



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 7866/1
File Number: 2016/000801-1
Duration of Permit: 22 February 2018 to 22 February 2020

PERMIT HOLDER

City of Albany

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 101 on Diagram 96001, Centennial Park
Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 62377, Centennial Park
Lot 1525 on Deposited Plan 28863, Centennial Park
Wellington Street road reserve (PIN's 11817930 and 1281430), Centennial Park
North Road reserve (PIN 1143756), Centennial Park

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 1.685 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7866/1.

CONDITIONS

1. 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.

2. 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) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared;
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
- (d) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 1 of this Permit.

3. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO the records required under condition 2 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*.



Mathew Gannaway
MANAGER
CLEARING REGULATION

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

22 January 2018

Plan 7866/1

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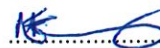
-  Roads
-  Imagery
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Local Government Authority



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GDA 94 (Lat/Long)

Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994

 Date 22/1/2018
M. Gannaway

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.: 7866/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: City of Albany
Application received date: 13 November 2017

1.3. Property details

Property: Wellington Street Road Reserve – PINs 11817930 and 1281430, Centennial Park
North Road Reserve – PIN 1143756, Centennial Park
Lot 101 on Diagram 96001, Centennial Park
Lot 1525 on Plan 28863, Centennial Park
Lot 501 on Plan 62377, Centennial Park
Local Government Authority: Albany, City of
Localities: Centennial Park

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
1.685		Mechanical Removal	Landscaping

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant
Decision Date: 22 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 at variance to principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining principles.

Through assessment it has been determined that the clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts.

Given the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant a clearing permit.

2. Site Information

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Two Beard vegetation associations are mapped within the application area (Shepherd et al., 2001): - 978 is described as Low forest; jarrah, <i>Eucalyptus staeri</i> and <i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i> ; and - 3 is described as Medium forest; jarrah-marri.	The clearing of 1.685 hectares of native vegetation within the above-mentioned Lots is for the purpose of wetland construction.	Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).	The condition and description of the vegetation was determined by photographs provided by the applicant (City of Albany, 2017).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The application is to clear up to 1.685 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of wetland construction. The applicant has advised that the application area consists of dry attenuation basins and consists of regrowth of native trees associated with wetlands and introduced weeds (City of Albany, 2017).

The vegetation within the application area consists of a mixture of *Eucalyptus* sp. and *Melaleuca* sp. over weeds including **Acacia pycnantha* (Sydney golden wattle), **Ulex europaeus* (Gorse), **Watsonia meriana*, **Zantedeschia aethiopica* (Arum lily) and **Cenchrus clandestinus* (kikuyu grass) and is considered to be in degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition (City of Albany, 2017).

Given the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation, the presence of vegetation in better condition nearby and the relatively small size of the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on rare or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community, conservation reserves within the local area or significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within a highly cleared landscape.

Given the small scale of the proposed clearing, it is not likely to contribute to or cause appreciable land degradation, significantly deteriorate the quality of ground water or surface water and is not likely to cause or exacerbate flooding.

The application area includes a drainage line (Yakamia Creek) and includes riparian vegetation (*Melaleuca* sp.) in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition. The proposed clearing may cause sedimentation of surface water within the application area, however this impact is considered minimal and short term.

Given the above, the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters

The City of Albany has advised that they plan to remove weeds and some native regrowth to construct a wetland biofiltration system that will have braided waterway channel that will filter stream base flow through replanted native local provenance wetland sedges and native plant species. The system will be designed to replicate pre-development native wetlands in the area (City of Albany, 2017).

One Aboriginal site of significance has been mapped within the application area connected to Yakamia Creek. It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* and ensure that no Aboriginal Sites of Significance are damaged through the clearing process.

The clearing permit application was advertised on 5 December 2017 with a 21 day submission period. No public submissions have been received in relation to this application.

4. References

- City of Albany (2017) CPS 7866/1 - Clearing application and supporting information. Wellington Street basins. DWER ref A1568735
- 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.