



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 8352/1
File Number: DWERVT2204
Duration of Permit: 3 April 2019 to 3 April 2021

PERMIT HOLDER

Shire of Manjimup

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 299 on Deposited Plan 203472, Walpole

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 1 native tree within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 8352/1.

CONDITIONS

1. 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; and
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

2. 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*;

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) 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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MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

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

11 March 2019

Plan 8352/1

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Legend

 CPS areas approved to clear base layers

 Local Government Authorities

 Road Centrelines

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8352/1
Permit type: Area permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Shire of Manjimup
Application received date: 31 January 2019

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 299 on Deposited Plan 203472
Local Government Authority: Shire of Manjimup
Localities: Walpole

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
	1	Mechanical Removal	Car park

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 11 March 2019
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 31 January 2019 and 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 one native tree (Figure 1) within Lot 299 On Plan 203472, Walpole, for the purpose of a car park.

Vegetation Description The vegetation within the application area is mapped as Walpole vegetation complex, which is described as low woodland of *Allocasuarina fraseriana-Banksia attenuata-Banksia ilicifolia* with stunted *Eucalyptus marginata* subsp. *marginata* on flats in the hyperhumid zone (Government of Western Australia, 2018).

Photographs supplied by the applicant indicate that the proposed tree to be cleared is a Peppermint tree (*Agonis flexuosa*).

Vegetation Condition The condition of the vegetation within the application area is considered to be Degraded: Basic vegetation structure is severely impacted by disturbance (Keighery, 1994).

Soil Type The soil type within the application area is mapped as Walpole Subsystem, described as flat to gently sloping benches; some shallow dissections. Podzols and deep sands; teatree scrub, sheoak woodland and kangaroo grass sedgeland (Schoknecht et al., 2004).

Comments The local area is defined as 10 kilometre (km) radius from the application area. A review of the available databases has determined that the local area retains approximately 75 per cent of its pre-European clearing extent.



Figure 1: Photo of tree proposed to be cleared.

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

The application area consists of one Peppermint tree (*Agonis flexuosa*) within a degraded (Keighery, 1994) vegetation structure and does not contain any hollows or significant foraging or breeding habitat for fauna. In addition, the application area does not contain any rare or priority flora species, or resemble vegetation associated with a priority ecological community or a threatened ecological community. Based on the above, the application area does not comprise a high level of biological diversity.

There are no wetlands, watercourses or conservation areas mapped within the application area, therefore the proposed clearing will not likely impact on any such areas.

The area under application is mapped as Mattiske vegetation complex, Walpole (Wp), which is described as low woodland of *Allocasuarina fraseriana-Banksia attenuata-Banksia ilicifolia* with stunted *Eucalyptus marginata* subsp. *marginata* on flats in the hyperhumid zone (Government of Western Australia 2018). As the Walpole Vegetation Complex retains over 30 per cent of its pre-European clearing extent statewide (Government of Western Australia 2018), and given the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation under application, the application area is not a significant remnant within an extensively cleared area.

Noting the extent of the application 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 12 February 2019, inviting submissions from the public within a seven day period. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

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

- Government of Western Australia (2018) 2017 South West Vegetation Complex Statistics. Current as of October 2017. WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Perth, <https://catalogue.data.wa.gov.au/dataset/dbca>.
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Schoknecht N, Tille PJ and Purdie B. (2004). Soil-landscape mapping in south-western Australia - Overview of methodology and outputs. Management Technical Report 280, Department of Agriculture Western Australia.
- Shire of Manjimup (2019) Photos of trees. Walpole, Western Australia. (DWERT2204-1).

GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- DBCA Managed Tenure
- Hydrography, hierarchy

- Hydrography, linear
- SAC Bio Datasets