



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: CPS 9324/1

File Number: DWERVT8104

Duration of Permit: From 4 September 2021 to 4 September 2023

### PERMIT HOLDER


City of Bunbury

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 905 on Deposited Plan 22473, Pelican Point (Reserve 45799)

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.07 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

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Ryan Mincham  
MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

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

12 August 2021

# SCHEDULE 1

## Plan of authorised clearing area

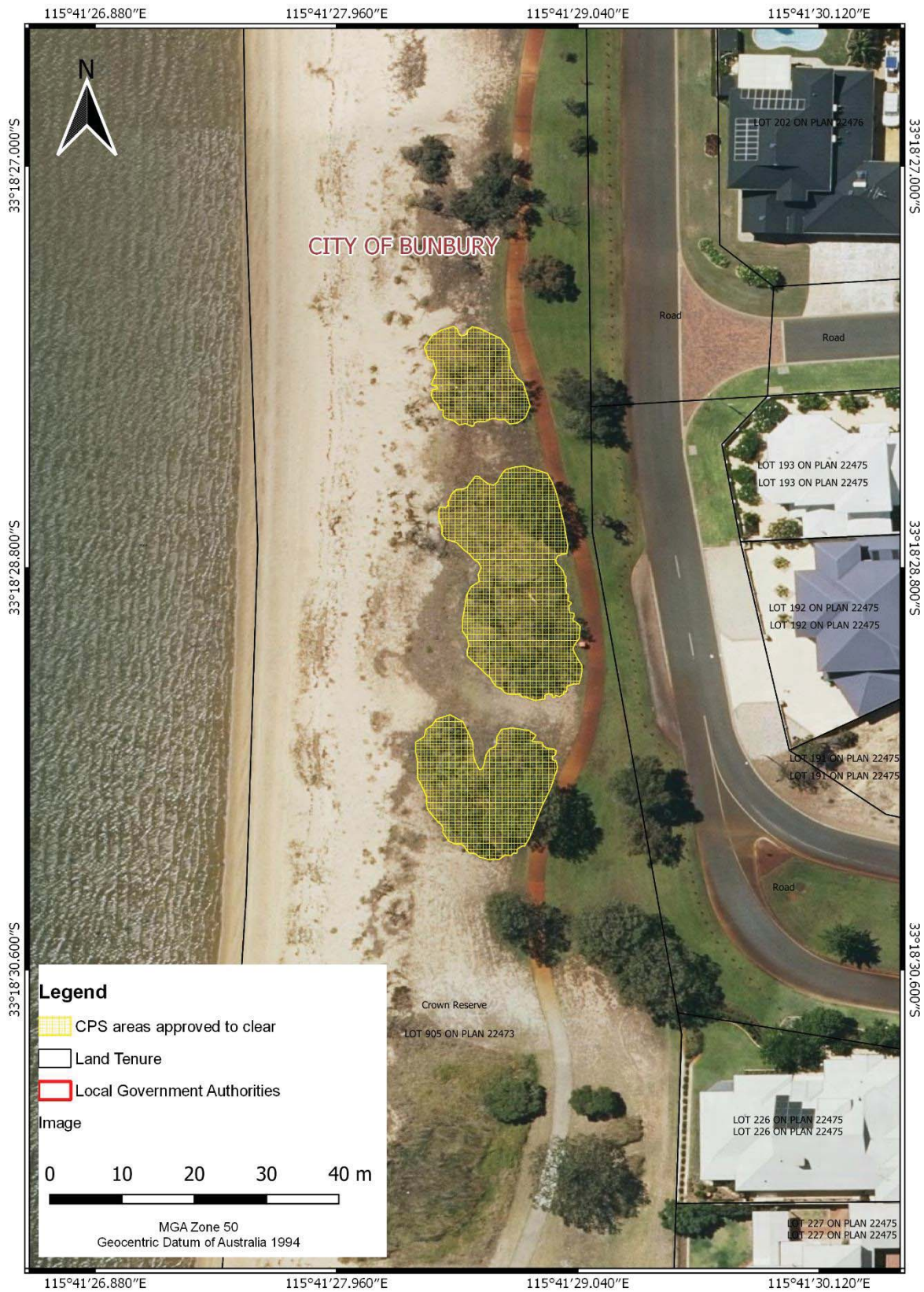


Figure 1: Plan of the area authorised to be cleared



# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details and outcome

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 9324/1
Permit type:	Area permit
Applicant name:	City of Bunbury
Purpose of clearing:	Increasing the amenity and opportunity for partial revegetation within the Foreshore Reserve
Property:	Lot 905 on Deposited Plan 22473, Pelican Point (Reserve 45799)
Location (LGA area):	City of Bunbury

### 1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is for the proposed clearing of 0.07 hectares of native vegetation within Lot Lot 905 on Deposited Plan 22473, Pelican Point (Reserve 45799) for the purpose of increasing the amenity and opportunity for partial revegetation within the Foreshore Reserve

The application is to selectively clear already dead vegetation, comprising of only *Jacksonia furcellata*. The proposed clearing area is an approximately 75 metre strip, on the western side of the Leschenault Estuary peninsula, within the City of Bunbury.

### 1.3. Decision on application and key considerations

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	12 August 2021
Decision area:	0.07 hectares (ha) of native vegetation

### 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 14 June 2021. 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 and 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 has advised that the proposed clearing will be limited to only include *Jacksonia furcellata* that has reached the end of its lifespan. Any tree species other than *Jacksonia furcellata* will be retained (City of Bunbury, 2021).

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 native vegetation proposed to be cleared is not likely to provide habitat for conservation significant flora and fauna and does not contain, or form a part of a threatened or priority ecological community. The proposed clearing area is an area that has already been significantly altered for landscaping purposes and the proposed clearing area with only comprise of vegetation which is already dead.

The proposed clearing area is mapped adjacent to the Leschenault Estuary, mapped as a 'Multiple Use' wetland, however, the proposed clearing area is located above the high tide line and the vegetation is unlikely to grow in or in association with the estuary. The vegetation within the proposed clearing area is approximately 20 metres from the water's edge and does not contain any riparian species (*Melaleuca* sp.).

At the bioregion (Yoongarillup Complex) and local area scale (5 kilometre radius from the perimeter of the application area), over 23.78 per cent of the pre-European vegetation extent remains. The application area is contained within a regional park (Kalgulup regional park) but this is noted to be within the City of Bunbury's management 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 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](http://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 Bunbury (2021) Area permit application form and supporting information for Clearing Permit Application CPS 9324/1 (DWER Ref: DWERDT464716)