



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 7896/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Busselton Horse and Pony Club Inc.
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	12 October 2018 – 12 October 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 reinstating a dressage area.

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

Lot 4133 on Deposited Plan 91569, Ambergate

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.13 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 7896/1.

**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 purpose of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

### PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

**5. 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.

**6. 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*:

- clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

**7. Direction of clearing**

The Permit Holder shall conduct clearing in a progressive manner, from east to west, to allow fauna to move into adjacent native vegetation ahead of the clearing activity.

### PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

#### 7. 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 5 of this Permit.
- (e) Actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with condition 6 of the Permit.

#### 8. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 7 of this Permit, when requested by the *CEO*.

### DEFINITIONS

The following meaning is given to the term 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*

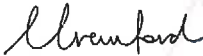
**dieback** means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on native vegetation;

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

12 September 2018

# Plan 7896/1



## Legend

-  Imagery
-  Cadastre
-  Clearing Instruments Activities
-  Roads



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## Clearing Permit Decision Report

### 1. Application details

#### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 7896/1  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

#### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Busselton Horse and Pony Club Inc  
Application received date: 30 November 2017

#### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 4133 ON PLAN 91569, AMBERGATE  
Local Government Authority: BUSSELTON, CITY OF  
Localities: AMBERGATE

#### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
0.13		Cutting	Landscaping

#### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted  
Decision Date: 11 September 2018  
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 may be at variance to principle (b) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles.

Through assessment it was determined that the application area contains potential habitat for western ringtail possums. The Delegated Officer determined that the requirement to undertake clearing in a progressive manner from east to west will help mitigate impacts to western ringtail possums.

In determining to grant a clearing permit subject to conditions, the Delegated Officer found that the proposed clearing is unlikely to lead to an unacceptable risk to the environment.

### 2. Site Information

Clearing Description	The application is to clear 0.13 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 4133 on Plan 91569, Ambergate, for the purpose of building a dressage area (Figure 1, 2 and 3).
Vegetation Description	The vegetation within the application area is mapped as: Karrakatta Complex – Central and South with predominantly open forest of <i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i> (Tuart) - <i>Eucalyptus marginata</i> (Jarrah) - <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> (Marri) and woodland of <i>Eucalyptus marginata</i> (Jarrah) - <i>Banksia</i> species. <i>Agonis flexuosa</i> (Peppermint) is co-dominant south of the Capel River.
Vegetation Condition	Degraded: structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).



Figure 1: Map of application area (cross hatched blue)



Figure 2: Photograph of native vegetation in front of the shed (west of application area) and surrounding area



Figure 3: Photograph of the native vegetation in front of the shed

### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The applicant proposes to clear 0.13 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 4133 on Plan 91569, Ambergate, for the purpose of developing a dressage area. The area has been previously used for dressage, however some regrowth has occurred.

The application area consists of a scattered *kunzea glabrescens* (tea trees) with a degraded understorey. Therefore the application area is not likely to contain high biodiversity, rare or priority flora, or it is likely to be considered to be a significant remnant.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) has advised that although the application area does not contain peppermint trees, *kunzea glabrescens* may still support western ringtail possums (DBCA, 2018). The requirement to undertake clearing in a progressive manner from east to west will allow western ringtail possums, if present, to move on independently into adjacent vegetation.

A review of photographs provided by the applicant (Figures 2 and 3) did not identify trees of sufficient maturity to contain hollows that would be suitable for conservation significant fauna.

A threatened ecological community (Banksia Dominated Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain) is mapped 20 metres south of the application area, however due to the small size and degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the application area the threatened ecological community is not likely to be impacted by the proposed clearing.

Due to the completely degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the application area and its small size, the proposed clearing is not likely to; cause appreciable land degradation, impact on the quality of groundwater or impact on the environmental values of any conservation areas.

The closest wetland to the application area is a floodplain, which is mapped 270 metres south-west of the application area. There are no wetlands or watercourses mapped within the application area and therefore surface water quality will not be impacted.

Given the above, the proposed clearing may be at variance to principle (b) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining 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 11 January 2018 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) (2018) Fauna advice for Clearing Permit Application CPS 7896/1. Received on 18 June 2018 (DWER Ref: A1713503).

Keighery, B. J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.