



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	8301/1
Permit Holder:	Portframe Enterprises Pty Ltd
Duration of Permit:	28 August 2019 – 28 August 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 creating a refuse site.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 53816, Macleod

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1.15 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 8301/1.

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 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:

- 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. Weed control

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*:

- clean any earth-moving machinery and other clearing equipment of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- ensure that no known *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 area to be cleared.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

7. Records to 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 the extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5 of this Permit; and
- (e) actions taken to minimise the introduction and spread of *weeds* in accordance with condition 6 of this 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 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*;

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; and

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; and



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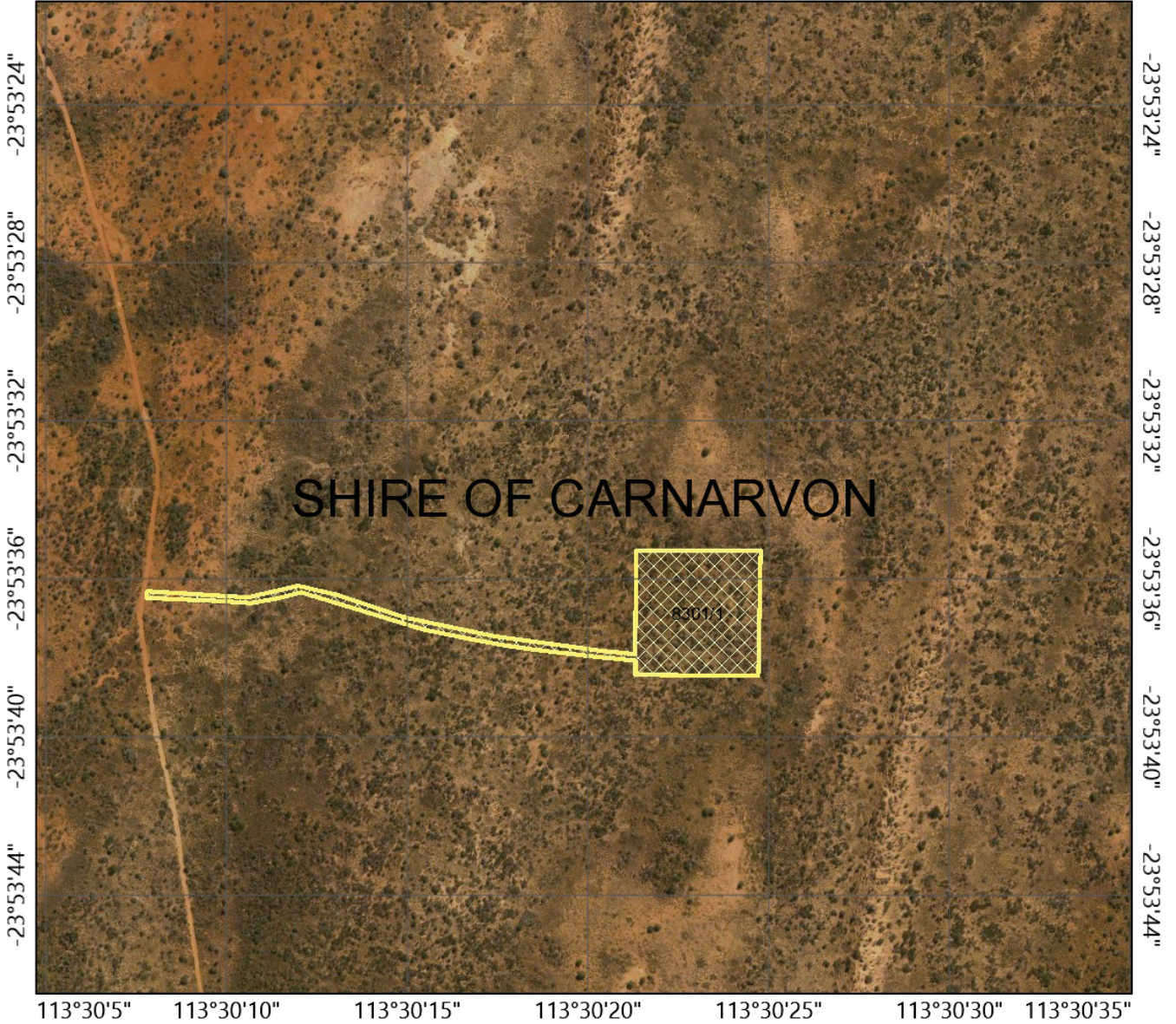
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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

29 July 2019

CPS 8301/1 Plan



113°30'5" 113°30'10" 113°30'15" 113°30'20" 113°30'25" 113°30'30" 113°30'35"



Legend

CPS areas approved to clear

Local Government Authorities
LGA

CARNARVON, SHIRE OF

Roads - State Roads
 Roads - Major Roads
 Roads - Minor Roads

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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

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Locality Map



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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8301/1
Permit type: Purpose

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Portframe Enterprises Pty Ltd
Application received date: 18 December 2018

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 53816
Local Government Authority: Shire of Carnarvon
Localities: Macleod

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
1.15		Mechanical Removal	Waste disposal/Management

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant

Decision Date: 29 July 2019

Reasons for Decision:

The clearing permit application was received on 18 December 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.

In determining to grant a clearing permit subject to avoid/minimise and weed hygiene conditions, the Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing is not likely to have any unacceptable impacts to environmental values.

2. Site Information

Clearing Description: The application is for the proposed clearing of 1.15 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 53816, Macleod, for the purpose of creating a refuse site.

Vegetation Description The vegetation within the application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association 329- Coastal Dunes. Which is described as Shrublands; dwarf waterwood (*Acacia coriacea*) shrubs on recent dunes (Shepherd et al., 2001).

Vegetation Condition The vegetation within the application area varies from excellent to degraded condition (Keighery, 1994) and can be described as:

- Excellent: Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non-aggressive species (Keighery, 1994).
- Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).

Soil Type The Cardabia System is the soil type mapped within the application area, which is described as undulating sandy plains with linear dunes, minor limestone plains and low rises, supporting mainly soft spinifex hummock grasslands with scattered acacias and other shrubs (Schoknecht et al., 2004).

Comments The local area is defined as 20 kilometre radius from the application area.

A review of available databases has determined that the local area retains approximately 99 per cent native vegetation cover.

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

According to available databases, eight Threatened fauna species, 30 fauna species protected under international agreement, one Priority 1, two Priority 4 and two specially protected fauna species have been recorded within the local area (Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, 2007-). The majority of these species are known to occur within marine or coastal environments that is not recorded within the application area. Noting the condition of the vegetation within the application area, size of the proposed clearing, the surrounding area is not extensively cleared and fauna habitats are well represented outside of

the application area, it is not considered that the proposed clearing contains significant habitat for conservation significant fauna species.

According to available datasets, two Priority 2 and two Priority 3 flora species have been recorded within the local area (Western Australian Herbarium, 1998-). None of these records occur within the application area. No Threatened flora have been recorded within the local area. Noting the condition of the vegetation within the application area, size of the proposed clearing and the surrounding area is not extensively cleared, the application area is not likely to contain any threatened or priority flora species.

The application area does not resemble vegetation associated with a priority ecological community or a threatened ecological community. Given the above, the application area is not likely to comprise of a high level of biological diversity.

As the local area retains more than 90 per cent of its pre-European clearing extent (Government of Western Australia, 2018), the application area is not considered to be within an extensively cleared landscape. Noting the size of the application area, the vegetation within the application area is not likely a significant remnant.

No watercourses, wetlands or conservation areas are recorded within close proximity to the application area. The proposed clearing not likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation areas

Noting the extent of the proposed clearing and the condition of the vegetation within surrounding area, the proposed clearing is not likely to exacerbate or contribute to land degradation, deteriorate the quality of ground water, or cause or exacerbate flooding.

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

The clearing permit application was advertised on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's website on 4 January 2019, inviting submissions from the public within a 14 day period. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

The Shire of Carnarvon provided development approval for the refuse site (Shire of Carnarvon, 2019).

The application area is mapped within an Aboriginal Site of Significance. It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* and ensure that no Sites of Aboriginal Significance are damaged through the clearing process.

4. References

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- Shire of Carnarvon (2019) Planning advice in relation to CPS 8301/1. DWER Ref: A176142 and A1805774
- Western Australian Herbarium (1998-) FloraBase-the Western Australian Flora. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/> (accessed December 2018).

GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- DAFWA Subsystems
- Groundwater salinity
- Hydrography, linear
- National Trust WA Covenant
- Remnant vegetation
- SAC bio datasets (accessed January 2019)
- Topographic contours
- Wetlands