



# Surrender Decision Report

## 1 Application details and outcome

### 1.1. Permit application details

<b>Permit number:</b>	CPS 9236/1
<b>Permit type:</b>	Purpose permit
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Cooperative Bulk Handling Ltd (CBH)
<b>Application area:</b>	One (1) hectare of native vegetation
<b>Purpose of clearing:</b>	Road construction and upgrades
<b>Method of clearing:</b>	Mechanical
<b>Property:</b>	Great Northern Highway Road reserve (PIN 11288339) Unnamed Railway reserve (PIN 1323360)
<b>Location (LGA area/s):</b>	Shire of Dalwallinu
<b>Localities (suburb/s):</b>	Dalwallinu, Nugadong

### 1.2. Description of clearing activities to surrender

The application is to surrender Clearing Permit CPS 9236/1, granted to CBH on 3 May 2022 to clear up to one hectare of native vegetation distributed across three separate areas (see Figure 1, Section 1.5) for the purpose of widening the existing road and establish a slip road.

CBH applied to surrender Clearing Permit CPS 9236/1 following advice from Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) that the native vegetation authorised to be cleared under this permit had already been cleared by MRWA under Clearing Permit CPS 7231/4.

### 1.3. Decision on surrender and key considerations

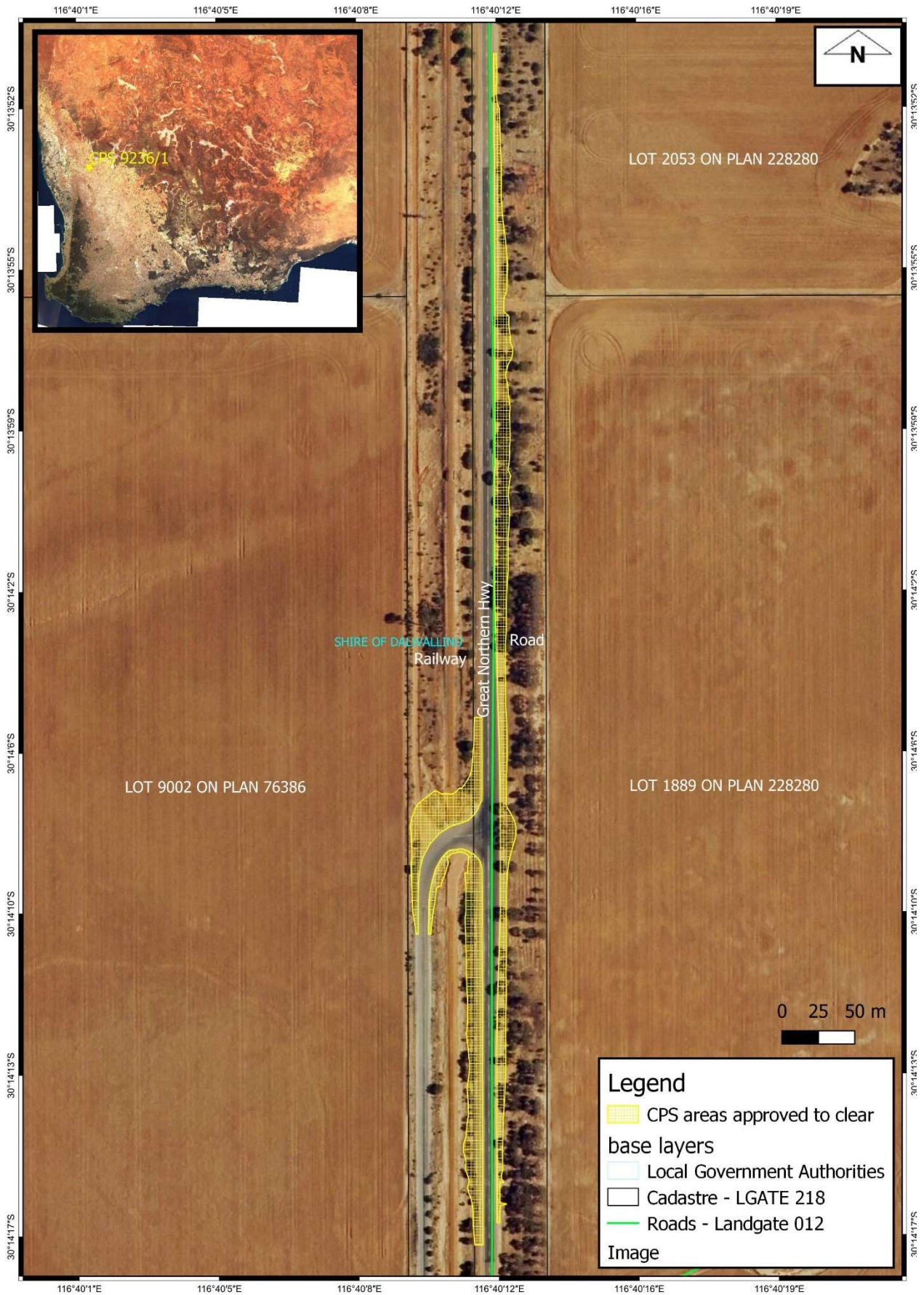
<b>Decision:</b>	Surrendered
<b>Decision date:</b>	02 November 2022
<b>Decision area:</b>	One (1) hectare of native vegetation, as depicted in Section 1.5, below.

### 1.4. Reasons for decision

The application to surrender clearing permit CPS 9236/1 was made in accordance with section 51MA of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and was received by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on 4 August 2022.

In undertaking the assessment, the Delegated Officer had regard for evidence provided by CBH that the area was cleared by MRWA. CBH also provided dated images of the clearing area. Having reviewed the supplied information, as well as its own databases and up-to-date aerial imageries, DWER concluded that given the absence of native vegetation within the area authorised for clearing under Clearing Permit CPS 9236/1, this clearing permit is no longer required. On this basis, the Delegated Officer decided to revoke Clearing Permit CPS 9236/1.

## 1.5. Site map



**Figure 1** - The areas cross-hatched yellow indicate the areas authorised to be cleared under the granted clearing permit.

## **2 Assessment of surrender**

### **2.1. Assessment**

CBH advised it did not undertake any native vegetation clearing under Clearing Permit CPS 9236/1. CBH noted the clearing was undertaken by MRWA under Clearing Permit 7231/4 which allowed native vegetation clearing by 30 June 2022. To demonstrate this, CBH provided MRWA meeting minutes which confirmed that the area had been cleared by MRWA in June 2022. CBH also attached date-stamped photos of the clearing area (SLR Consulting, 2022a).

DWER's assessment of available databases and latest aerial imageries confirmed the clearing was conducted in June 2022.

### **2.2. Relevant planning instruments and other matters**

On 21 October 2022, DWER accepted the permit holder's application to surrender Clearing Permit CPS 9236/1 and in accordance with section 51M(5)(a) of the EP Act, invited the permit holder to provide comments on its proposed decision to revoke the permit.

On 25 October 2022, CBH advised they had no objections to the DWER's intention to revoke Clearing Permit CPS 9236/1 (SLR Consulting, 2022b).

**End**

## **Appendix A – References**

SLR Consulting (2022a) Response to request for further information (evidence of clearing by Main Roads Western Australia), received 23 August 2022 (DWER Reference: DWERDT650286).

SLR Consulting (2022b) Confirmation – acceptance of revoking permit, received 25 October 2022 (DWER Reference: DWERDT676021).