



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 9372/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Red Gully Forge Pty Ltd
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	6 November 2021 – 6 November 2026

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### **PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED**

**1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**


Clearing for the purpose of upgrading an existing electrical connection to a residential house.

**2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Brookton Highway Road reserve (PIN 11559717)

**3. Area of Clearing**

The permit holder must not clear more than 0.0914 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

 Ryan Mincham  
2021.10.14  
16:31:33  
+08'00'

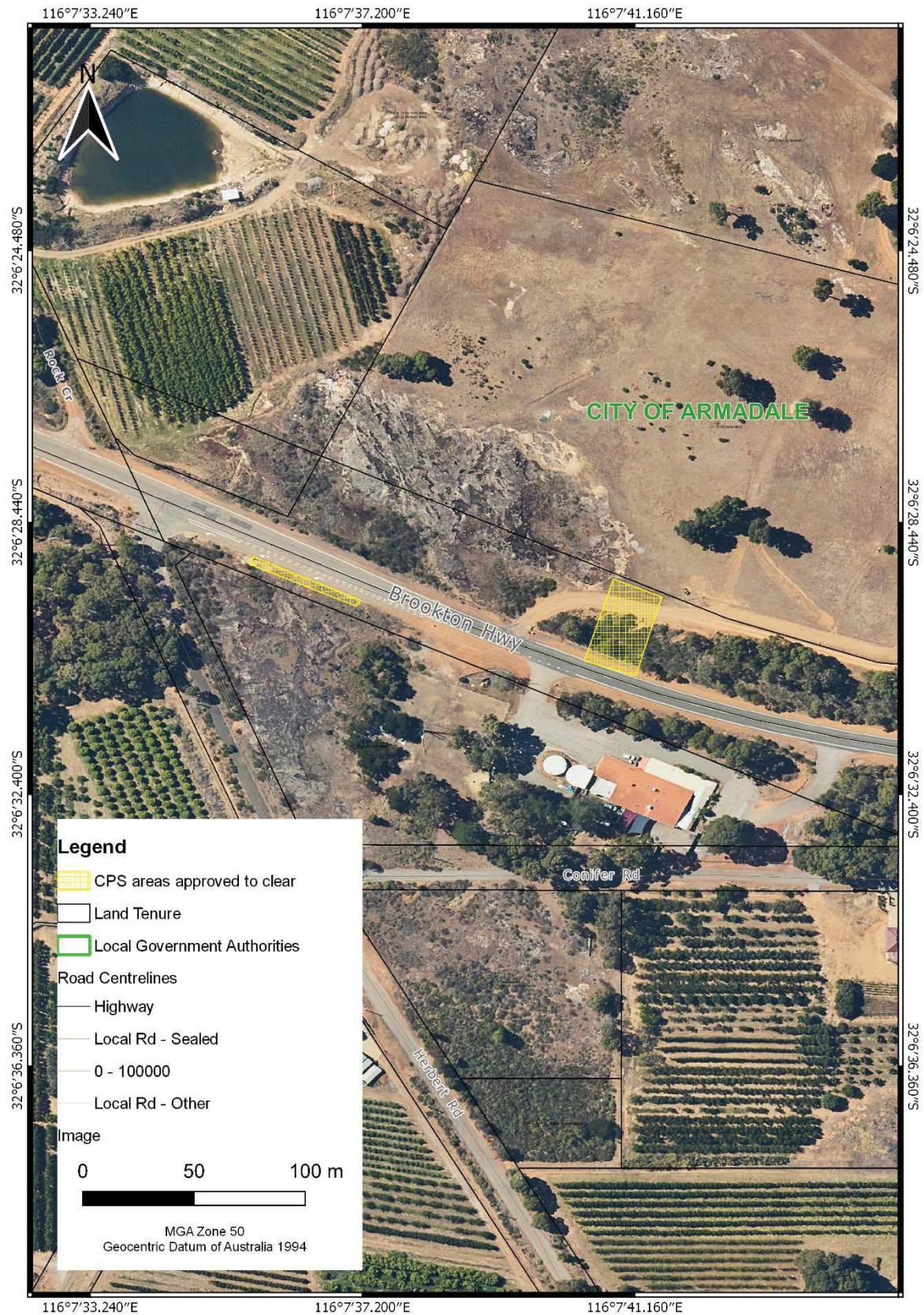
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Mincham  
MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

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

14 October 2021

## SCHEDULE 1

Plan of authorised clearing area



**Figure 1:** Plan of the areas authorised to be cleared (cross-hatched yellow)





## Clearing Permit Decision Report

### 1. Application details and outcome

#### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 9372/1
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Red Gully Forge Pty Ltd
Purpose of clearing:	Upgrade of residential power supply
Property:	Brookton Highway Road reserve (PIN 11559717)
Location (LGA area/s):	City of Armadale

#### 1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is for the proposed clearing of 0.0914 hectares of native vegetation in two sections, both within Brookton Highway Road reserve (PIN 11559717) for the purpose of upgrading an existing electrical connection to a residential house.

The application is to selectively remove vegetation to accommodate works for the placement of an underground electrical connection and a duct underneath the Brookton Highway. There are two proposed clearing areas:

- an approximately 450 metre isolated strip of vegetation on the southern side of the road within the road reserve; and
- a 0.035 hectare patch of partially isolated vegetation on the northern side of the road, located between the Brookton Highway Road and a gravel access road to a residential property.

The application has been made to cover the inadvertent destruction of vegetation that may be caused by the works within the 0.0914 hectare envelope. The vegetation to be cleared consists mainly of grasses, weeds and a small section of a patch of bush.

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

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	14 October 2021
Decision area:	0.0914 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 3 August 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/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**

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 or 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 road construction and vehicle access.

Spatial data indicates the local area (10-kilometre radius from the centre of the area proposed to be cleared) retains approximately 77.7 per cent of the original native vegetation cover. The extent of the native vegetation in the local area is consistent with the national objectives and targets for biodiversity conservation in Australia.

The area is situated between two conservation areas; Midgegooroo National Park located approximately 150 metres east and Stinton Cascades Nature Reserve located approximately 280 metres west of the application area. The minimal scale of proposed clearing is not likely to impact on the environmental values of these conservation areas. The proposed clearing is not likely to lead to appreciable land degradation or impacts to 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.

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
- Imagery
- Local Planning Scheme – Zones and Reserves (DPLH-071)
- Pre-European Vegetation Statistics
- Public Drinking Water Source Areas (DWER-033)
- Regional Parks (DBCA-026)
- Remnant Vegetation, All Areas
- RIWI Act, Groundwater Areas (DWER-034)
- RIWI Act, Surface Water Areas and Irrigation Districts (DWER-037)

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**

Red Gully Forge Pty Ltd (2021). Purpose permit application form and supporting information for Clearing Permit Application CPS 9372/1 (DWER Ref: DWERDT486039)

Mattiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) *Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia*. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment Australia.