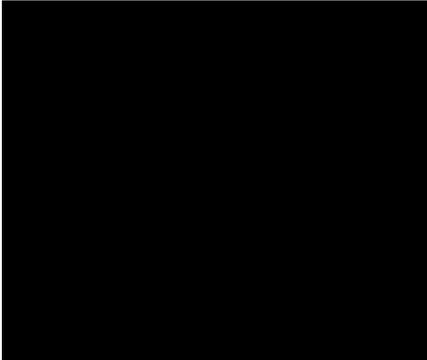


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Boys Home Road Clearing Area Site Visit

A site visit was undertaken on 16/02/2026 to assess and take photographs of vegetation within the clearing area shown in Western Power drawing number SP052541 (Clearing Detail A). The site visit was undertaken by Environmental Consultant [REDACTED], with species identification by Senior Botanist [REDACTED]. Photos from this site visit are provided as an attachment to this letter.

The clearing area is partially cleared with a high weed presence, predominantly African lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*). Established shrub species include Spearwood (*Kunzea glabrescens*) and One-sided Bottlebrush (*Calothamnus quadrifidus* R.Br), with multiple individuals between 1-2 m tall present. Trees in the clearing area include two 5-6 m Salmon White Gum (*Eucalyptus lane-poolei*) individuals and two 3-4 m Albany Bottlebrush (*Melaleuca glauca* also called *Callistemon glaucus*) individuals. Vegetation in the area appears to have been planted and all of the plants are commonplace along the road verge outside of the clearing area. Vegetation condition is Degraded to Completely Degraded.

Prior to the site visit, Eco Logical Australia reviewed *Collie Battery Energy Storage System Targeted Biological Survey* (Biota 2023; available at <https://ftp.dwer.wa.gov.au/permit/10343/CPS%2010343-1%20-%20Supporting%20information%20-%20biological%20survey.PDF>), a publicly available ecological survey report which covered the clearing area. Mapping undertaken by Biota shows the clearing area as 'Historical Revegetation'. Eco Logical Australia considers the vegetation more akin to Biota's 'Planted Roadside Verges' vegetation type which is mapped on the northern side of Boys Home Road. Vegetation observed matched the three tall shrub species described in 'Planted Roadside Verges', as well as having a eucalypt species, though the species is different than those previously identified (Biota 2023). The vegetation also matched that of other roadside verges observed in the area.

No historical records of significant flora have previously been noted within the clearing area (Biota 2023), and no field observations of significant flora were recorded during the site visit.

Due to historical clearing and the degraded nature of the vegetation, within an otherwise heavily forested region, the clearing area is unlikely to provide critical habitat for fauna. Both eucalyptus trees are small and display a splaying growth pattern that would make them unlikely to develop hollows, making them unsuitable as potential Black Cockatoo nesting trees.

There are no conservation or land and water resource values associated with the clearing area. Overall, Eco Logical Australia considers that the environmental value of the clearing area is low.

The purpose of this visit was to inform the need for a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit or referral and was not intended to produce a report in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority's *Technical Guidance Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment*. Prior to clearing, a Native Vegetation Clearing referral should be submitted to Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Regards,

