Supporting Statement — Native Vegetation Clearing Referral (s.51DA)

New Western Power residential connection — Lot 689, 166 Redgate Rd, Witchcliffe WA 6286
Western Power Project SP053066 | Referrer: Bodhi Sutton, Integrated Electrical Contracting (EC14710)

1. Purpose of works and legislative authority

This referral relates to the installation of approximately 170m of underground low-voltage cable and one uni pillar to provide a new 5kVA residential connection to the Western Power network, in accordance with Western Power customer connection design SP053066 Rev A (issued for construction, attached). The network works within the Rowe Rd West / Knox Pl road reserve will be constructed by or for Western Power as network operator in the exercise of powers conferred by the **Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979 (WA)** (including Part 3 powers relating to works on, over or under public land). Integrated Electrical Contracting is the customer's electrical contractor for the connection and is obtaining the clearing approvals required of the customer under item G of the Customer Scope of Works on SP053066.

2. Installation methodology

The cable will be installed by horizontal directional drilling (HDD); no open trenching is proposed. Western Power's Senior Project Delivery Specialist has confirmed in writing (correspondence attached) that ground disturbance is limited to the areas where drill entry and exit holes are established. These pit locations and the pillar location are within previously cleared/disturbed road verge. Native vegetation clearing is expected to be nil to negligible, limited at most to minor pruning or removal of scattered regrowth (site photographs attached).

3. Landowner and land manager

The works are undertaken at the request of the owner of Lot 689 (Western Power's customer for the connection). The clearing extent is within the dedicated road reserve under the care, control and management of the Shire of Augusta–Margaret River. Written land-manager approval for the works within the road reserve has been requested from the Shire and will be provided to DWER as soon as it is received. The referrer requests that assessment proceed in parallel; the Shire approval will be supplied during the assessment period.

4. Clearing extent reference

The potential clearing envelope is Detail A on sheet 2 of SP053066, defined by 14 pegged coordinates (MGA94-50) tabulated on the drawing. The design drawing records the avoidance and minimisation methods considered during design, including use of previously cleared land, existing access tracks, undergrounding/drilling instead of trenching, and selection of entry/exit hole locations to avoid clearing.

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