



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 8151/1
Permit Holder:	Shire of Cuballing
Duration of Permit:	19 September 2019 – 19 September 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 road widening.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Wandering-Narrogin Road reserve (PIN 11527818), Cuballing

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.42 hectares of native vegetation or 50 native trees within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 8151/1a.

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. 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*:

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

8. Offset – Lot 434 on Deposited Plan 84296 (being Crown Reserve 2556)

- (a) By 19 September 2020, the Permit Holder shall provide to the *CEO* a copy of the executed change in purpose of the area hatched red on attached Plan 8151/1b within Lot 434 on Deposited Plan 84296 (being Crown Reserve 2556) from ‘Gravel’ to ‘Conservation’.
- (b) In the event that the change in purpose of Lot 434 on Deposited Plan 84296 (being Crown Reserve 2556) is not achieved in accordance with condition 8(a):
 - (i) the Permit Holder must submit a new offset proposal for the *CEO*’s approval by 25 October 2020; and
 - (ii) in preparing an offset proposal in accordance with condition 8(b)(i), the Permit Holder must comply with the principles in the Government of Western Australia’s *WA Environmental Offsets Policy* (September 2011) and have regard to the *WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines* (August 2014).

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. Record keeping

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 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;
 - (ii) the date(s) that the area was cleared;
 - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);
 - (iv) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 6 of this Permit; and
 - (v) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback* in accordance with condition 7 of this Permit; and
 - (vi) actions taken in accordance with condition 8 of this Permit.

10. Reporting

- (a) At least 48 hours prior to commencing clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall advise the *CEO* in writing of the date that clearing is scheduled to commence.
- (b) On or before 30 June of each year following the commencement of clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit.
- (c) The Permit Holder must produce the records required under condition 9 of this Permit when required by the *CEO*.

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*;

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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of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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