Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Clearing Permit Decision Report

1 Application details and outcome

1.1. Permit application details

Permit number:	CPS 11140/2
Permit type:	Purpose permit
Applicant name:	Forest Products Commission
Application area	55.24 hectares of native vegetation
Purpose of clearing:	Timber Harvesting
Method of clearing:	Mechanical
Property:	Lot 4470 on Deposited Plan 29854
Location (LGA area/s):	Karridale

1.2. Description of application

The application relates to an amendment initiated under section 51K(h) of the *Environment Protection Act 1986*, to give effect to the Minister for Environment's (the Minister) determination to allow in part an appeal against Clearing Permit CPS 11140/1.

As per CPS 11140/1, Forest Products Commission (FPC) currently hold a Profit a Prendre timber sharefarming agreement on Lot 4470 on Deposited Plan 29854, owned by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). *Pinus radiata* is the dominant plantation species in this lot (FPC, 2025). The pine plantation has been identified as a risk to the survival of the white-bellied frogs (*Anstisia alba*) which resides in creeks within the property due to increased fire risk of the plantation, sedimentation risk caused by machinery and vehicles in plantation-associated activities, and hydrological resources utilized by the pines (FPC, 2025).

The clearing permit is to facilitate the early harvesting of the existing pine plantation to support the recovery of native vegetation and to enhance habitat for white-bellied frogs. Areas to be cleared will then be rehabilitated with native species by DBCA to restore the local native vegetation complex (DBCA, 2025).

1.3. Decision on application

Decision:	Granted
Decision date:	17 September 2026
Decision area:	52.42 hectares of native vegetation

1.4. Reasons for decision

On 27 January 2026, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) determined to grant Clearing Permit CPS 11140/1 authorising Forest Product's Commission to clear 52.42 hectares of native vegetation for timber harvesting (DWER, 2026).

One appeal was lodged against the conditions of Clearing Permit CPS 11140/1, with one appeal ground raised. In summary, the appeal related to the inadequate condition setting for avoidance and mitigation measures, reporting requirements and rehabilitation targets. It was submitted that avoidance and mitigation measures established in the decision report were not effectively transferred to the permit conditions, and that the rehabilitation measures were inadequate.

This clearing permit amendment gives effect to the Ministers determination which is to allow the appeal in part to the extent that conditions be amended to strengthen environmental outcomes for the protection of habitat for the Critically Endangered, white-bellied frog (*Anstisia alba*). (Appeal number 006 of 2026). The Minister determined that Condition 4 should be strengthened to include in-field mitigation measures, and additional measures are included to address the potential impact from fire management actions.

The final wording of any amendments to permit conditions was left to the department's discretion.

Specifically, the Minister determined the following:

- condition 4(b) is required to be amended to explicitly require demarcation of the buffer zones prior to clearing activities;
- a new condition is required to be added to manage felled trees landing in the creek habitat; and
- a new condition is required to be added to exclude the extraction of water from the property for fire management purposes.

The Delegated Officer has taken the above matters into consideration and has decided to grant an amended clearing permit in accordance with the Minister's determination.

2 Assessment of application

2.1. Assessment

This amendment is the result of an appeal determination made by the Minister regarding the amendment of Clearing Permit CPS 11140/1. As a result of the appeal determination, the assessment against the clearing principles and planning and other matters have not changed from the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 11140/1 (DWER, 2026).

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Appendix A. Sources of information

A.1. References

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) (2026). Clearing permit and decision report: CPS 11140/1 Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Perth. Available from Index of /permit/11140.

Minister for Environment (2026). Minister's Appeal Determination: Appeal against grant of a Clearing Permit CPS 11140/1, Lot 4470 on Deposited Plan 29854, Karridale, Shire of Augusta-Margaret River.