



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1 Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 8449/1
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Waddi Wind Farm Pty Ltd
Application received:	17 October 2023
Application area:	1.358 hectares of native vegetation
Purpose of clearing:	Installing an overhead transmission line alignment to facilitate the connection of Waddi Wind Farm to the Cataby Substation
Method of clearing:	Mechanical
Property:	Brand Highway Road Reserve (PIN 11579146), Cooljarloo Waddi Road Reserve (PIN 1353722), Badgingarra Lot 105 on Plan 59027, Cooljarloo Lot 3901 on Plan 209568, Cooljarloo Lot 4134 on Plan 240347, Cooljarloo
Location (LGA area/s):	Shire of Dandaragan

1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is to surrender Clearing Permit 8449/1, granted on 26 August 2019, for the proposed clearing of 1.358 hectares of native vegetation within the above properties for the purpose of installing an overhead transmission line alignment to facilitate the connection of Waddi Wind Farm to the Cataby Substation.

The permit holder has applied to surrender the clearing permit given the project requires a larger area of native vegetation to be cleared due to the Western Power requirements for transmission corridors (Waddi Wind Farm Pty Ltd, 2023). The permit holder has subsequently lodged an application for a new clearing permit to meet these requirements (reference CPS 10418/1). The application area CPS 10418/1 encompasses the area authorised under Clearing Permit CPS 8449/1 which is therefore no longer required.

1.3. Decision on application

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	19 April 2024
Decision area:	1.358 hectares of native vegetation

1.4. Reasons for decision

The application to surrender Clearing Permit 8449/1 was made in accordance with section 51MA the *Environmental Protection Act* (the EP Act) and received by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 17 October 2023.

In making the decision, the Delegated Officer had regard for:

- Advice from the permit holder that no clearing under Clearing Permit CPS 8449/1 has been undertaken (Waddi Wind Farm Pty Ltd, 2023)
- Advice from the Department's Assurance team confirming that no clearing under Clearing Permit CPS 8449/1 has been undertaken and all permit conditions have been correctly complied with (DWER, 2024).

After consideration of the above information, the Delegated Officer decided to grant the surrender to Clearing Permit CPS 8449/1.

References

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. (DWER). (2024). *Internal advice on the permit holder's compliance with conditions of Clearing Permit CPS 8449/1*. Received on 30 January 2024. DWER Ref: DWERDT898075.

Waddi Wind Farm Pty Ltd. (2023). *Application to surrender clearing permit*. Received on 17 October 2023. DWER Ref: DWERDT849985.