

Please see photographs of the attached trees that may be removed.

These trees measure 200m or less diameter. These trees are so closely congested that they will not survive – it is already evident on our property that trees so close together will not thrive and are a fire hazard in terms of vehicle accessibility and leaf litter. We are adjacent to a State forest, and fire risk is a constant hazard which we are endeavouring to mitigate as effectively as possible.

All Jarrah, Karri, and other Marri and natives are to be preserved, as may some of the smaller trees.

The context for this application is as follows. The property is heavily populated with Marri of all sizes, including small, spindly ones. It is obvious that this block has been severely cut over in the past, removing most quality timber, particularly Karri and Jarrah. This area is now being used to regenerate randomly and strategically-placed Karri, so as to rehabilitate the long-term quality of the property. We have observed that the Karri planted thus far are struggling for light, due to the density of the Marri.

As this part of the property is lightly grazed by our small flock of sheep and goats, there is no known flora or fauna located in this area at all. Specific areas of the property are preserved in their undeveloped state for flora and fauna maintenance. It should be noted that this clearing nowhere near compares to the mass clearing within the Shire of Manjimup as illustrated in the attached.

The overall intention of this project is to enhance the environment through regeneration of Karri while preserving the viable Marri and through providing native trees with the best opportunities for growth. Given the wholesale clearing of Marri and Karri from properties adjacent to us, for the purpose of introducing cattle, we are of the view that this is an important project in terms of mitigating the negative impacts of those clearings on the overall environment in this area.