



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 9040/1

File Number: DWERVT6474

Duration of Permit: From 27 November 2020 to 27 November 2022

PERMIT HOLDER

City of Armadale

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 421 on Plan 211292 (Crown Reserve 27131), Forrestdale

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

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

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MEENU VITARANA
A/MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

*Officer delegated under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

3 November 2020

SCHEDULE 1

Plan of authorised clearing area

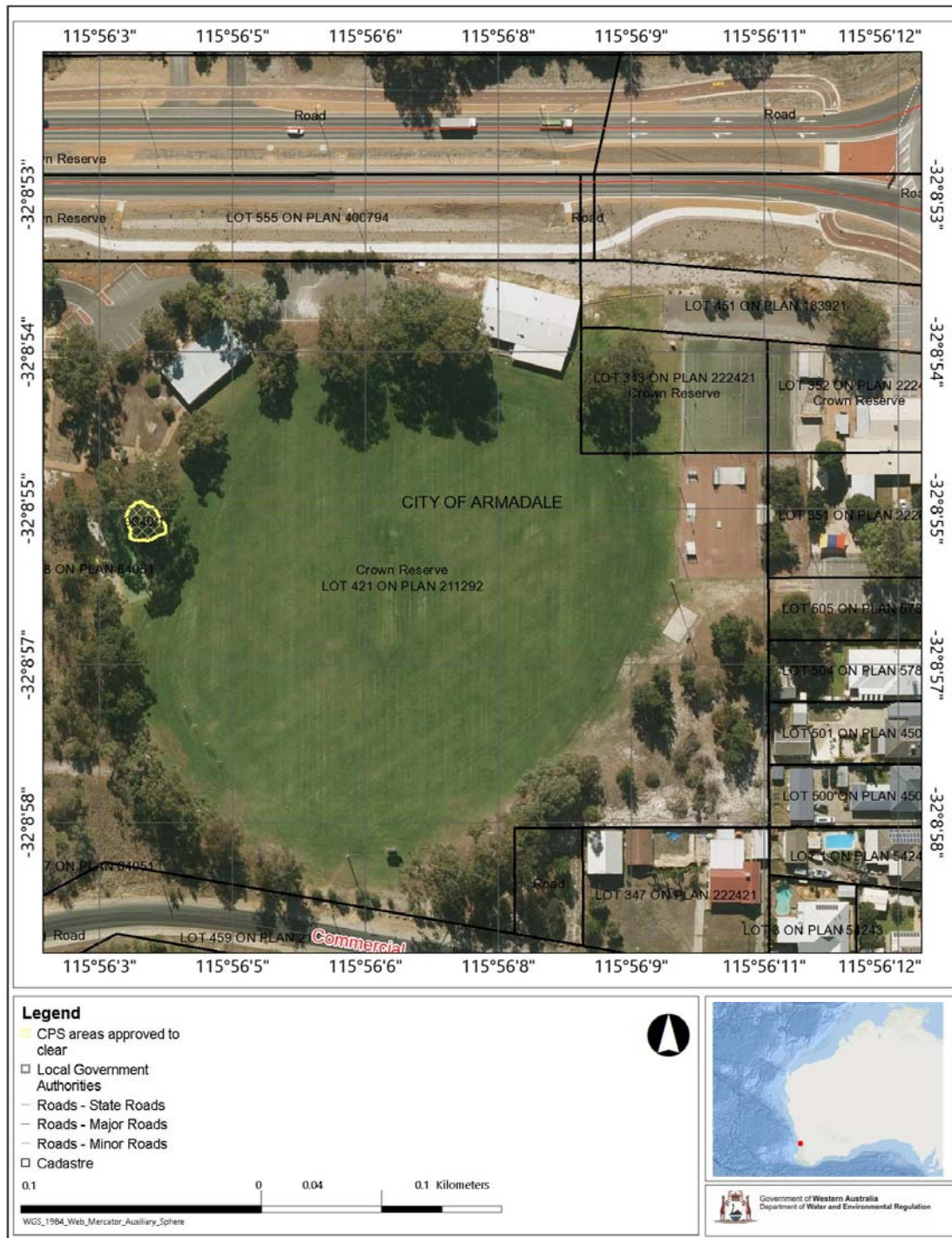


Figure 1: Plan of the area authorised to be cleared



Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 9040/1
Permit type:	Area permit
Applicant name:	City of Armadale
Purpose of clearing:	Oval expansion
Property:	Lot 421 on Plan 211292 (Crown Reserve 27131)
Location (LGA area/s):	City of Armadale

1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is for the proposed clearing of one (1) tree within Lot 421 on Plan 211292 (Crown Reserve 27131), Forrestdale, for the purpose of oval expansion. The application is to selectively clear one tree to facilitate the expansion of the existing William Skeet Oval to a full-sized senior oval.

1.3. Decision on application and key considerations

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	3 November 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 9 September 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, photographs 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 wetlands.

After consideration of the available information, as well as the applicant's minimisation and mitigation measures, 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

The applicant advised that the clearing proposed will be limited to a total of one (1) native tree to enable the oval expansion (City of Armadale, 2020). City of Armadale (2020) explained that clearing has been limited as much as practicable to minimise impacts to native and non-native established trees, which provide local environmental and amenity value. In addition, landscaping will be undertaken as part of the project which will comprise the planting of approximately 2,000 native plants (City of Armadale, 2020).

The applicant adequately demonstrated that all reasonable efforts had been taken to avoid and minimise potential impacts of the clearing on environmental values.

2.2. Assessment

The assessment against the ten clearing principles identified that the one native tree 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 riparian vegetation.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA; 2008) recognises the Perth Metropolitan Region to be a constrained area, within which a minimum 10 per cent representation threshold for ecological communities is recommended. At the bioregion (Swan Coastal Plain) and local (10 kilometre radius from the perimeter of the application area) scale, more than 20 per cent of the pre-European vegetation extent remains. Noting the above, the vegetation within the application area is not considered to occur within an extensively cleared area.

The nearest conservation area is located more than 75 metres north of the application area and the proposed clearing is not likely to impact 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 the clearing principles.

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.

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

City of Armadale (2020) Area Permit application form and supporting information for Clearing Permit Application CPS 9040/1 (DWER Ref: A1932164).

Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) (2008) Environmental Guidance for Planning and Development Guidance Statement No 33. Environmental Protection Authority, Western Australia.