



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 8407/1
File Number: DWERVT2453
Duration of Permit: 9 June 2019 to 9 June 2021

PERMIT HOLDER

Mr Ian Tippett

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 6640 on Plan 208587, Redmond West

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than five hectares within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 8407/1.

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. Dieback and 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* 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 *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.

DEFINITIONS

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:


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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NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

*Officer delegated under Section 20
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16 May 2019

Plan 8407/1

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Legend

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 Local Government Authorities

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8407/1
Permit type: Area permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Mr Ian Tippett
Application received date: 8 March 2019

1.3. Property details

Property: Lot 6640 on Plan 208587
Local Government Authority: City of Albany
Localities: Redmond West

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
5		Mechanical Removal	Plantation

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 16 May 2019

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 8 March 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 native vegetation within an area of five hectares, within Lot 6640 on Plan 208587, Redmond West, for the purpose of a plantation.

Vegetation Description The vegetation within the application area is mapped as the Redmond Siltstone Plain subregion of the south-west forests, vegetation complex Valley terrace class 'f', described as tall shrubland of Myrtaceae spp. and sedgeland of Restionaceae-Cyperaceae spp. on siltstone valley floors in hyperhumid to humid zones (Mattiske and Havel, 1998).

Vegetation Condition The condition of the vegetation within the application area is considered to be 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:

- Minor Valleys S7 floor Phase, described as footslopes and swampy valley floors of minor valleys; and
- Minor Valleys S7 slope Phase, described as broad valleys in sedimentary rocks, deep sands and iron potzols on slopes; Albany Blackbutt-jarrah-sheoak woodland.

Comments The local area referred to in the assessment of this application is defined as a ten kilometre radius measured from the perimeter of the application area

The vegetation condition of the application area was determined based on available aerial imagery and photographs provided by the applicant.

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

Given the degraded nature of the application area, it is not considered to comprise a high level of biological diversity, and is unlikely to comprise the whole or a part of, or be necessary for the maintenance of a significant habitat for fauna.

The application area does not intersect any watercourses or wetlands. No threatened or priority ecological communities are recorded within close proximity to the application area and the proposed clearing is unlikely to impact on any such areas. The

nearest conservation areas are the Denmark Catchment State Forest, which is approximately 1.2 kilometres north-west of the application area, and a timber reserve approximately one kilometre south-west of the application area. Noting that the proposed clearing will be limited to the application area, the proposed clearing is unlikely to impact on the environmental values of the conservation areas.

The local area retains approximately 37.36 per cent (12,159 hectares) of remnant native vegetation. Noting the degraded condition of the application area, and that it has been previously cleared and used as pasture (Mr Ian Tippett, 2019), the proposed clearing is not considered to be a significant remnant within an extensively cleared area.

Noting the extent of the proposed clearing, the proposed clearing is not likely to exacerbate or contribute to further land degradation, deteriorate the quality of groundwater or cause or exacerbate the potential for flooding.

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

Planning instruments and other relevant matters

The City of Albany (2019) is not opposed to the proposed clearing, stating that no significant environmental values have been identified within the application area.

The clearing permit application was advertised on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's website on 13 April 2019, inviting submissions from the public within a 14 day period. No submissions were received in relation to this application.

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

4. References

- City of Albany (2019) Comments on clearing permit application CPS 8407/1. Received 8 May 2019 (DWER ref: A1787255).
- Government of Western Australia (2018) 2017 South West Vegetation Complex Statistics. Current as of October 2017. WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Perth.
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Mattiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment Australia.
- Mr Ian Tippett (2019) Correspondence in relation to clearing permit application CPS 8407/1. DWER reference: A1778579.

GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- DBCA Managed Estate
- Hydrography, hierarchy
- Hydrography, linear
- SAC Bio Datasets