

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 7925/5
Permit Holder:	Yandin WF Pty Ltd as trustee for Yandin WF Unit Trust
Duration of Permit:	From 22 February 2019 to 28 July 2024

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 construction of a wind farm.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 4 on Deposited Plan 67003, Cataby; Lot 1002 on Plan 22459, Dandaragan; Lot M 2080 on Plan 6269, Dandaragan; Lot 301 on Deposited Plan 35381, Dandaragan; Lot 3826 on Deposited Plan 209670, Yathroo; Lot 3829 on Deposited Plan 209670, Yathroo; Lot 3827 on Deposited Plan 209670, Yathroo; Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 35381, Dandaragan; Lot M 1127 on Diagram 4945, Dandaragan; Lot M 1948 on Diagram 13135, Yathroo; Lot 9 on Plan 23599, Dandaragan; Lot 311 on Deposited Plan 245072, Dandaragan; Lot 529 on Deposited Plan 246489, Dandaragan; Lot 875 on Deposited Plan 247940, Dandaragan; Lot 111 on Deposited Plan 247871, Dandaragan; Lot M 454 on Plan 3049, Dandaragan; Lot M 1131 on Diagram 4843, Dandaragan; Lot M 2068 on Diagram 15361, Yathroo; Lot M 455 on Plan 3049, Dandaragan; Lot 4258 on Deposited Plan 209671, Mimegarra (Un-named road reserve (PIN 1226157)) Lot 411 on Plan 245130, Dandaragan; Closed road reserve (PIN 580159), Dandaragan; Closed road reserve (PIN 580127), Dandaragan; Un-named road reserve (PIN 11674286), Dandaragan; Un-named road reserve (PIN 11674284), Yathroo; Un-named road reserve (PIN 1226160), Yathroo; Un-named road reserve (PIN 1226220), Dandaragan; Un-named road reserve (PIN 1226214), Yathroo; Un-named road reserve (PIN 1226159), Dandaragan; Un-named road reserve (PIN 1353716), Yathroo; and Un-named road reserve (PIN 11674285), Dandaragan. Lot 3919 on Plan 209671, Cataby (Native Dog Swamp Nature Reserve (C27993)) Un-named road reserve (PIN 1225158), Dandaragan

Un-named road reserve (PIN 1226154), Dandaragan

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 4 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7925/5(a).

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.

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:

- (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.

6. Fauna management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing of *habitat tree(s)* within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7925/5(a), a *fauna specialist* shall inspect *habitat tree(s)* for evidence of use by Carnaby's cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*).
- (b) Where evidence of use by Carnaby's cockatoo is identified under condition 6(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing of, or within 10 metres of, identified *habitat tree(s)* occurs.

7. Flora management

- (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing within the areas cross-hatched red on attached Plan 7925/5(b), 7925/5(c), 7925/5(d) and 7925/5(e) authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a botanist to inspect those areas for the presence of threatened flora listed in the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) within the Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2018 and priority flora in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority's Technical Guidance Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (December 2016).
- (b) Where *threatened flora* are identified in relation to condition 7(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing of, or within 50 metres of, identified threatened flora occurs;
- (c) Where *priority flora* are identified in relation to condition 7(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
 - (i) no clearing of, or within 10 metres of, identified *priority flora* occurs within the green hatched area on Plan 7925/5(f); and
 - (ii) no clearing of, or within 30 metres of, identified *priority flora* occurs within the red hatched areas on Plan 7925/5(b), 7925/5(c), 7925/5(d) and 7925/5(f).
- (d) Prior to undertaking any clearing, all individuals of threatened flora or priority flora and the buffer distances for threatened flora or priority flora individuals specified in conditions 7(b), 7(c)(i) and 7(c)(ii) of this permit are to be demarcated through flagging or documented by GPS coordinates accessible to persons undertaking the clearing.

8. Dieback and weed management

When undertaking any clearing or other activity 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) shall only move soils in *dry conditions*;
- (c) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (d) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. Records must be kept

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 species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
 - (ii) 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;
 - (iii) the date that the area was cleared; and
 - (iv) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).
 - (v) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5 of this Permit;
 - (vi) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *dieback* and *weeds* in accordance with condition 8 of this Permit.
- (b) In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 6 of this Permit:
 - (i) the location of each *habitat tree(s)* identified, 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; and
 - (ii) a copy of the fauna specialist's report.
- (c) In relation to flora management pursuant to condition 7 of this Permit:
 - (i) the location of each threatened flora or *priority flora* species 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 species name of each threatened flora or *priority flora* species identified;
 - (iii) records of the buffer distances maintained around each threatened flora or *priority flora* species recorded within Plan 7925/5(b), 7925/5(c), 7925/5(d) and 7925/5(e); and
 - (*iv*) a copy of the botanist's flora survey report and complete Metadata and Licensing Statement in accordance with the EPA's *Instructions for the preparation of data packages for the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA).*

10. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
 - (i) of records required under condition 9 of this Permit; and
 - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year.
- (c) Prior to 28 April 2024, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

botanist means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

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

dry conditions means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

fauna specialist: means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specialising in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in fauna identification and surveys of fauna native to the region being inspected or surveyed, as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

habitat tree(s) means trees that have a diameter, measured at 1.5 metres from the base of the tree, of 50 centimetres or greater, that contains or has the potential to develop hollows or roosts suitable for native fauna;

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;

priority flora means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions *Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia* (as amended);

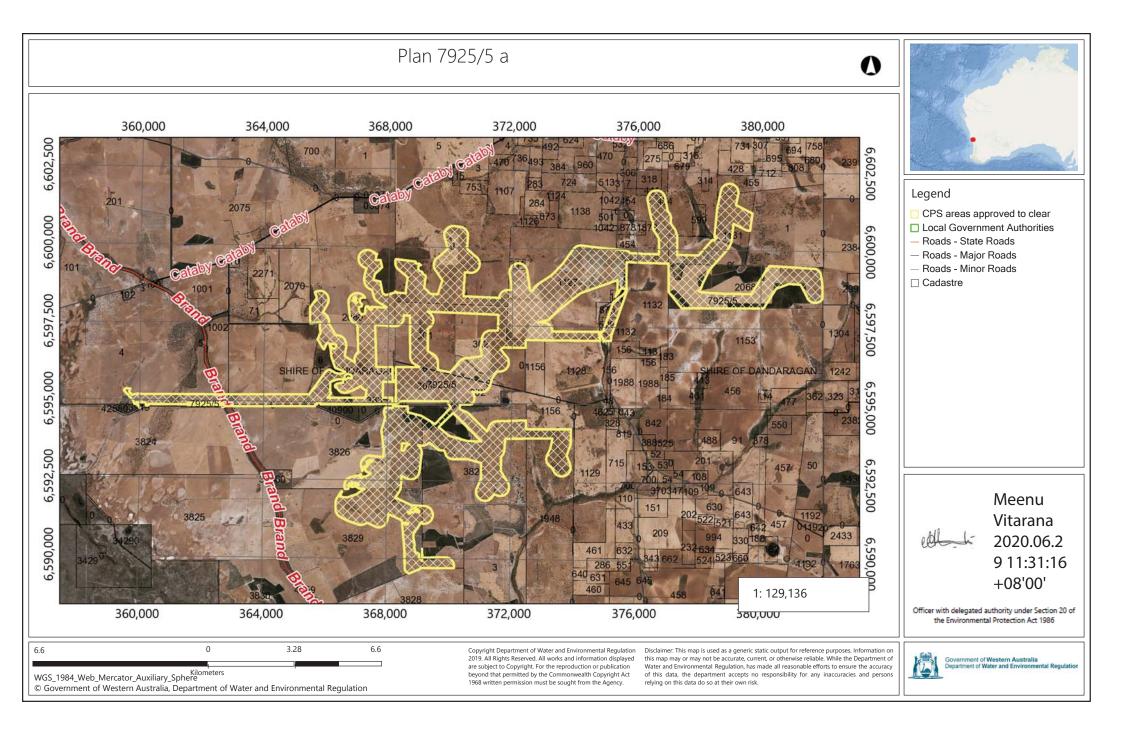
weed/s means any plant -

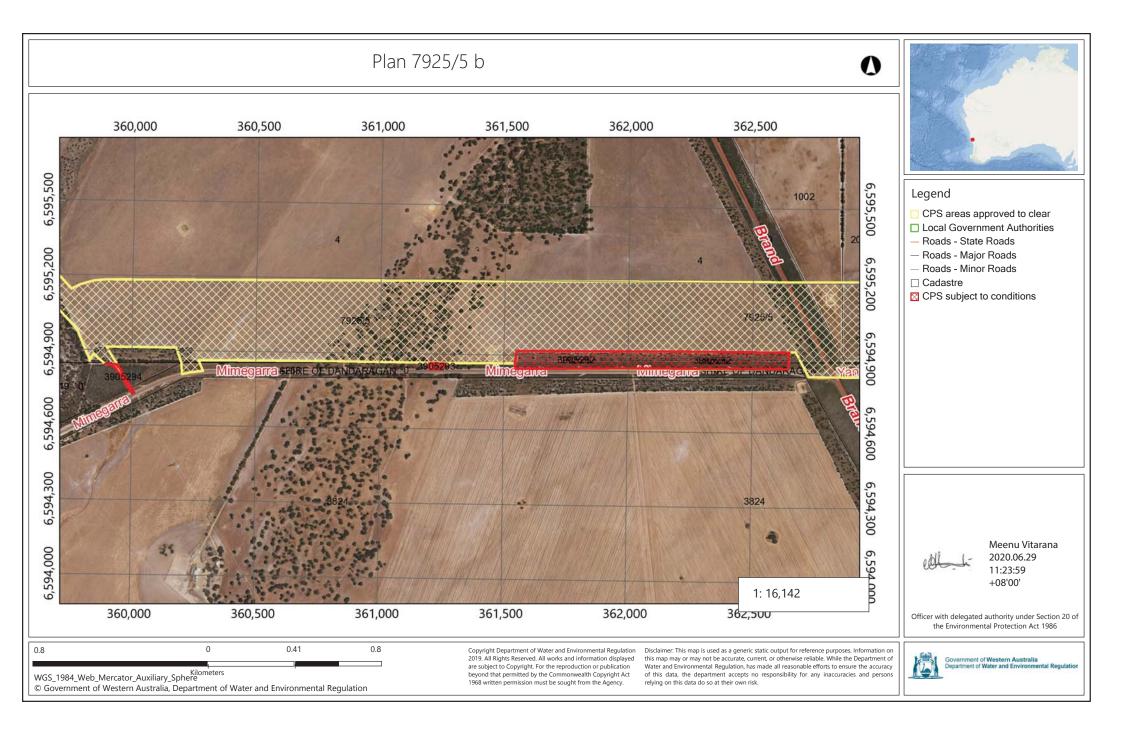
- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007; or
- (b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

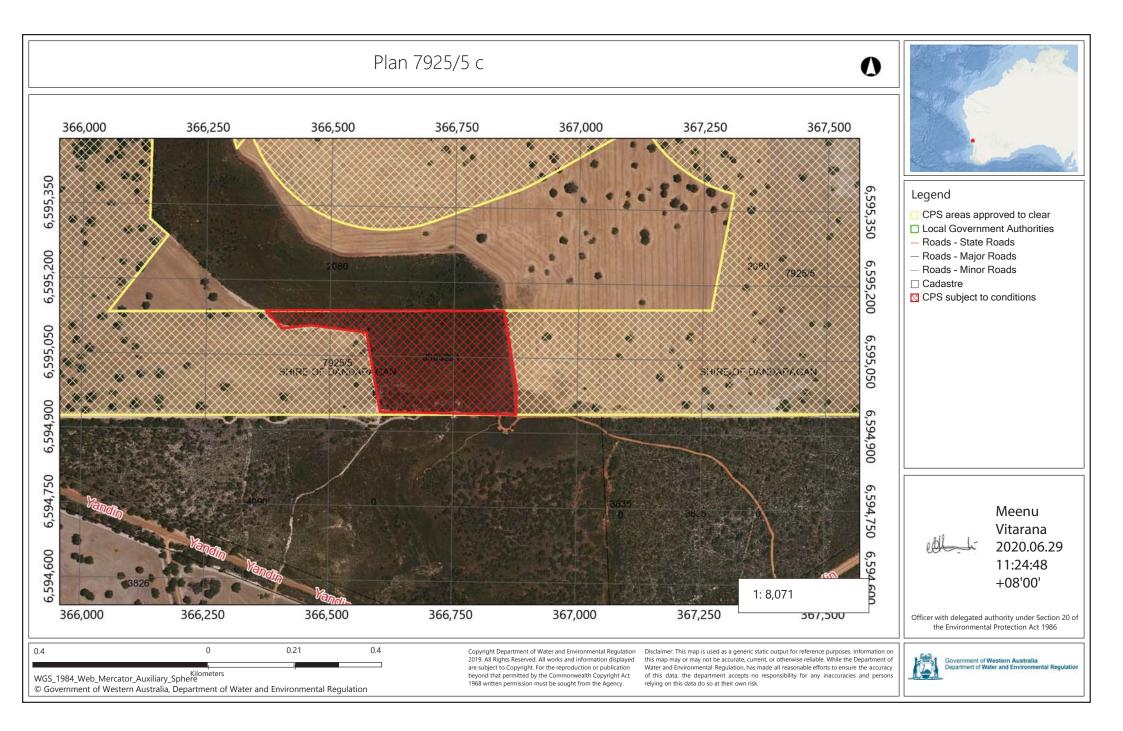
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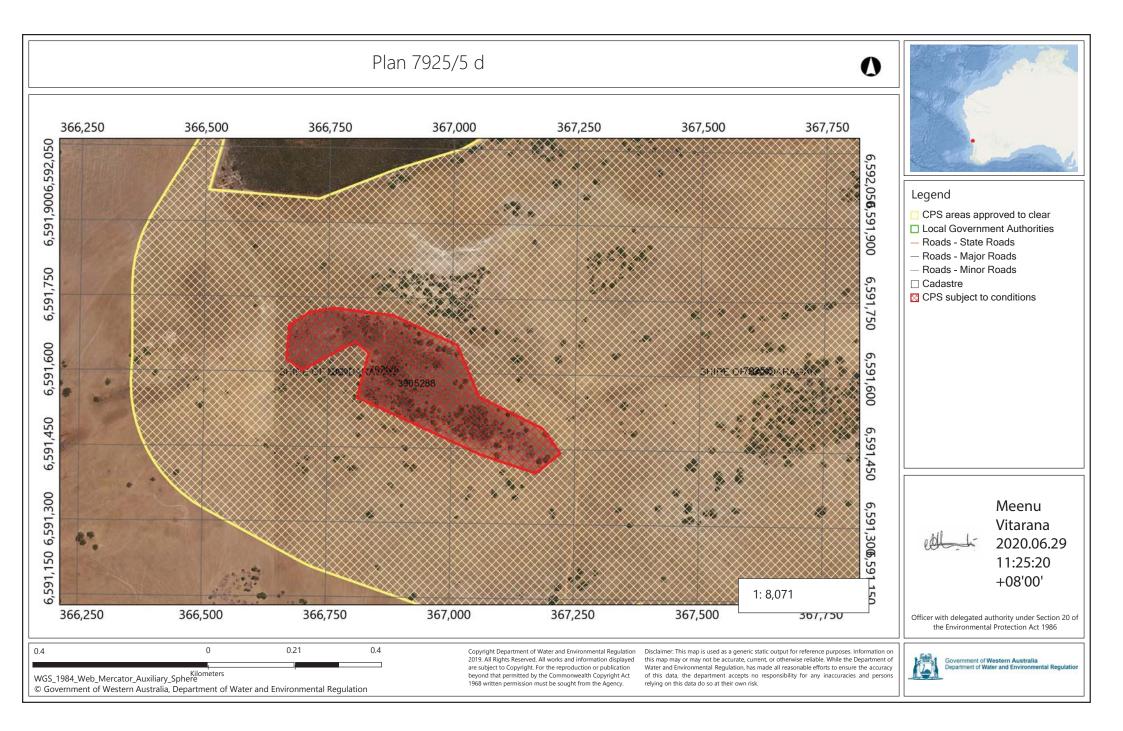
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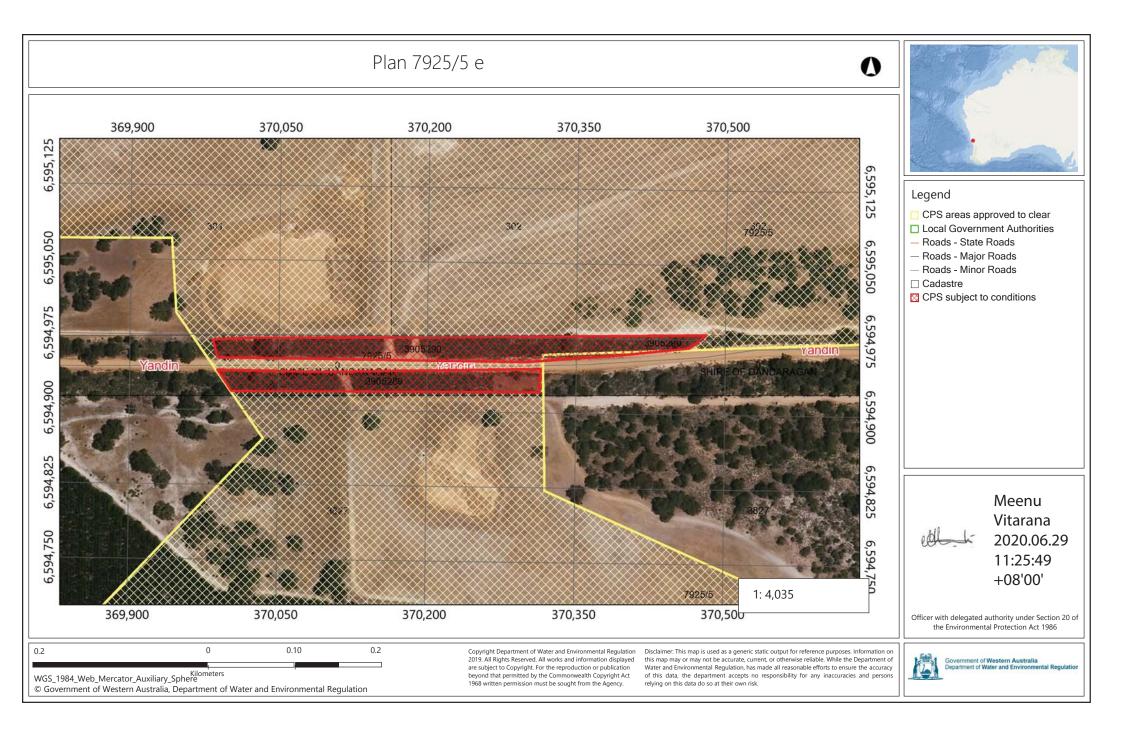
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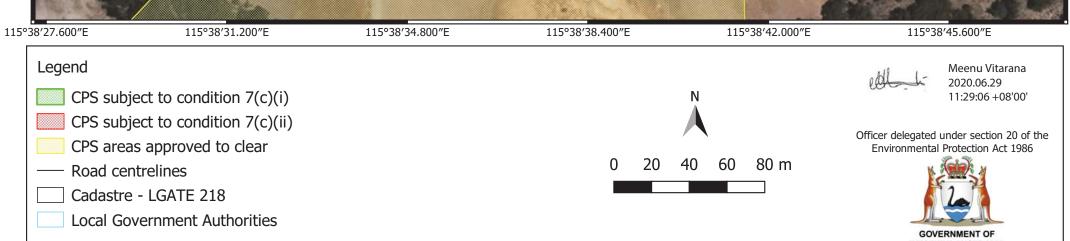






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1. Application details

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1.1. Permit application det	ails		
Permit application No.:	7925/5		
Permit type:	Purpose Permit		
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1.2. Applicant details			
Applicant's name:	Yandon WF Pty as trustee for Yand	din WF Unit Trust	
Application received date:	29 April 2020		
1.3. Property details			
Property:	LOT 4258 ON PLAN 209671, MIM	EGARRA	
	LOT 4 ON PLAN 67003, CATABY		
	ROAD RESERVE - 1226154, DAN		
	ROAD RESERVE - 1226158, MIM		
	ROAD RESERVE - 11674286, DA		
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	ROAD RESERVE - 1226220, DAN		
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	LOT 3835 ON PLAN 186964, DAN		
	LOT 3919 ON PLAN 209671, CAT		
	LOT 4090 ON PLAN 186964, DAN		
	LOT 411 ON PLAN 245130, DANE		
	LOT 529 ON PLAN 246489, DANE		
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	LOT M1131 ON DIAGRAM 4843, I	DANDARAGAN	
	LOT M1132 ON PLAN 3049, YATH	IROO	
	LOT M1153 ON DIAGRAM 5025,	(ATHROO	
	LOT M1156 ON DIAGRAM 5026, Y		
	LOT M1948 ON DIAGRAM 13135,		
	LOT M2068 ON DIAGRAM 15361,		
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Local Government Authority: Localities:	DANDARAGAN, SHIRE OF		
	MIMEGARRA, DANDARAGAN, CA		
1.4. Application			
Clearing Area (ha) No. Tre	es Method of Clearing	Purpose category:	
4	Mechanical Removal	Building or structure	
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1.5. Decision on application	n		
Decision on Permit Application:	Grant		
Decision Date:	29 June 2020		
Reasons for Decision:		nit CPS 7925/4 was granted to authorise the clearing	
		of 4 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of road widening and upgrades. CPS	
	7925/4 was granted to give effect t	o an application from the Permit Holder to amend the	
		PS 7925/3 to reduce the buffer area between the	
		iority flora species within a designated area from 30	
		e of essential upgrades to the access road to Yandin	
	Wind Farm from Yandin Road.		
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	One appeal was received (005 of 20	020) objecting to the grant of amendment CPS 7925
	Minister for Environment (Minister) 1 7 from CPS 7925/4 is further amend	CPS 7925/5) gives effect to the determination of to allow appeal 005 of 2020 to the extent that Condi led to clarify that the 10 metre buffer only applies to lude additional permit conditions requiring management Holder to be undertaken.
	Given the above, the Delegated O conditions as recommended by the	fficer decided to grant a clearing permit with upda Minister.
Site Information		
Clearing Description	Environment to allow appeal 005 of	give effect to the determination of the Minister for of 2020. No increase in clearing area or change i red in CPS 7925/4 has been permitted through th
Vegetation Description	 vegetation associations: 4: Medium woodland; Cory (wandoo); 999: Shrublands; Melaleuc 1030: Medium woodland; E 1031: Shrublands; scrub-he Calothamnus species assoc limestone in the northern S 1035: Mosaic: Medium wood (powderbark wandoo)/shru (Shepherd et al., 2001). A targeted flora survey of the area s on Plan 7925/5(e) was conducted by October and 2 November 2019. The survey (Terratree, 2019) identifiarea subject to this amendment; as 	Eucalyptus camaldulensis (river gum); eath Banksia (formerly Dryandra) species- ciation with Banksia prionotes (acorn banksia) on wan Region; and odland; marri, wandoo, Eucalyptus accedens blands; Banksia (formerly Dryandra) species heath ubject to this amendment (i.e. the area hatched red y Terratree Environmental Consultants between 29 ed two distinct plant community types within the
	Туре 2	humilis, Eremaea pauciflora, Banksia hewardiana, Hakea ruscifolia, Petrophile brevifolia, over Xanthorrhoea preissii, Babingtonia grandiflora and Banksia dallanneyi subsp. pollosta over *Ehrharta calycina Tall Open forest of Corymbia calophylla
		over open woodland of Banksia attenuata and B. menziesii, over closed shrubland of Adenanthos cygnorum, Allocasuarina humilis, Xanthorrhoea preissii, Macrozamia riedleii, Hibbertia hypericoides, H. subvaginata, Stirlingia latifolia, Ehrharta calycina* and Pelargonium capitatum*

consistent with the description of the *Banksia* Woodland Threatened Ecological Community as detailed in the Approved Conservation Advice (incorporating listing advice) for the *Banksia* Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) (s 266B) (DoEE 2016; Terratree, 2019).

etation Community Type 2 does not occur within the area approved to be cleared er condition 7(c)(i) of clearing permit CPS 7925/5 and will not be impacted as result e proposed clearing. ults of vegetation surveys undertaken within the remainder of the approved clearing elope are described in previous decision reports for CPS 7925/1 and CPS 7925/2. ellent: Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds non-aggressive species (Keighery, 1994). upletely Degraded: The Structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is pletely or almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994). landform and soil types within the approved clearing envelope are mapped as: Nylagarda System: alluvial plains and terraces of the Hill River and major provide of the north energital plains and terraces of the Hill River and major
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 creeks of the north coastal plain; brown deep sands and brown sandy earths predominate, with minor pale deep sand and saline wet soil; Bassendean System: Swan Coastal Plain from Busselton to Jurien; sand dunes and sandplains with pale deep sand, semi-wet and wet soil; Boothendarra System: subdued stripped lateritic plateau, undulating and gently undulating rises; sandy duplexes, pale deep sand, sandy and loamy gravels and minor clays; Dandaragan System: subdued dissected lateritic plateau, undulating low hills and rises with narrow alluvial plains; variable deep sands and sandy gravels plus minor earths, duplexes and clays; Rowes System: subdued partly dissected lateritic plateau, gently undulating plains and gently undulating to undulating rises; yellow and pale sand, sandy earth and sandy gravel; weathered sandstone; and Capitella System: subdued stripped lateritic plateau, undulating to gently undulating low rises with gently undulating plain including dunes; pale and yellow deep sands, sandy gravels, some duplex; from sandstones plus alluvial and aeolian deposits (Schoknecht et al 2004).
local area is defined as 10 kilometre radius measured from the perimeter of the ication area. applicant noted that, as a result of project specific requirements, the design of sections to the Yandin Wind Farm at Yandin Road have been amended. In signing the intersection at Yandin Road, the applicant has provided as much rance as possible to recorded locations of priority flora and committed to the wing impact control measures:

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

This clearing permit amendment application is for the modification of condition 7 of CPS 7925/4 as a result of an appeal determination by the Minister for Environment, to clarify that no clearing of, or within 10 metres of, priority flora identified through surveys undertaken in accordance with condition 7(a) is to occur within a designated area. To give effect to the above, Conditions 7(b), Condition 7(c)(i) and Condition 7(c)(ii) of CPS 7925/5 respectively require that, where threatened or priority flora are identified in relation to Condition 7(a), no clearing is to take place:

- of, or within 50 metres of threatened flora;
- of, or within 10 metres of priority flora within the area hatched green on Plan 7925/5(f); and
- of, or within 30 metres of priority flora within the red hatched areas on Plans 7925/5(b), 7925/5(c), 7925/5(d) and 7925/5(f).

In addition, CPS 7925/5 includes Condition 7(d), which requires that all individuals of identified threatened or priority flora, as well as the required buffer distances for these individuals, are to be demarcated through flagging or documented by GPS coordinates accessible to persons undertaking the clearing, prior to undertaking any clearing.

No increase in clearing area or change in clearing envelope from that permitted in CPS 7925/4 has been permitted through this amendment.

The assessment against the clearing principles outlined in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* is unchanged and can be found in the Decision Report prepared for Clearing Permit CPS 7925/1 and 7925/2.

It is noted that CPS 7925/3 was granted to amend the name of the permit holder and CPS 7925/4 was granted to amend

Planning instruments and other relevant matters

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed and can be found in clearing permit decision report CPS 7925/1 and 7925/2.

4. References

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (2018) CPS 7925/1 - Permit Plans and Decision Report (DWER DWERDT71397).

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (2019) CPS 7925/2 - Permit Plans and Decision Report (DWER A1767766).

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