



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 7554/1
Permit Holder:	Mr Peter Dicton and Mrs Shelley Langford-Dicton
Duration of Permit:	From 02 September 2017 to 02 September 2022

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

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of *apiary site* maintenance.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 11292 on Deposited Plan 238399, Cowalla

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.06 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 7554/1.

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 Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions 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.

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*

10 August 2017

Plan 7554/1



Legend

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



1:4,000
 (Approximate when reproduced at A4)
 GDA 94 (Lat/Long)
 Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

Jm... Date 10/8/2017

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



1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7554/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Mr Peter Dicton and Mrs Shelley Langford-Dicton

1.3. Property details

Property: PART LOT 11292 ON PLAN 238399, COWALLA
Local Government: GINGIN, SHIRE OF
Authority:
DER Region: Greater Swan
DPaW District: SWAN COASTAL
Localities: COWALLA

1.4. Application

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

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 10 August 2017
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 12 April 2017 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 was concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the 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
The application area is mapped as: Beard Vegetation Association 949, described as Low woodland; banksia (Shepherd et al., 2001). Karrakatta Complex-North consisting of low open forest and low woodland (Government of Western Australia, 2017).	Clearing of one native tree within Lot 11292 on Deposited Plan 238399, Cowalla, for the purpose of apiary site maintenance.	Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994). To Very Good; Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery, 1994).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments The application is to clear 0.06 hectares native vegetation within Lot 11292 on Deposited Plan 238399, Cowalla, for the purpose of apiary site maintenance. The apiary site is located within a permitted area under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) and has been approved for use by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

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 Shire of Gingin has advised that it has no objection to the clearing of native vegetation for apiary maintenance (Shire of Gingin, 2017).

The clearing permit application was advertised in *The West Australian* newspaper on 26 June 2017. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

4. References

- Government of Western Australia. (2017) South West Vegetation Complex Statistics
- 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. (2009) Adapted from: Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.
- Shire of Gingin (2017) Advice - Clearing Permit Application CPS 7554/1. Received 29/06/2017. DWER Ref: A1494311

Decision Sheet – CPS 7554/1

Applicant:	Mr Peter Dicton and Mrs Shelley Langford-Dicton
Property:	Lot 11292 on Deposited Plan 238399, Cowalla
LGA:	Shire of Gingin
Proposed Clearing:	0.06 hectares
Purpose:	Apiary site maintenance
Date Received:	12 April 2017
Region:	Swan
# Days with NVCB:	60 working days
# Days with Applicant:	20 working days

Assessment of Principles

Minor and Trivial (MT) Process Local Area Radius: 10 Km

High Biodiversity: Y N If Yes, What _____

Fauna Issues: Y N If Yes, What _____

DRF Issues: Y N If Yes, What _____

TEC Issues: Y N If Yes, What _____

% IBRA Remaining: 0-30% 30+% % Veg Type Remaining: 0-30% 30+%
 % Veg Remaining Local Area: 0-30% 30+% % LGA Remaining: 0-30% 30+%
 Vegetation under application representative of vegetation type: Y N

Wetland/Watercourse Issues: Y N If Yes, What _____

ICMS: Y N If Yes, What _____

Offset site: Y N If Yes, What _____

Land Tenure: Unallocated Crown land

Clearing impacts considered Minor and Trivial: Y N (full assessment process to be undertaken)

MT assessment confirmed (via Manager, Assess and Coord Sect): Y N Date: _____

The assessment against clearing has found:
 That all Principles are not likely to be at variance
 Principles (x) maybe at variance

Public Submissions: Y N If yes how many _____

Other considerations:

Native Title: Y N _____

Aboriginal Sites of Significance: Y N _____

Other approvals required;

RIWI CAWS EIL DA Other _____

Time Constraints;

Funding Seasonal Hazard Reduction Other _____

Conditions

- Nil Conditions (includes purpose/land on which clearing is to be done/Type of clearing authorised ect)
- Standard Weed and Dieback Control, Avoid Minimise, Records and Reporting conditions