

5.6 Avoidance and Mitigation

Operation Centre

- Why did you select this location and amount of clearing?

The location was selected as it is close to existing power and water locations without being visible from the cemetery.

- What alternatives to clearing – e.g. engineering solutions – did you consider?

There were no alternatives considered as most of the available or previously cleared land was to be designated for Cemetery (grave) and Memorial Gardens use.

Other cleared land is not flat enough to build on and major excavations would have been required.

- What changes, if any, did you make to the location or amount of clearing to reduce the impacts of the clearing?

The area selected was adjacent to a fire break section and so had already been cleared of vegetation. A feature survey was conducted to identify any significant trees and most of the trees and scrub in the clearing area are listed as insignificant trees. Most of these trees are Banksias and, unfortunately, have developed Phytophthora dieback (dieback). The trees will be disposed of properly to ensure the disease does not spread.

Lawn Lakeside

- Why did you select this location and amount of clearing?

This area was selected as it is adjoining an existing water source and an existing lawn cemetery. This land was cleared approximately 30 years ago when the existing lake was built. The soil on this site is spill from the construction of the lake and the vegetation in the area is grass that has grown on the large spill pile and bamboo that has grown on the small spill pile.

- What alternatives to clearing – e.g. engineering solutions – did you consider?

As the area had previously been cleared, and close to existing water and the existing Lawn Cemetery there were no alternatives considered. The area will provide approx. 800 gravesites which will mitigate the need to clear anymore land for approx. 40 years. This is based upon the current need for new gravesites.

- What changes, if any, did you make to the location or amount of clearing to reduce the impacts of the clearing?

No changes were made as per the reasoning above

Peninsular Memorial Gardens

- Why did you select this location and amount of clearing?

This area was selected as it is adjoining an existing water source. It will be used as an extension for the existing memorial gardens. This area was also previously cleared approximately 30 years ago. The Peppermint Trees that have been allocated for removal are small in diameter and will be cleared for public access. No native trees in the area will be removed.

- What alternatives to clearing – e.g. engineering solutions – did you consider?

As the area had also been previously cleared and adjoining the existing memorial gardens, no alternatives were considered. The new memorial gardens will provide approx. 1000 memorial positions for the cemetery which should mitigate the need to clear anymore land for approx. 35 years.

- What changes, if any, did you make to the location or amount of clearing to reduce the impacts of the clearing?

No changes were made as per the reasoning above