



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 8493/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Shire of Wickepin
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	29 August 2019 – 29 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 safety upgrades and widening of road.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Road Reserve PIN 11493931, Wickepin.

**3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than three native trees within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 8493/1.

**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.

**5. Type of clearing authorised**

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the activities described in condition 1 of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

### **PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**

**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*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no *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:

**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) published in a 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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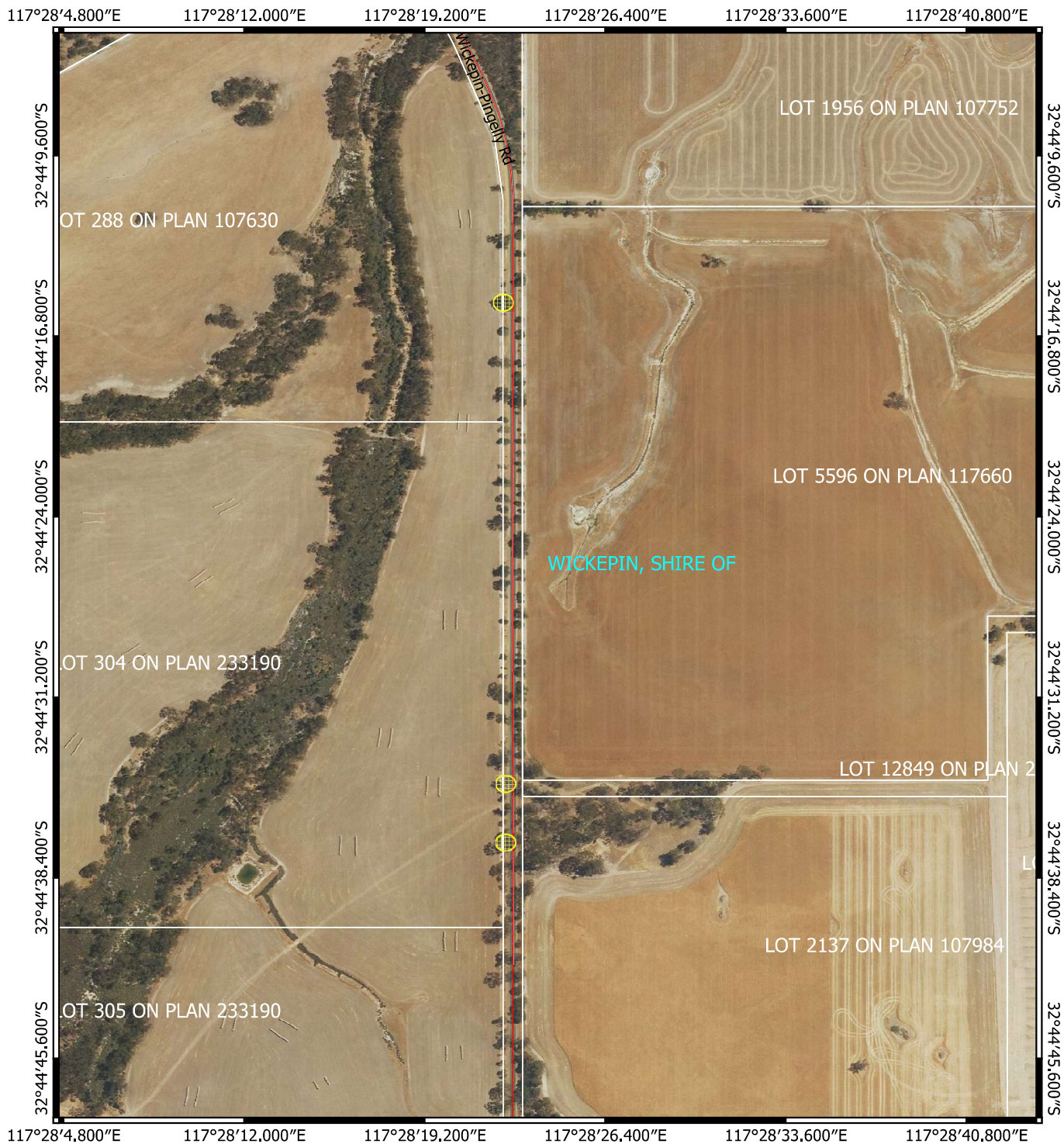
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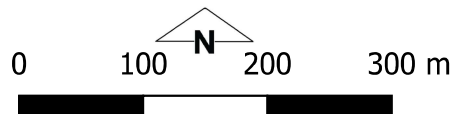
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# Plan 8493/1



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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8493/1  
Permit type: Purpose permit

### 1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: Shire of Wickepin  
Application received date: 14 May 2019

### 1.3. Property details

Property: Road Reserve PIN 11493931  
Local Government Authority: Shire of Wickepin  
Localities: Wickepin

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
	3	Mechanical Removal	Safety upgrades and road widening

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted  
Decision Date: 30 July 2019

Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application was received on 14 May 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 three native trees within Road Reserve PIN 11493931, Wickepin, for the purpose of safety upgrades and widening of road.

**Vegetation Description** The vegetation within the application area is mapped as Beard vegetation association Pingelly 1023, described as woodland.

The habitat tree assessment provided by the applicant identified the trees proposed to be cleared as one salmon gum and two wandoo trees (Shire of Wickepin, 2019).

**Vegetation Condition** The condition of the vegetation within the application area is considered to be Completely Degraded: The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species (Keighery, 1994).

**Soil Type** The soil type within the application area is mapped as:

- Pingelly 3 undifferentiated Phase, described as granitic and colluvial slopes with sandy and loamy duplexes and red/brown loams – York gum and wandoo woodland; and
- Pingelly 4 non-saline Phase, described as minor valleys with duplex soils.

**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 completely 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. A habitat tree assessment provided by the applicant found that none of the trees proposed to be cleared are suitable for black cockatoos as hollows present were too small or too shallow (Shire of Wickepin, 2019).

The federally listed threatened ecological community and state listed priority ecological community 'Eucalypt woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt' is mapped within the local area. Patches of the WA Wheatbelt Woodlands ecological community that occur as roadside verges require a minimum patch width of five metres and the presence of a native understorey. Photographs provided by the applicant showed that the application area appeared to be too narrow and has no understorey cover remaining, hence, roadside patches such as the application area are too degraded to be part of the 'Eucalypt woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt' (Department of the Environment, 2016). The proposed clearing is unlikely to impact threatened or priority ecological communities.

The application area does not intersect any watercourses or wetlands.

The nearest conservation area is the Mungerungcutting Nature Reserve which is approximately five kilometres south-west of the application area. The proposed clearing is unlikely to impact on the environmental values of the conservation area.

The local area retains approximately 14.44 per cent (32,824 hectares) of remnant native vegetation. Noting the completely degraded condition of the application area and that the clearing will be limited to three native trees, 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 beyond than that which is currently present.

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

### **Planning instruments and other relevant matters**

The clearing permit application was advertised on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's website on 24 June 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**

- Department of the Environment (2016) Guide to the Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt: a nationally protected ecological community, Commonwealth of Australia 2016.
- Government of Western Australia (2018) 2018 Statewide Vegetation Statistics. Current as of March 2019. 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.
- Shire of Wickepin (2019) Clearing Permit Application and supporting documentation. DWER ref: A1788471.

#### **GIS Databases:**

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