

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

#### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 9003/1

File Number: DWERVT6277

Duration of Permit: From 5 November 2020 to 5 November 2022

# **PERMIT HOLDER**Shire of Denmark

# LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Hollings Road reserve (PIN 11436127), Pemberton

#### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 1 native tree within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

Mathew Gannaway MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

13 October 2020

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

# Plan of authorised clearing area

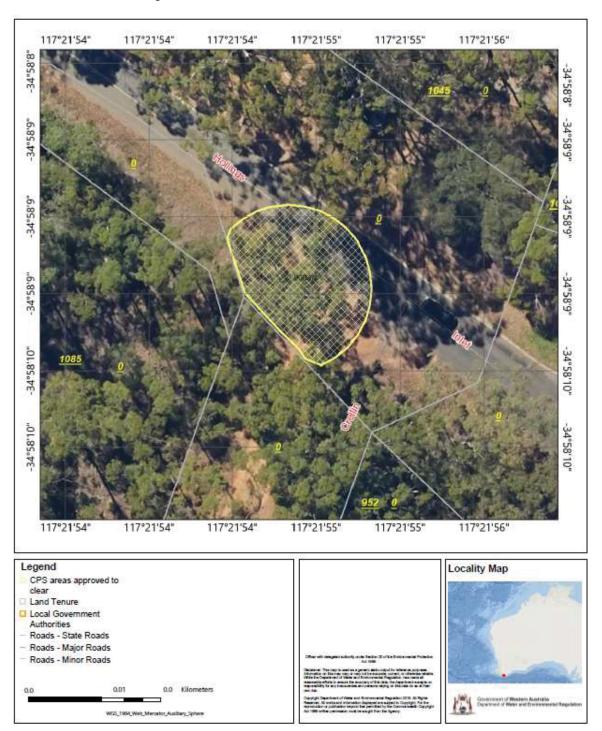


Figure 1: Plan of the area authorised to be cleared

# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

# 1. Application details and outcome

#### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit number: CPS 9003/1

Permit type: Area permit

**Applicant name:** Shire of Denmark

Purpose of clearing: Road safety

**Property:** Hollings Road reserve (PIN 11436127)

Location (LGA area/s): Shire of Denmark

#### 1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is for the proposed clearing of 1 tree within Hollings Road reserve (PIN 11436127) for the purpose of improving road safety.

The application is to selectively clear 1 tree that is impacting sightlines for vehicles leaving Crellin Street when turning left onto Hollings Road.

#### 1.3. Decision on application and key considerations

**Decision:** Granted

**Decision date:** 13 October 2020

**Decision area:** 1 native tree

#### 1.4. Reasons for decision

This clearing permit application was made in accordance with section 51E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and was received by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 10 August 2020. DWER advertised the application for public comment for a period of 7 days, and no submissions were received.

In undertaking the assessment, the Delegated Officer had regard for the site characteristics, relevant datasets, a photograph of the vegetation, the clearing principles set out in Schedule 5 of the EP Act, and any other matters considered relevant to the assessment. The assessment identified that the proposed clearing will have negligible impact on habitat for flora, fauna and ecological communities, conservation areas or riparian vegetation.

After consideration of the available information, the Delegated Officer determined that the proposed clearing is not likely to lead to an unacceptable risk to the environment. The Delegated Officer decided to grant a clearing permit with nil management conditions.

#### 2. Assessment of application

#### 2.1. Avoidance and mitigation measures

While no evidence of avoidance or mitigation measures was provided to support the application, noting the small scale and low impact of the clearing, it was deemed that no further consideration is required to minimise impacts on environmental values.

#### 2.2. Assessment

The assessment against the ten clearing principles identified that the native vegetation proposed to be cleared is not likely to provide habitat for conservation significant flora and fauna; does not contain, or form a part of a threatened or priority ecological community; or impact on any riparian vegetation. At the bioregion (Warren) and local (10 kilometre radius from the perimeter of the application area) scale, over 50 per cent of the pre-European vegetation extent remains. The nearest conservation area is located over two kilometres northwest) of the application area and

the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on the environmental values of this area. The proposed clearing is not likely to lead to appreciable land degradation or impacts surface water quality, groundwater quality or lead to increase in flooding.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance with any of the clearing principles.

The proposed clearing is within a Registered Site (Denmark River, place ID 22081) under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (WA). It is the permit holder's responsibility to comply with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (WA) and ensure that no Aboriginal Sites of Significance are damaged through the clearing process.



Figure 1: Tree proposed to be cleared

#### Appendix A - References and databases

# 1. GIS datasets

Publicly available GIS Databases used (sourced from www.data.wa.gov.au):

- Aboriginal Heritage Places (DPLH-001)
- Cadastre Address (LGATE-002)
- DBCA Lands of Interest (DBCA-012)
- DBCA Legislated Lands and Waters (DBCA-011)

- Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia Western Australia (DBCA-045)
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (DWER-046)
- IBRA Vegetation Statistics
- Regional Parks (DBCA-026)

#### Restricted GIS Databases used:

- ICMS (Incident Complaints Management System) Points and Polygons
- Threatened Flora (TPFL)
- Threatened Flora (WAHerb)
- Threatened Fauna
- Threatened Ecological Communities and Priority Ecological Communities
- Threatened Ecological Communities and Priority Ecological Communities (Buffers)

# 2. References

Shire of Denmark (2020). Area permit application form and supporting information for Clearing Permit Application CPS 9003/1 (DWER Ref: A1921055)