



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

<b>Purpose permit number:</b>	CPS 892/1
<b>Permit holder:</b>	Shire of Boyup Brook
<b>Purpose of clearing:</b>	Road widening
<b>Shire:</b>	Boyup Brook
<b>Duration of permit:</b>	8 October 2006 – 8 October 2011

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The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the above stated purposes, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

## **PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED**

### **1. Land on which clearing is to be done**

- (a) Boyup Brook-Arthur Road reserve between Condinup Road and Trigwell Bridge Road;
- (b) Area Road reserve between Craigie Road and Kulkup Road ;
- (c) Jayes Road reserve between Gifford Road and Boyup Brook-Kojonup Road; and
- (d) Abels Road reserve between Bridgetown Boyup Brook Road and end of Abels Road.

### **2. Area of clearing**

Clearing of up to 15.5 hectares of native vegetation.

### **3. 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.

### **4. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures**

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1 and 2 of this Permit, the permit holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

## **PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

### **5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

- (a) In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purposes of road upgrades the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:
  - (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
  - (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
  - (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

### **6. Dieback and weed control**

- (a) When undertaking any *clearing* and *revegetation*, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *dieback*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;

- (ii) avoid the movement of soil in wet conditions;
  - (iii) ensure that no *dieback*-affected *road building materials*, *mulches* or *fill* are brought into an area that is not affected by *dieback*; and
  - (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (b) When undertaking any *clearing* and *revegetation*, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:
- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected *road building materials*, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
  - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (c) At least once in each 12 month period for the *term* of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas *cleared* and *revegetated* under this Permit.

## 7. Offsets

- (a) The Permit Holder shall prepare an offset proposal having regard to:
- (i) the *EPA* Position Statement No 2 – Environmental Protection of Native Vegetation in Western Australia.
  - (ii) the revegetation of land to offset the loss of vegetation within the predominantly cleared agricultural zone.
- (b) The permit holder shall provide the *CEO* with an offset proposal for the *CEO*'s approval prior to the commencement of clearing under this clearing permit (CPS 892/1) and prior to implementing the offset.
- (c) The permit holder shall implement the offset proposal approved under condition 9(b).

## PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

### 8. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant:

- a) In relation to the *clearing* of *native vegetation* undertaken pursuant to conditions 1 and 2:
- (i) The species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
  - (ii) The location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
  - (iii) The date that the area was cleared; and
  - (iv) The size of the area cleared (in hectares).

### 9. Reporting

The Permit Holder must provide to the *CEO* on or before 30 June of each year, for the *term* of this permit, a written report of records requested under condition 8 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit.

## 10. Definitions

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

**CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation;

**clearing** has the meaning given to it in section 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

**dieback** means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on *native vegetation*;

**EP Act** means the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

**EPA** means the *Environmental Protection Authority*;

**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;

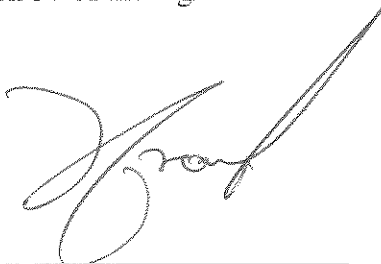
**native vegetation** has the meaning given to it in sections 3 and 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

**revegetation** means the re-establishment of a cover of *native vegetation* in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting;

**road building materials** means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water;

**term** means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed;

**weed** means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the *Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.



Fred Tromp

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