controlled School Association Inc.

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 1046 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 171363, MORGANTOWN

Local Government Authority: CARNARVON, SHIRE OF  
DER Region: Mid West  
DPaW District: MOORA  
Localities: Morgantown

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
2		Mechanical Removal	Construction of a school oval

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted

Decision Date: 23 February 2017

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 19 December 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*. It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

## 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
Broad scale vegetation mapping classifies the application area as:	The application is to clear 2 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 1046 on Deposited Plan 171363,	Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).	The condition of the vegetation was determined through photographs provided by the applicant (CCS, 2017).
<b>Beard vegetation associations 308:</b> Mosaic: Shrublands; Acacia sclerosperma sparse scrub / Succulent steppe; saltbush & bluebush (Shepherd et al., 2001).	Morgantown for the purpose of constructing school oval.	To  Good; Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery, 1994).	

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** **Proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to this Principle**  
The application is to clear 2 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 1046 on Deposited Plan 40171363, Morgantown, for the purpose of constructing a school oval.

The vegetation within the application area is mapped as Beard vegetation unit 308 which is described as Mosaic: Shrublands; Acacia sclerosperma sparse scrub / Succulent steppe; saltbush & bluebush (Shepherd et al., 2001). Photographs of the vegetation within the application area, submitted by the applicant, identified Acacia sp.. Based on the photographs provided, the condition of the vegetation within the application area is considered to range from degraded to good (Keighery, 1994) condition (CCS, 2017).

The local area retains approximately 48.5 per cent (approximately 15,738 hectares) (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2015) native vegetation and Beard vegetation unit 308 is well represented (99.22 per cent) (Government of Western Australia, 2015) within the Carnarvon Bioregion. One priority flora (P3) has a known population in close proximity to the application area (less than 500 metres), on the same mapped soil and vegetation types. This population is the western most occurrence of this species however the Department of Parks and Wildlife advise that the record was ' a 1981 specimen and no detail was recorded of the exact location' and that ' it may have been collected anywhere within the Shire of Carnarvon' and' the likelihood of its occurrence within the application area is therefore low' (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2017).

No rare flora, threatened or priority ecological communities are mapped within the local area (10km radius). Twelve threatened fauna are known to occur in the local area (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2007- ). The vegetation within the application is unlikely to be consistent with any known threatened or priority ecological community or habitat for locally known rare flora or threatened fauna.

The closest conservation area (One Tree Point Nature Reserve) is approximately 1.3km north of the application area. It is unlikely that the proposed clearing will directly or indirectly impact the environmental values of this area.

The application area is adjacent to levee banks associated with the Gascoyne River. The vegetation within the application area is not growing in, or in association with this watercourse, therefore the proposed clearing is not likely to significantly impact on riparian vegetation, contribute to or cause land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water or surface water and is not likely to cause or exacerbate flooding.

In considering this proposal the following has been taken into consideration

- the local area is well vegetated;
- the vegetation under application is not significant habitat for rare or priority flora or fauna;
- the vegetation is not consistent with a known threatened or priority ecological community;
- the proposed clearing is unlikely to negatively impact the land or water resources; and
- the proposed clearing is unlikely to negatively impact the environmental values of any conservation areas.

Given the above, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

#### Methodology

References:

CCS (2017)  
Department of Parks and Wildlife (2007-)  
Department of Parks and Wildlife (2015)  
Department of Parks and Wildlife (2017)  
Government of Western Australia (2015)  
Keighery (1994)  
Shepherd et al (2001)

GIS Database:

SAC Bio datasets – Accessed February 2017

#### Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

#### Comments

The application is to clear 2 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 1046 on Deposited Plan 40171363, Morgantown, for the purpose of constructing a school oval.

The application was advertised in *The West Australian* newspaper on 30 January 2017 by the Department of Environment Regulation inviting submissions from the public within a 21 day period. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

#### Methodology

References:

Area, Statewide  
Renaissance, Statewide  
Soils, Statewide  
Soils, Statewide

#### 4. References

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- Department of Parks and Wildlife (2007- ) NatureMap: Mapping Western Australia's Biodiversity. Department of Parks and Wildlife. URL: <http://naturemap.dpaw.wa.gov.au/>. Accessed February 2017.
- Department of Parks and Wildlife (2015) 2015 South West Forest and Swan Coastal Plain Vegetation Complex Statistics: a report prepared for the Department of Environment Regulation. Current as of March 2015. Department of Parks and Wildlife, Perth, Western Australia.
- Department of Parks and Wildlife (2017) MidWest Regional advice from the Department of Parks and Wildlife regarding clearing permit application CPS 7414/1 DER ref A1375305
- Government of Western Australia (2015). 2015 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of June 2015. WA Department of Parks and Wildlife, Perth.

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.