



## **CLEARING PERMIT**

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

### **PERMIT DETAILS**

Area Permit Number: 8197/1

File Number: DWERVT1449

Duration of Permit: From 14 January 2019 to 14 January 2021

### **PERMIT HOLDER**

Shire of Toodyay

### **LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE**

River Road reserve, PIN 11705461, Toodyay

River Road reserve, PIN 11705459, Toodyay

### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than two native trees within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 8197/1.

### **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 1 of this Permit, when requested 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*;



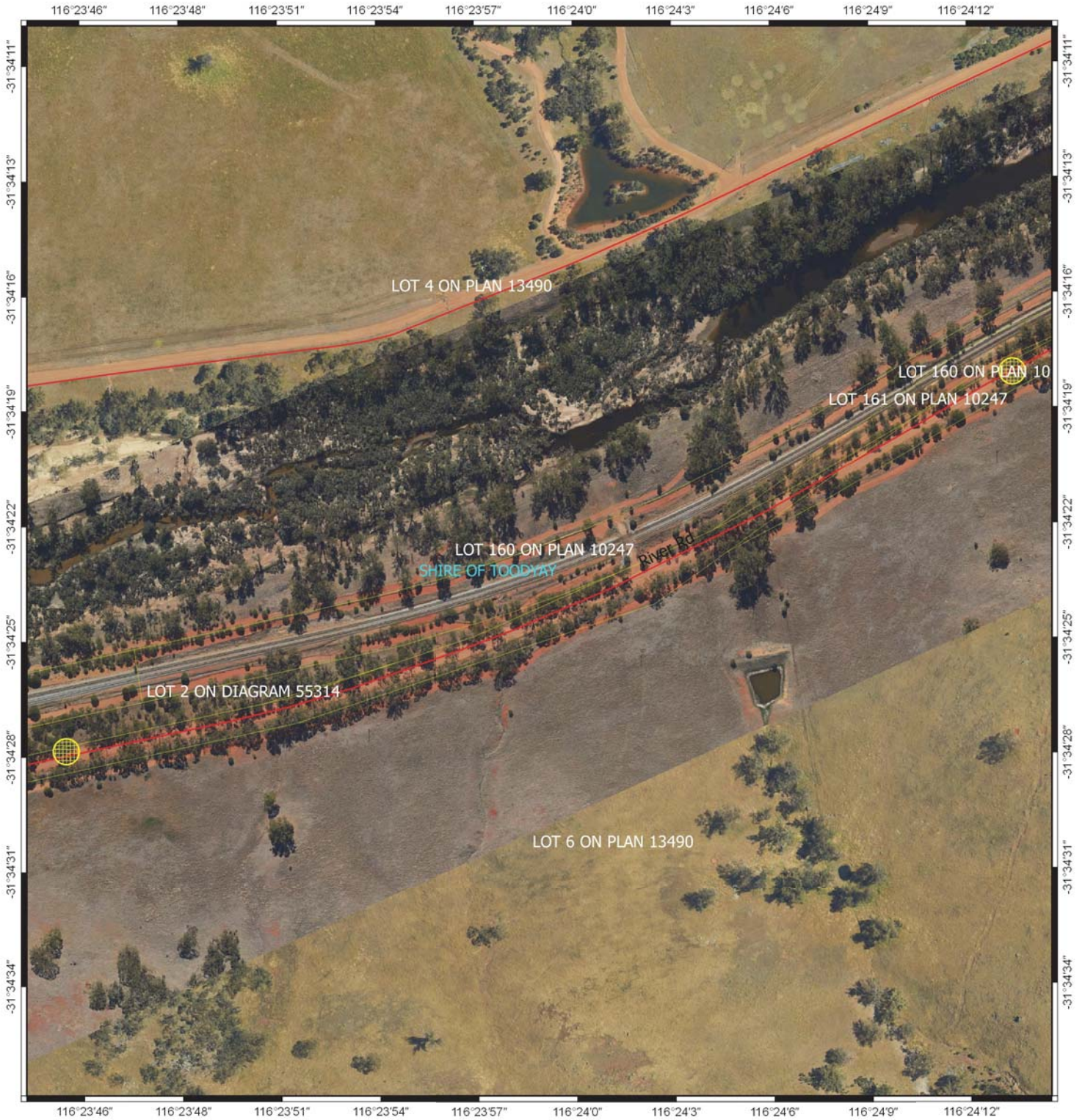
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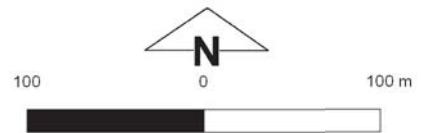
14 December 2018

# Plan 8197/1



## Legend

-  CPS areas approved to clear
-  Local Government Authorities
-  Cadastre
-  Roads
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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8197/1  
Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Shire of Toodyay  
Application received date: 21 September 2018

### 1.3. Property details

Property: River Road reserve, PIN 11705461, Toodyay  
River Road reserve, PIN 11705459, Toodyay  
Local Government Authority: Shire of Toodyay  
Localities: Toodyay

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
0	2	Mechanical Removal	Road constructions or upgrades

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted  
Decision Date: 14 December 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*. It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

In determining to grant a clearing permit subject to conditions, the Delegated Officer considered that the proposed clearing is not likely to lead to an unacceptable risk to the environment.

## 2. Site Information

**Clearing Description:** The application is for the proposed clearing of two native trees within River Road reserve, PINs 11705461 and 11705459, Toodyay, for the purpose of road widening and sealing.

**Vegetation Description:** The vegetation within the application area is mapped as Beard vegetation associations 4 and 352, described as medium woodland - marri and wandoo, and as Medium woodland - York gum, respectively (Shepherd et al, 2001).

Photographs supplied by the applicant (Shire of Toodyay, 2018) confirm that the two native trees are two mature *Eucalyptus loxophleba* (York gum) species.

**Vegetation Condition** Photographs provided by the applicant (Shire of Toodyay, 2018) indicate the application area is in the following condition:  
Degraded: Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance, scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management (Keighery, 1994).

**Soil Type** The soil type within the application area is mapped as Jelcobine wet, river Phase, described as wet soils (DPIRD, 2017).

**Comments** The local area referred to in the assessment of this application is defined as a 10 kilometre radius measured from the perimeter of the application area. A review of available databases has determined that the local area retains approximately 25 per cent of its pre-European clearing extent.

Figure 1: Application area

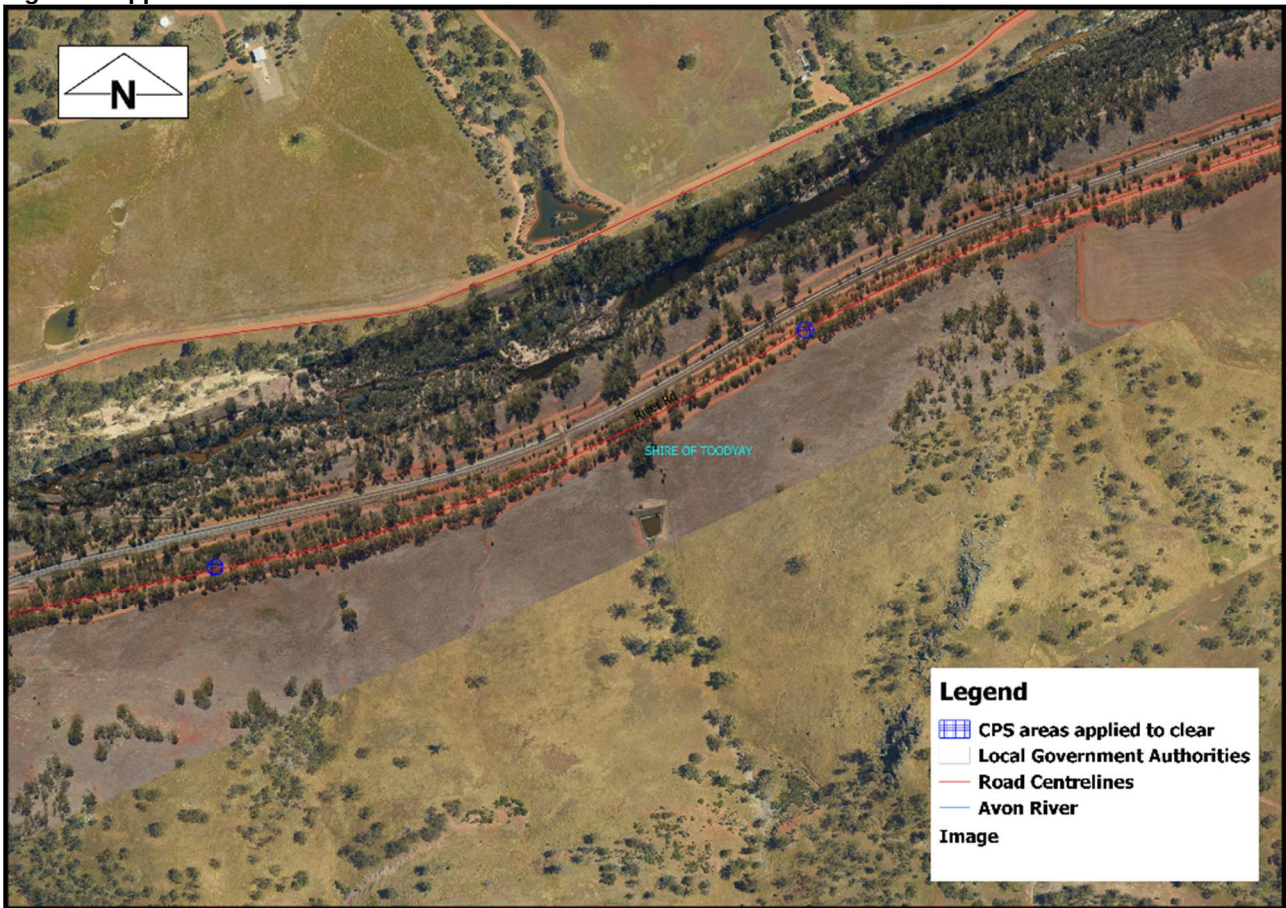


Figure 2: Photograph of tree 1 – York gum (Shire of Toodyay, 2018)



Figure 3: Photograph of tree 2 – York gum (Shire of Toodyay, 2018)



### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles and planning instruments and other matters

The application area comprises of two native *Eucalyptus loxophleba* (York gum) trees (Figures 2 and 3) and is in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition. *Eucalyptus loxophleba* is not listed as a species of conservation significance.

As the application area consists of two native trees it is not likely to contain high biodiversity, significant foraging habitat for indigenous fauna, rare or priority flora, a threatened or priority ecological community and it is not likely to be considered a significant remnant.

A review of photographs provided by the applicant did not identify any hollows that would be suitable for conservation significant fauna (Shire of Toodyay, 2018).

There are no wetlands or watercourses mapped within the application area and *Eucalyptus loxophleba* is not considered to be riparian vegetation. The Avon River runs approximately 120 meters north of the application area. The proposed clearing of two trees will not impact on the surface water quality of the Avon River.

Due to the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the application area and minimal extent of clearing proposed, the proposed clearing is not likely to contribute to or cause land degradation, deteriorate the quality of groundwater, cause or exacerbate flooding, or impact on the environmental values of any conservation areas.

Given the above, the proposed clearing, is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

The clearing permit application was advertised on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's website on 15 October 2018, inviting submissions from the public within a 14 day period. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

No aboriginal sites of significance have been mapped within the application area.

#### **4. References**

- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) (2017). NRInfo Digital Mapping. Accessed at <https://maps.agric.wa.gov.au/nrm-info/> Accessed September 2018. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Government of Western Australia.
- 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.
- Shire of Toodyay (2018). Supporting documents provided by applicant for clearing permit application CPS 8197/1. Received by DWER on 21 September 2018 (DWER ref: A1722195).

#### **GIS Databases:**

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- Beard vegetation
- Clearing Regulations - Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Carnaby's cockatoo: breeding, roosting, feeding
- Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, Tenure
- Geomorphic Wetlands, Swan Coastal Plain
- Groundwater salinity, statewide
- Hydrology, linear
- IBRA Australia
- Land for Wildlife
- PDWSA, CAWSA, RIWI Act Areas
- Remnant vegetation
- SAC Biodatasets (accessed December 2018)
- Soils, statewide