



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 9651/1  
File Number: DWERVT9790  
Duration of Permit: From 5 June 2022 to 5 June 2024

### PERMIT HOLDER


Shire of Murray

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Paterson Road road reserve (PIN 1346043), Stake Hill

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.078 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*

13 May 2022

SCHEDULE 1

Plan of authorised clearing areas



Figure 1: Plan of the areas authorised to be cleared



# Clearing Permit Decision Report

## 1. Application details and outcome

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 9651/1
Permit type:	Area permit
Applicant name:	Shire of Murray
Purpose of clearing:	Road widening
Property:	Paterson Road reserve (PIN 1346043)
Location (LGA area/s):	Stake Hill, Shire of Murray

### 1.2. Description of clearing activities

The application is for the proposed clearing of 0.078 hectares (ha) of native vegetation within Paterson Road reserve (PIN 1346043) in the locality of Stake Hill. The project will result in the removal of 17 selected native trees within the 0.078 ha clearing footprint along Paterson Road to enable the Shire to widen and seal the shoulder of the road. This will also support future road widening for the Nambeelup Industrial Area development.

The proposed clearing is within four (4) locations along an approximately 620 metre strip on the western side of the road within the drain and road shoulder. The application states that some of the trees appear to be compromised in form due to management activities for the overhead powerlines which is confirmed through the photographs provided (Appendix A).

### 1.3. Decision on application and key considerations

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	13 May 2022
Decision area:	0.078 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 11 March 2022. DWER advertised the application for public comment for a period of 14 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, 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 environmental impacts 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 and will not impact on any riparian vegetation.

At the bioregion (Swan Coastal Plain) and local (5-kilometre radius from the perimeter of the application area) scale, over 26 and 24 per cent of the pre-European vegetation extent (Bassendean Complex – Central and South) remains. The nearest conservation area, a DBCA land of interest, is located over 950 metres southeast 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.

Noting that the application is within a multiple use geomorphic wetland, the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (f). The proposed clearing is not likely to impact the structural stability of the wetland and deteriorate water quality, the impacts are not considered significant.

Based on the above, the proposed clearing may be at variance to principle (f) and is not likely to be at variance with the remaining 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 – Site photographs



## Appendix B - 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

Shire of Murray (2022). Area permit application form and supporting information for Clearing Permit Application CPS 9651/1. Received on 11 March 2022 (DWER Ref: DWERT9790)

Department of Environment Regulation (DER) (2013). *A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation*. Perth. Available from: [Key document template - Guideline \(der.wa.gov.au\)](http://der.wa.gov.au)

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) (2019). *Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits*. Joondalup. Available from: [Department of Water and Environmental Regulation \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)