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I have conducted a desktop environmental impact assessment utilising available Shire datasets of the proposed vegetation clearing activity for the proposed road re-alignment on the corner of Lights Rd – for reasons that it has been identified as a black spot site. Please find attached an EIA and associated map which indicates no significant environmental values will be adversely impacted upon by the proposed operational disturbance activity. A site visit conducted on 10/08/21 identified 2x mature trees that will require clearing; one Karri (*Eucalyptus diversicolor*) and one Sheoak (*Allocasuarina decussata*). The mature trees were inspected and not found to have any hollows or outstanding significance for threatened fauna habitat; however it is recommended that only those mature trees required to be taken for safety purposes for the road alignment be removed.

It also appears that the activity is not deemed exempt from obtaining a vegetation clearing permit from DWER as per EPA Regulations (2004) as it is considered a new alignment/widening, rather than clearing for maintenance or previously cleared transport corridors. Schedule 2 of the EP Regs 2004 Reg 5 Item 22 states that exemptions apply to existing transport corridors “...clearing to the extent necessary to maintain (but not extend) the intended use of the area.”

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information or clarification is needed.
Thank you,

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