



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 8149/1
File Number: DER2018/001187
Duration of Permit: 21 November 2018 to 21 November 2020

PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Beverley

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Yenyening Lakes Road reserve (PIN 1389894), Kokeby

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 10 native trees within the areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 8149/1.

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);
- (d) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 1 of this Permit; and

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*;

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NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

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

22 October 2018

Plan 8149/1



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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8149/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Shire of Beverley
Application received: 26 July 2018

1.3. Property details

Property: Yenyening Lakes Road – 1389894, Kokeby
Local Government Authority: City of Beverley
Localities: Kokeby

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
	10	Mechanical Removal	Road upgrades

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 22 October 2018
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 26 July 2018 and has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and it has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing of 10 native trees is not likely to cause an unacceptable risk to the environment.

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

2. Site Information

Clearing Description: The applicant has applied to clear up to 10 native trees within Yenyening Lakes Road reserve (PIN 1398894), Kokeby, for the purpose of upgrading the existing gravel road to bitumen.

Vegetation Description: The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association vegetation complex 352, which is described as medium woodland; York gum (Government of Western Australia, 2018).

Vegetation Condition: The vegetation condition is:
– Completely degraded: The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994).

Comments: The condition and the structure of vegetation within the application area is based on available aerial imagery and from the photographs provided by the applicant (Shire of Beverley, 2018).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

The application is to clear ten native trees within Yenyening Lakes Road reserve (PIN 1389894), Kokeby, for the purpose of upgrading the existing gravel road to bitumen.

The vegetation condition is considered to be completely degraded (Keighery, 1994). The trees proposed to be cleared are potential habitat for black cockatoos, however based on photos provided by the applicant it can be concluded that these trees do not provide nesting habitat for black cockatoos as no hollows were observed.

The area under application is located within the Avon Wheatbelt Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia (IBRA) bioregion. This IBRA has approximately 18 per cent of its pre-European vegetation extent remaining (Government of Western Australia, 2018). The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association 352. This vegetation association has approximately 19 per cent of its pre-European extent remaining in the Avon Wheatbelt bioregion (Government of Western Australia, 2018). The national objectives and targets for biodiversity conservation in Australia has a target to prevent clearance of ecological communities with an extent below 30 per cent of that present pre-1750, below which species loss appears to accelerate exponentially at an ecosystem level (Commonwealth of Australia, 2001). Noting the extent of the proposed clearing (ten trees),

vegetation condition, and that the trees proposed to be cleared do not contain suitable habitat for conservation significant fauna, the application area is not considered to be a significant remnant within an extensively cleared area.

Consideration has been given to impacts to biodiversity, significant fauna habitat, rare flora, threatened ecological communities, wetlands and watercourses, land degradation, conservation areas, surface water quality, groundwater quality, and flooding. The assessment has found that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

The application was advertised on 18 August 2018 for a 14 day public submission period. No submissions were received.

4. References

Commonwealth of Australia (2001) National Objectives and Targets for Biodiversity Conservation 2001-2005, Canberra.

Government of Western Australia (2018). 2017 *Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Simplified)*. Current as of December 2017. WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Perth.
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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.

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