



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 9413/1
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Cabling WA Pty Ltd on behalf of Western Power
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	From 22 October 2021 – 22 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 an underground power installation.

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

Callan Street Road reserve (PIN 11837540), Hovea

**3. Area of Clearing**

The permit holder must not clear more than 0.0016 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

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Meenu Vitarana  
A/MANAGER  
NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATION

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

29 September 2021

# SCHEDULE 1



**Figure 1:** Boundary of the area (cross-hatched yellow) within which clearing may occur



# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details and outcome

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 9413/1
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Cabling WA Pty Ltd on behalf of Western Power
Purpose of clearing:	Power Installation
Property:	Callan Street Road reserve (PIN 11837540)
Location (LGA area/s):	Shire of Mundaring

### 1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is for the proposed clearing of 0.0016 hectares of native vegetation Callan Street Road reserve (PIN 11837540) for the purpose of a power installation.

The application is to selectively clear three shrubs that are within the road reserve and need to be cleared for the installation of an underground power line.

### 1.3. Decision on application and key considerations

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	29 September 2021
Decision area:	0.0016 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 30 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 or wetlands.

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

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.

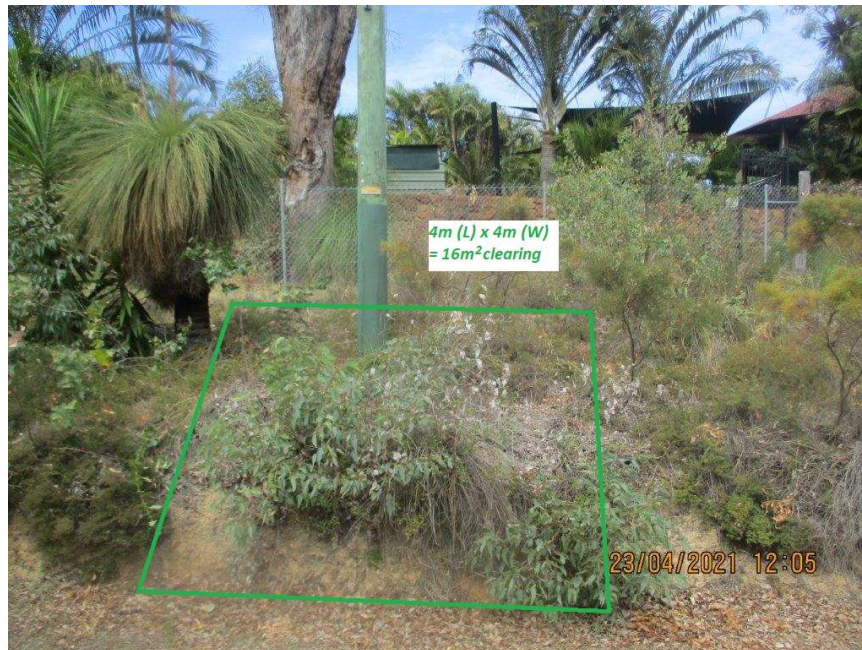
### 2.2. Assessment

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 and fauna; does not contain, or form a part of a threatened or priority ecological community; or impact on any riparian vegetation. At the bioregion Darling Plateau and local (10 kilometre radius from the perimeter of the application area) scale, over 50 per cent of the pre-European vegetation extent remains. The nearest conservation area is located over 890 meters west of the

application area 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.

The proposed clearing for the purpose of an underground power installation may cause short term and localised wind erosion, as it will involve the removal of new growth vegetation. However, noting the very small area of clearing proposed which includes only three shrubs and no large trees (Figure 1), impacts on land degradation are likely to be minimal.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance with principle (g) and is not at variance with the remaining clearing principles.



**Figure 1:** Native vegetation proposed to be cleared (Cabling WA Pty Ltd, 2021)

The Shire of Mandaring has provided a letter of authority for the applicant to undertake the proposed clearing for a new power connection in front of and around Western Power pole S251431 and excavation to install new 25mm LV underground power cable to a new mini pillar at #765 Callan Street (Shire of Mandaring, 2021).

The application area is mapped over an aboriginal site of significance (Mythological, Camp, Hunting Place, Meeting Place, Named Place, Natural Feature, Plant Resource). 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**

Cabling WA Pty Ltd (2021). Purpose permit application form and supporting information for Clearing Permit Application CPS 9413/1 (DWER Ref: DWERT8519)

Shire of Mandaring (2021). Letter of authority from the Shire of Mandaring providing access to the road reserve to undertake the proposed works (DWER Ref: A2041883).