GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS
Area Permit Number: 8614/1
File Number: DWERVT3140
Duration of Permit: 1 November 2019 to 1 November 2021

PERMIT HOLDER
City of Albany

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE
Millbrook Road Reserve (PINS 11748051 and 1217471), King River

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY
The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.93 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 8614/1.

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. 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:

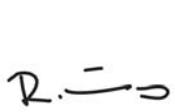
(a) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
(b) the date that the area was cleared;
(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
(d) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 1 of this Permit.

3. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* the records required under condition 2 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*.



Ryan Mincham
MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

2 October 2019

Plan 8614/1

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 8614/1
Permit type: Area permit

1.2. Applicant details

Applicant's name: City of Albany
Application received date: 12 July 2019

1.3. Property details

Property: Millbrook Road Reserve - 11748051, King River
Millbrook Road Reserve - 1217471, King River
Local Government Authority: City of Albany

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	Purpose category:
0.93		Mechanical Removal	Road Construction or upgrades

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Granted
Decision Date: 2 October 2019
Reasons for Decision: The clearing permit application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with section 51O of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). It has been concluded that the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

Through assessment it has been determined that the clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts.

Given the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant a clearing permit.

2. Site Information

Clearing Description The proposed clearing is for 0.93 hectares of native vegetation within Millbrook Road reserve (PIN 11748051 and PIN 1217471), King River for the purpose of road construction or upgrades.

Vegetation Description One Beard vegetation association is mapped within the application area (Shepherd et al., 2001):

3: Narrikup: Medium forest; jarrah-marri

Vegetation Condition Degraded; Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery, 1994).

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

- Major Valleys 7 terrace Phase, described as Terraces.

Comments The condition and description of the vegetation was determined from photographs provided by the applicant (City of Albany, 2019).

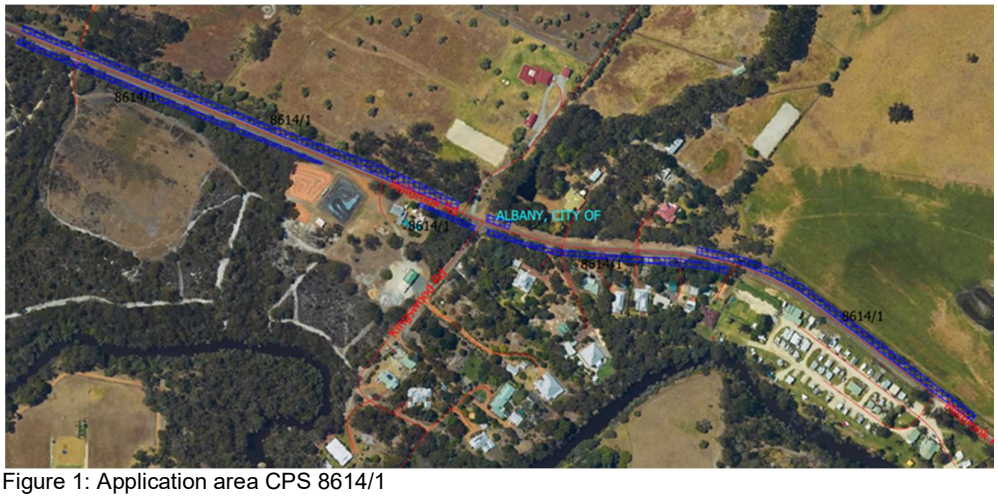

Figure 1: Application area CPS 8614/1

Figure 2: CPS 8614/1 local area

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

The application is to clear up to 0.93 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of road construction and upgrades. The applicant has advised that the proposed clearing is to accommodate road widening and realignment, roadside open swale drain and earthworks. The applicant also advised that alternative alignments have been investigated and that back slope of roadside swales have been steepened to reduce overall road cross section width (City of Albany, 2019).

The vegetation within the application area consists of a mixture of *Eucalyptus* sp. over weeds and some native shrubs and is considered overall to be in degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition (City of Albany, 2019).

There are no known records of conservation significant flora within the application area. Three black cockatoo roost sites are located just north and south of the application area. The application area does not contain high quality feeding or roosting habitat for this species. Given the scale of the proposed clearing it is not likely that the vegetation within the application area is significant to this species survival within the local area. The application area falls within Strategic Zone A of the South West Macro Corridor mapped ecological linkage however it is unlikely that the application area is significant to the linkage which centres around the watercourse south of the application area (see figure 2).

The application area is mapped as Beard vegetation unit 3 which retains approximately 21.53 per cent of its pre-European extent (Government of Western Australia, 2019). The local area retains approximately 27.6 per cent native vegetation cover. Given the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation (City of Albany, 2019), it is not likely that the vegetation within the application area is representative of the mapped vegetation type and is not likely to be significant in an extensively cleared area.

Given the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation, the presence of vegetation in better condition nearby and the relatively small size of the application area, the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on threatened or priority flora, a priority or threatened ecological community, conservation reserves within the local area or significant fauna habitat and is not likely to be classified as clearing a significant remnant within an extensively cleared landscape.

The application area intersects two minor watercourses and clearing is likely to include vegetation growing in association within these watercourses. Given the small scale of the proposed clearing, the proposed clearing it is not likely to contribute to or

cause appreciable land degradation, significantly deteriorate the quality of groundwater or surface water and is not likely to cause or exacerbate flooding.

Given the above, the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance to any of the remaining clearing principles.

Planning instruments and other relevant matters

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

The clearing permit application was advertised on 29 August 2019 with a 21 day submission period. No public submissions were received in relation to this application.

4. References

City of Albany (2019) CPS 8610/1 - Clearing application and supporting information. DWER ref A1803839.

Government of Western Australia. (2019) 2018 Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the CAR Reserve Analysis (Full Report). Current as of March 2019. WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Perth. https://catalogue.data.wa.gov.au/dataset/dbca-statewide-vegetation-statistics.

Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.

Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R. and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001) Native Vegetation in Western Australia, Extent, Type and Status. Resource Management Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture, Western Australia.

GIS Databases:

- Aboriginal Sites of Significance
- DBCA Managed Tenure
- Ecological Linkages – South Coast Macro corridor
- Hydrography, linear
- SAC Bio Datasets
- Soil Landscape Mapping