



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	CPS 9401/1
Permit Holder:	Liam & Sharilyn Dekker
Duration of Permit:	From 30 October 2021 to 30 October 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 installation of a transformer and a dome.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 103 on Deposited Plan 75445, Cuthbert
Lower Denmark road reserve (PIN 11211366), Cuthbert

3. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 0.003 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.


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

7 October 2021

SCHEDULE 1

Figure 1 - Plan of authorised clearing area





Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 9401/1
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Liam & Sharilyn Dekker
Purpose of clearing:	Installation of a transformer and a dome
Property:	Lot 103 on Deposited Plan 75445, Cuthbert Lower Denmark road reserve (PIN 11211366), Cuthbert
Location (LGA area/s):	City of Albany

1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is for the proposed clearing of 0.003 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 103 on Deposited Plan 75445 and Lower Denmark road reserve (PIN 11211366), Cuthbert. The vegetation proposed to be cleared is approximately a 3 metre by 3 metre patch of fragmented roadside vegetation, for the purpose of installation of a transformer and a dome (new power connection to property).

1.3. Decision on application and key considerations

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	7 October 2021
Decision area:	0.003 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 19 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 and conservation areas.

After consideration of the available information, 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 a three metre circumference around the existing power pole (Applicant, 2021).

While no evidence of avoidance or mitigation measures were 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 and fauna; does not contain, or form a part of a threatened or priority ecological community; or impact on any riparian vegetation. The application area is not located within an environmentally sensitive area and there are no watercourses or wetlands within application area. The nearest conservation area is located approximately 1.8 kilometres east of the application area and the proposed clearing is not likely to impact on the environmental values of this area. The application area does not intersect any mapped ecological linkage axis. The proposed clearing is not likely to lead to appreciable land degradation or impact surface water quality, groundwater quality or lead to increase in flooding.

Approximately 39.32 per cent of mapped remnant vegetation remains within the local area (10 kilometre radius from the perimeter of the application area), while over 36 per cent of the mapped vegetation association remains within the Jarrah Forest bioregion. This is consistent with the national objectives and targets for biodiversity conservation in Australia.

The proposed clearing area is an area that has already been significantly altered for road construction. The vegetation proposed to be cleared is approximately a 3 metre by 3 metre patch of fragmented roadside vegetation around an existing power pole, adjacent to a major road. Photographs supplied by the applicant (Applicant, 2021), indicate the vegetation occurs in a completely degraded condition (Keighery, 1994) due to being previously cleared. Representative photographs are available in Appendix A.

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 - Photographs





Figures 1, 2 and 3: Photographs of application area

Appendix B - 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

Applicant (2021). Purpose permit application form and supporting information for Clearing Permit Application CPS 9401/1 (DWER Ref: DWERDT493741 and DWERDT488465).

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Keighery, B.J. (1994). *Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community*. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.