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Attention:

**APPLICATION FOR A CLEARING PERMIT (AREA PERMIT)  
JA & GF VAN HAZENDONK**

Attached is newly completed and signed Form C1 applying for a "clearing permit" to silviculturally thin an area of approximately 30 hectares of regrowth karri forest on our property located approximately 15 km east of the town of Northcliffe.

Also attached is:

- a coloured plan showing the application area (delineated by yellow line),
- a 1:63360 scale map showing the location of the property in relation to surrounding roads, properties and public forests, and
- a copy of our title deeds.

To expand on the "Purpose of clearing" section in Part 4 of the application form, we advise the following:

1. **Forest improvement:** The 30 hectare section of our property which we wish to silviculturally thin is heavily stocked with karri following past harvesting and lends itself to a thinning operation, using the same silvicultural prescription applicable to similar stands of karri regrowth managed on State forest by the Forest Products Commission. This involves retention of habitat trees at a rate of at least five per hectare, retention of any tree with hollows suitable for black cockatoos, retention of a crop tree basal area of 15 m<sup>2</sup> per hectare, tops disposal, and creation of log landings of area no greater than 300m<sup>2</sup> followed by rehabilitation of the landings. Harvesting will be carried out in dry soil conditions using an experienced harvesting contractor working to the Code of Practice for Timber Harvesting published by FIFWA.
2. **Sustainable timber production:** The proposed silvicultural thinning will yield a modest quantity of log timber products which we intend to sell to supplement our farm's income. We intend to carry out a further thinning operation in approximately 20 to 30 years' time. A silvicultural regime of up to four thinning operations, followed by a clear-felling operation and regeneration, then another cycle of thinning (ie the normal silviculture for productive karri forest) is envisaged for future generations.
3. **Fire management and asset protection:** The Northcliffe area is a highly fire prone area, with the most recent catastrophic fire in our district occurring just six years ago, burning through 98,000 hectares. Our house and property are surrounded by public forests which, along with the forests on our own property, cause significant

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anxiety to our whole family every summer fire season. The 30 hectares we wish to thin is very close to our house therefore we wish to conduct a silvicultural thinning operation and a follow-up fuel reduction burn, thus helping to create a fuel-reduced buffer around our house. Without prior thinning, it is very difficult to conduct an effective controlled burn through regrowth karri forest.

Please note that we do not believe that an expensive cockatoo tree habitat survey is necessary given the silvicultural prescription outlined under 1. above.

We look forward to DWER's response as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely




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