GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# CLEARING PERMIT

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

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| **Purpose Permit number:** | CPS 11140/2 |
| **Permit Holder:** | Forest Products Commission |
| **Duration of Permit:** | From 17 September 2026 to 14 March 2028 |

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* subject to the following conditions of this permit.

## PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

### 1. Clearing authorised (purpose)

The permit holder is authorised to clear *native vegetation* for the purpose of timber harvesting.

### 2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 4470 on Deposited Plan 29854, Karridale

### 3. Clearing authorised

The permit holder must not clear more than 52.42 hectares of *native vegetation* within the combined areas cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

## PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

### 4. Clearing not authorised

(a) The permit holder must not undertake any clearing activities within the combined areas cross-hatched yellow in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 from 1 September to 30 November of each calendar year, to avoid the breeding season of the white-bellied frog (*Anstisia alba)*.

(b) Prior to clearing, the permit holder must demarcate, with spray paint or flagging tape, the combined areas cross-hatched red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

(c) The permit holder must not undertake any clearing activities within the combined areas cross-hatched red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

(d) When undertaking clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must not traverse the combined areas cross-hatched red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 with any machinery.

(e) Condition 4(d) of this permit does not apply to firebreaks within the combined areas cross-hatched red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1 outside of the white-bellied frog (*Anstisia alba*) breeding period from 1 September to 30 November, for the following purposes:

(i) *fire management activities*; and

(ii) for access to areas authorised to be cleared under this permit, where such access is essential to carry out the authorised clearing.

(f) If native or non-native felled trees fall within the areas cross-hatched red on Figure 1 of Schedule 1 during clearing activities, the permit holder must:

(i) immediately report the incident to Department of Conservation and Attractions (DBCA);

(ii) obtain approval from DBCA, prior to removing the felled tree; and

(iii) not allow machinery to enter the areas cross-hatched red on Figure 1 of Schedule 1, when removing the felled tree.

## 5. Avoid, minimise, and reduce impacts and extent of clearing

In determining the *native vegetation* authorised to be cleared under this permit, the permit holder must apply the following principles, set out in descending order of preference:

(a) avoid the clearing of *native vegetation*;

(b) minimise the amount of *native vegetation* to be cleared; and

(c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

## 6. Weed and dieback management

When undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the permit holder must take the following measures to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback*:

(a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;

(b) ensure that no known *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill*, or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and

(c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

## 7. Directional clearing

The permit holder must:

(a) conduct clearing activities authorised under this permit in one direction towards adjacent native vegetation; and

(b) allow a reasonable time for fauna present within the area being cleared to move into adjacent native vegetation ahead of the clearing activity.

## 8. Fauna habitat and wetland management – Pre-rainfall sediment control

The permit holder must:

(a) install *sediment and runoff control measures* prior to 1 May 2027, following the commencement of clearing.

(b) inspect the *sediment and runoff control measures* required under Condition 8(a) when a *significant rainfall event* is predicated to occur and implement *mitigation measures* to immobilise sediment within runoff, from flowing into the combined areas cross-hatched red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

**9. Fauna habitat and wetland management – Post-rainfall sediment control**

The permit holder must inspect *sediment and runoff control measures* after every *significant rainfall event* and apply further *mitigation measures,* as required, to immobilise sediment within runoff from flowing into the areas cross-hatched red in Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

**10. Fauna habitat and wetland management – Fire management**

(a) The permit holder must use a portable water tank during clearing activities for *fire management activities*.

(b) The permit holder must not abstract water from watercourses or wetlands located within the areas cross-hatched red on Figure 1 of Schedule 1.

## PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

**11. Records that must be kept**

The permit holder must maintain records relating to the listed relevant matters in accordance with the specifications detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Records that must be kept**

| No. | Relevant matter | Specifications |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | In relation to the authorised clearing activities generally. | (a) the boundaries of clearing undertaken on each date, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to GDA2020, expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings;<br>(b) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);<br>(c) method of clearing;<br>(d) actions taken to avoid, minimise, and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing in accordance with condition 5;<br>(e) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds* and *dieback* in accordance with condition 6;<br>(f) actions taken in accordance with condition 7; and<br>(g) actions taken in accordance with condition 10. |
| 2. | In relation to fauna habitat and wetland management pursuant to condition 8 and 9. | (a) type(s) and date(s) that *sediment and runoff control measures* are installed; and<br>(b) other actions taken to manage and control sediment in accordance conditions 8 and 9 of this permit. |

**12. Reporting**

(a) The permit holder must provide to the *CEO* on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:

(i) of records required under condition 11 of this Permit; and

(ii) concerning activities done by the permit holder under this Permit between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding calendar year.

(b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit has been undertaken, a written report confirming that no clearing under this Permit has been undertaken, must be provided to the *CEO* on or before 30 June of each year.

(c) Prior to the expiry date of this Permit, the permit holder must provide to the *CEO* a written report of records required under condition 11 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 12(a) of this Permit.

## DEFINITIONS

In this permit, the terms in Table 2 have the meanings defined.

**Table 2: Definitions**

| Term | Definition |
|---|---|
| CEO | Chief Executive Officer of the department responsible for the administration of the clearing provisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. |
| clearing | has the meaning given under section 3(1) of the EP Act. |
| condition | a condition to which this clearing permit is subject under section 51H of the EP Act. |
| dieback | means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on native vegetation. |
| department | means the department established under section 35 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* (WA) and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3. |
| EP Act | *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA) |
| fill | means material used to increase the ground level, or to fill a depression. |
| fire management activities | means actions taken to reduce bushfire risk. |
| mitigation measures | means methods to prevent, reduce or control adverse environmental effects of sediment arising from the clearing activities. |
| mulch | means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation. |
| native vegetation | has the meaning given under section 3(1) and section 51A of the EP Act. |
| sediment and runoff control measures | means earth bunds, hay bales or similar, to act as sediment traps to prevent the movement of sediments through runoff into adjacent waterways and wetlands. |
| significant rainfall event | means 40 millimetres of rainfall, or greater is predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology, within a 24-hour period. |

| Term | Definition |
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| weeds | means any plant –<br>(a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or<br>(b) published in a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions species-led ecological impact and invasiveness ranking summary, regardless of ranking; or<br>(c) not indigenous to the area concerned. |

**END OF CONDITIONS**

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# Schedule 1

The boundary of the area authorised to be cleared is shown in the map below (Figure 1)

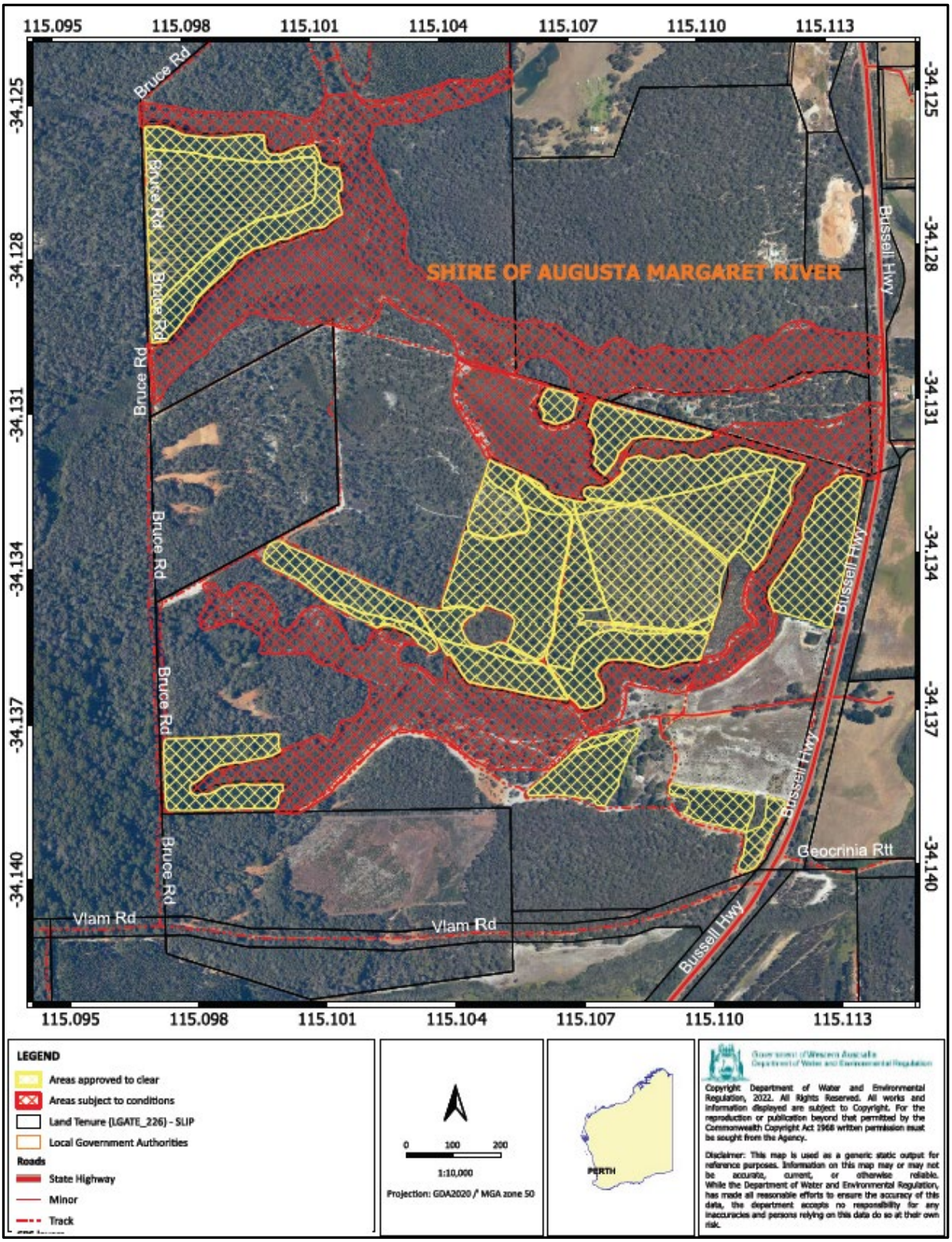



**Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the area within which clearing may occur (cross-hatched yellow) and the boundary of the areas subject to conditions 4, 8, 9 and 10 (cross-hatched red)**