



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 7736/2
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Shire of Manjimup
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	9 December 2017 to 9 December 2023

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 road widening and road safety
- 2. Land on which clearing is to be done**  
Richardson Road reserve (PIN 11449845), Northcliffe  
Richardson Road reserve (PIN 11601230), Meerup
- 3. Area of Clearing**  
The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.88 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7736/2a and Plan 7736/2b.
- 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 and reduce the impacts and extent of 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.

## 7. Dieback and weed control

When undertaking any clearing 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 known *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.

## PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

### 8. Record keeping

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:
  - (i) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
  - (ii) the date(s) that the area was cleared;
  - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);
  - (iv) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6 of this Permit; and
  - (v) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback* in accordance with condition 7 of this Permit.

### 9. Reporting

The Permit Holder must produce the records required under condition 8 of this Permit when required by the *CEO*.

## DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

*CEO* means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

*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;

*weed/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 Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

4 October 2018

# Plan 7736/2a



## Legend

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



1:2,205  
(Approximate when reproduced at A4)  
GDA 94 (Lat/Long)  
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# Plan 7736/2b



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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7736/2  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Applicant's name: Shire of Manjimup

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Richardson Road reserve (PIN 11449845), Northcliffe  
Richardson Road reserve (PIN 11601230), Meerup  
Local Government Authority: Shire of Manjimup  
DBCA District: Donnelly  
Localities: Meerup

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.88	-	Mechanical Removal	Road widening and road safety

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Amended  
Decision Date: 5 October 2018  
Reasons for Decision: This clearing permit amendment gives effect to the determination of the Minister for Environment (Minister) to partly allow appeal C023 of 2017. The Minister has requested the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) amend Clearing Permit CPS 7736/1 to require the permit holder to:

- Record and report on the extent of the clearing undertaken; and
- Record and report on the activities undertaken in relation to the implementation of management conditions 6 and 7 (avoid and minimise clearing, and dieback and weed control).

Conditions 8 and 9 have been added to the permit. The precise wording of the conditions was determined by the DWER Delegated Officer.

## 2. Background

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

**Clearing Description** The clearing of 0.88 hectares of native vegetation within Richardson Road reserve (PIN 11449845), Northcliffe and Richardson Road reserve (PIN 11601230), Meerup, for the purpose of road widening and road safety.

**Vegetation Description** The application area has been mapped as the following South West vegetation complexes:

- COy1 (Collis 1): Tall open forest to woodland of *Eucalyptus marginata* subsp. *marginata*-*Corymbia calophylla* (marri)-*Banksia grandis* (bull banksia)-*Allocasuarina fraseriana* (sheoak) on low hills and with *Allocasuarina decussata* (karri sheoak) on slopes in perhumid and humid zones;
- S4 (Broad swamps): Low woodland of *Eucalyptus marginata* subsp. *marginata*-*Nuytsia floribunda* (Christmas tree) with some *Melaleuca preissiana* (moonah) and closed heaths of Myrtaceae spp. on broad drainage lines in hyperhumid and perhumid zones; and
- A (Angove): Open forest of *Eucalyptus marginata* subsp. *marginata*-*Banksia ilicifolia* (holly-leaved banksia)- Christmas tree with some *Eucalyptus diversicolor* (karri) on gently sloping sandy terrain in hyperhumid and perhumid zones (Government of Western Australia, 2018).

A site inspection was conducted by officers of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 12 April 2018. The DWER site inspection found that the vegetation within the application area comprises an open woodland of marri (*Corymbia calophylla*) with emergent *Eucalyptus* species and occasional peppermint (*Agonis flexuosa*), over mixed shrubs and *Pteridium* species (DWER, 2018).

**Vegetation Condition** Degraded: vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. (Keighery, 1994).

**Comment** The condition and description of the vegetation within the application area was determined by photographs provided by the applicant (Shire of Manjimup, 2017), and confirmed through the DWER site inspection (DWER, 2018).



**Figure 1: Map of application area (indicated by blue shading)**



### **3. Assessment of application against clearing principles**

The assessment against the 10 clearing principles outlined in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* has not changed and can be found in the Decision Report for application CPS 7736/1.

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

The assessment against planning instruments and other relevant matters has not changed and can be found in the Decision Report for application CPS 7736/1.

### **4. References**

- Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER) (2018) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7736/1. Site inspection undertaken 12 April 2018. Department of Water and Environment Regulation, Western Australia (DWER Ref. A1681328).
- Government of Western Australia. (2018) 2017 South West Vegetation Complex Statistics. Current as of September 2017. 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.
- Shire of Manjimup. (2017) Photographs of CPS 7726/1 application area (DWER Ref: A1547785, A1544145)