



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

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| <b>Purpose Permit number:</b> | CPS 7776/1                  |
| <b>Permit Holder:</b>         | City of Busselton           |
| <b>Duration of Permit:</b>    | 1 March 2018 – 1 March 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 purpose of road reconstruction and drainage basin construction.

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

Lot 112 on Deposited Plan 220226, Wonnerup

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.034 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7776/1.

**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 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:

- 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.

**7. Fauna Management**

The permit holder shall ensure that no clearing of *Agonis flexuosa* occurs.

**PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

**8. Records must be kept**

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS)
- (b) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
- (c) the date that the area was cleared;
- (d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
- (e) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with conditions 6 and 7 of this Permit.

**9. Reporting**

The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO the records required under condition 9 of this Permit, when requested by the CEO or Delegated Officer.

**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*.

**Delegated Officer:** means the person appointed by the CEO to administer the clearing provisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.



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Mathew Gannaway  
MANAGER  
CLEARING REGULATION

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

30 January 2018




# Plan 7776/1




## Legend

TGDB Roads - All

 Main road sealed

 Areas approved to clear

 Local Govt. Authorities (LGA)  
Roads (Processed) (LGATE-073)

 Cadastre  
Virtual Mosaic (LGATE-V001)



1:346

MGA 94

Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

 Date: 30/01/2018

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



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# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7776/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: City of Busselton  
Application received date: 19 September 2017

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 112 on Deposited Plan 220226, Wonnerup  
Local Government Authority: Busselton, City of  
Localities: Wonnerup

### 1.4. Application

| Clearing Area (ha) | No. Trees | Method of Clearing | Purpose category:             |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0.034              |           | Mechanical Removal | Road construction or upgrades |

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 30 January 2017

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Given the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant a clearing permit subject to avoid and minimise conditions.

## 2. Site Information

**Clearing Description** The application is to clear 0.034 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 112 on Deposited Plan 220226, Wonnerup, for the purpose of road reconstruction and drainage basin construction (Figure 1).

**Vegetation Description** One Heddl vegetation complex 'QD' is mapped within the application area. QD is described as coastal dune complex consisting mainly of two alliances - the strand and fore-dune alliance and the mobile and stable dune alliance. Local variations include the low closed forest of *Melaleuca lanceolata* (Rottnest Teatree) - *Callitris preissii* (Rottnest Island Pine), the closed scrub of *Acacia rostellifera* (Summer-scented Wattle) and the low closed *Agonis flexuosa* (Peppermint) forest of Geopraphe Bay (Heddl et al. 1980).

A site inspection undertaken by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) officers determined that the application area comprised of predominantly *Lepidosperma gladiatum* over weeds. Large areas of the application area comprise of a monoculture of the introduced *\*Pelargonium capitatum* (DWER, 2017).

**Vegetation Condition** Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).





Figure 1: Application Area

### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The application is for the clearing of 0.034 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 112 on Deposited Plan 220226, Wonnerup, for the purpose of road reconstruction and drainage basin construction.

According to available databases, fourteen rare flora and 40 priority flora species have been recorded within the local area (10 kilometre radius). No rare or priority flora were observed during the site inspection (DWER, 2017). Given the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation and that is dominated by weeds the proposed clearing is not likely to impact upon any rare or priority flora species.

According to available databases, fifteen fauna species listed as rare or likely to become extinct under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (WC Act) have been recorded within the local area (10 kilometre radius) (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2007-). The application area is in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition that predominantly consists of *Lepidosperma gladiatum* over weeds. One *Agonis flexuosa* is located adjacent to the application area. *Agonis flexuosa* trees are favourable as habitat for the western ringtail possum (*Pseudocheirus occidentalis*) (WRP). A fauna management condition will ensure no clearing of any *Agonis flexuosa* occurs. Given the small area proposed to be cleared, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on significant habitat for fauna.

No watercourses, wetlands, conservation areas or threatened ecological communities are recorded within close proximity to the application area.

Given the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation, dominance of weeds and the relatively small size of the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to contribute to or cause land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water, cause or exacerbate flooding or be considered a significant remnant within an extensively cleared area.

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

#### Planning instruments and other relevant matters.

No Aboriginal sites of significance have been mapped within the application area.

The clearing permit application was advertised on the DWER website on 05 October 2017 with a 21 day submission period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

#### 4. References

- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) (2007- ) NatureMap: Mapping Western Australia's Biodiversity. Department of Parks and Wildlife. URL: <http://naturemap.dpaw.wa.gov.au/>. Accessed October 2017
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) (2017) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7776/1. Site inspection undertaken 16 November 2017. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Western Australia (Ref. A1601964).
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- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.