



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 7568/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Shire of Plantagenet
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	29 July 2017 – 29 July 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 constructing a slip lane for O'Neill Road.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Albany Highway Road reserve (PINs 11473779 and 11723085), Mount Barker.

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.07 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7568/1.

**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 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 *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

### PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

**6. 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:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.



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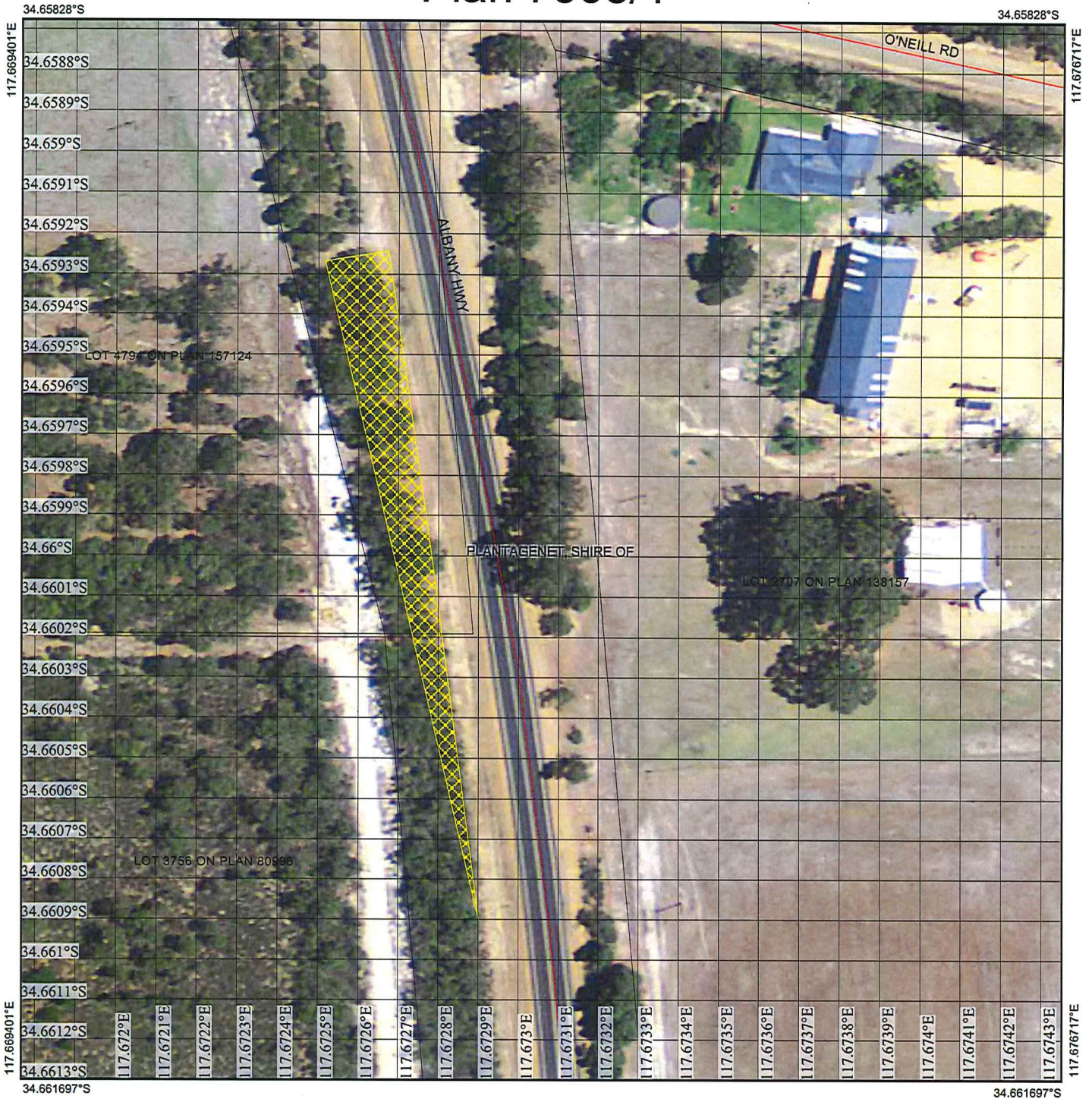
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CLEARING REGULATION

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


28 June 2017



# Plan 7568/1



## Legend

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



1:1,250

(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

GDA 94 (Lat/Long)

Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

*Mathew Gannaway* Date 28/6/17

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7568/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Applicant's name: Shire of Plantagenet

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Albany Highway Road reserve (PINs 11473779 and 11723085), Mount Barker  
Local Government Authority: Shire of Plantagenet  
DER Region: South Coast  
DPaW District: Albany  
Localities: Mount Barker

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.07	0	Mechanical	Constructing a slip lane for O'Neill Road

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted  
Decision Date: 28 June 2017  
Reasons for Decision: This application was received on 20 April 2017.

The clearing application 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.

## 2. Background

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Mapped Matisse vegetation complex Perillup is described as open forest to woodland of <i>Corymbia calophylla-Eucalyptus marginata</i> subsp. <i>marginata</i> on low undulating hills and low woodland of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> on depressions in humid to semiarid zones. (Matisse and Havel, 1998).	The clearing of 0.07 hectares of native vegetation within Albany Highway Road reserve (PINs 11473779 and 11723085), Mount Barker for the purpose of constructing a slip lane for O'Neill Road.	Very Good; Vegetation structure altered, obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery, 1994).	The condition was determined by photographs provided by the applicant and aerial photography.

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

**Comments** The application to clear up to 0.07 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing a slip lane for O'Neill Road. The vegetation within the application area is predominantly non-mature *Corymbia calophylla-Eucalyptus marginata* with a native understorey and is considered to be in a very good (Keighery, 1994) condition.

The local area (10 kilometre radius) retains approximately 23 per cent native vegetation cover (7646 hectares).

A number of species of priority flora may occur within the application area based on the presence of potentially suitable habitat, however given the relatively small size of the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on the conservation status of the priority flora, or have an impact on a significant local or regional population. No species of rare flora are known to occur or are likely to occur within the application area.

A number of conservation significant fauna are known to occur within the local area including the black cockatoo species, the bilby and the numbat (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2007-). The vegetation within the application area is considered suitable foraging habitat for the black cockatoo species, however given the relatively small size of the application area and the presence of adjacent vegetation that will be retained, the

vegetation is unlikely to be considered significant foraging habitat for the black cockatoos. Based on the size of the trees within the application area, it is unlikely the vegetation would provide breeding habitat for the black cockatoos. Given the presence of adjacent vegetation, the relatively small size of the application area and that the proposed clearing will not fragment a significant ecological linkage, the vegetation within the application area is not likely to comprise the whole or a part of, or be necessary for the maintenance of, significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.

There are no known threatened ecological communities mapped within the local area.

The vegetation within the application area is mapped as Matiske vegetation complex Perillup, which retains approximately 24 per cent (5,352 hectares) of its pre-European extent (Government of Western Australia, 2017). Although the local area and the mapped vegetation association are highly cleared, given the presence of adjacent vegetation that will be retained, the relatively small size of the application area and that the proposed clearing will not fragment a significant ecological linkage, the proposed clearing is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

The closest conservation area is located approximately 700 metres from the application area. Given the distance from the application area, and the relatively small size of the proposed clearing, the clearing is unlikely to have any direct or indirect impacts on the environmental values of the conservation area.

As no wetlands or watercourses are mapped within the application area and given the relatively small size of the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to 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.

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

#### Methodology

##### References:

Government of Western Australia (2017)  
Keighery (1994)  
Matiske and Havel (1998)  
Department of Parks and Wildlife (2007-)

##### GIS Databases:

- Hydrography, linear
- Hydrography, hierarchy
- Parks and Wildlife tenure
- SAC bio datasets accessed June 2017
- Virtual mosaic

#### Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

**Comments** No Aboriginal sites of significance have been mapped within the application area. The applicant will be advised of their responsibilities under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

The majority of the application area is zoned rural under the town planning scheme, with the remainder located within the road reserve.

The clearing permit application was advertised on 16 May 2017 with a 14 day submission period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

#### Methodology

##### References:

##### GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal sites register system
- Town Planning Scheme Zones

#### 4. References

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 24/04/2017

Government of Western Australia (2017). 2016 South West Vegetation Complex Statistics. Current as of December 2016. 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.

Matiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment Australia.