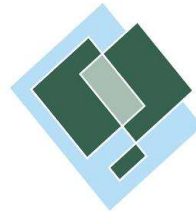




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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Clearing activities are conducted across many projects in WA in any one year. MRWA manages their road construction and maintenance activities via eight regions in WA. The audit objective is to assess compliance against the CPS 818/15 audit criteria for at least one project from each of the eight regions of MRWA, where native vegetation clearing activities were undertaken between 1 January and 31 December 2022. The MRWA regions are listed below:

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- Wheatbelt;
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- Kimberley.

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Each MRWA region was assessed separately, including the projects that conducted clearing of native vegetation in 2022. In order to select a range of projects with different risk settings, the risk assessment evaluated the following aspects:

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Table E1 lists the projects selected under each MRWA region.

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Kimberley Region	Kimberley Materials Strategy-GRR SLK 146 & 162 Area 34 & 35 (162) (EOS No. 578)	15	As part of the State Gravel Supply Strategy, Main Roads proposes to extract road building materials from two areas adjacent to the Gibb River Road at SLK 146.30 and 162.02. The areas would first be subject to a materials investigation program, following which (if suitable material is identified), an extraction program.





A total of 624 compliance obligations were identified for assessment related to the eight projects assessed. A summary of compliance assessment outcomes is provided in Table E2 below.

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1 INTRODUCTION

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The CPS 818 was initially granted on 12 December 2005 and has since been amended 15 times with the latest version (CPS 818/16) made on 2 June 2023.

The MRWA regions are listed below:

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1.1 PURPOSE

This audit report has been prepared to address Condition 16(a) of the CPS 818/15, which requires an external audit of compliance to be conducted every two years.





1.2 SCOPE

The scope of this audit is defined by the conditions of CPS 818/15. The compliance assessment includes native vegetation clearing activities undertaken between 1 January and 31 December 2022.

The assessment of compliance was conducted for eight projects, one from each region of MRWA, as selected under Section 2.1 (Table 1).



2 AUDIT METHODOLOGY

The audit process was designed to systematically gather objective evidence to evaluate the level of compliance with the CPS 818/15 conditions for each of the eight MRWA projects selected. The audit methodology included desktop assessment of compliance with audit criteria, reviewing relevant documentation, interviewing and / or communicating with responsible employees or representatives. The review and inspection of available records and documentation was provided by MRWA. No field inspections were completed by the auditors.

Compliance with conditions of the CPS 818/15 was assessed in an objective manner to the extent that the wording of the conditions and evidence available allowed for a definitive determination. However, the auditors' combined level of experience was also critical in circumstances where compliance against an obligation required some degree of interpretation and judgment as to the status of compliance.

The audit proceeded according to the following steps:

- Review of list of MRWA projects that conducted clearing of native vegetation under CPS 818/15 during 1 January to 31 December 2022 (list provided by MRWA);
- Selection of projects to be audited, based on risk assessment process;
- Review of MRWA website information available;
- Preparation of an audit table with CPS 818/15 conditions for each of the eight MRWA projects selected;
- Planning and logistics for auditors to undertake targeted information gathering at the MRWA office including desktop searches and discussion with MRWA personnel;
- Review of MRWA database and GIS system information with assistance from [REDACTED] (MRWA Environmental Officer);
- Follow-up preparation and provision to MRWA of a Request for Further Information (RFI);
- Assessment of compliance within audit tables utilising sourced and provided information;
- Provision of draft report to MRWA;
- Review and address MRWA comments; and
- Preparation of final audit report.

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The assessment was restricted to documentation and data provided by MRWA and did not include on-site inspections to verify aspects such as current clearing progress or revegetation stage. Table 1 lists the projects selected under each MRWA region.

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2.2 COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Information gathering utilised a standard three points of evidence approach – using the following information sources:

1. Desktop assessment of compliance with audit criteria;
2. Review of relevant documents to determine compliance; and
3. Interviews/correspondence with responsible employees or representatives.

An iterative process of information gathering continued over a period of weeks during July to September 2023. Interviews, information gathering and subsequent RFI requests was undertaken by Doug Koontz (Lead Auditor) and Marilyn Quintero (Senior Environmental Consultant) in consultation with MRWA personnel. Interviews and information gathering were mainly undertaken during attendance at the MRWA Perth office with assistance of [REDACTED] (MRWA Environmental Officer).

2.3 ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Obligations identified from the CPS 818/15 (Conditions 1 – 16) were arranged in spreadsheets to assist the auditors in assessing overall compliance (See Appendix 1). Compliance with each obligation was rated in accordance with the outcome categories provided by MRWA as described in Table 2.

The auditors' combined level of experience was critical in circumstances where compliance against an obligation required a degree of interpretation and judgment. In circumstances where verbal advice was provided or interpretation of available information was required, compliance was determined in consultation with the Lead Auditor.

An advanced copy of the draft report was provided to MRWA on 22 September 2023 providing an opportunity to identify information gaps before preparing final audit report.

Table 2: Audit Outcome definitions

Outcome	Acronym	Meaning
Compliance	C	No significant evidence of non-compliance noted from the auditor's observations and evidence presented.
Opportunity for Improvement	OFI	Enough evidence to demonstrate compliance, with an improved way to achieve compliance.
Observation	OB	Not strictly related to compliance or non-compliance, rather a weakness that might lead to a non-compliance if nothing is done to prevent its occurrence.
Non-Compliance	NC	A non-fulfilment or partial fulfilment of a requirement.
Not Applicable	NA	The obligation is not active during the time period of the review (calendar year 2022).



3 AUDIT FINDINGS

The audit has confirmed a high level of compliance with CPS 818/15 conditions in relation to the native vegetation clearing activities undertaken in 2022. Most of the applicable conditions were related to the preparation of an assessment report, management plans, provision of records and evidence to demonstrate that ground-disturbance activities have been undertaken as per CPS 818/15 requirements.

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Table 4: Summary of audit findings

MRWA Region	Project EOS No.	Project Name	C	OFI	OB	NC	NA	Total
Metropolitan	2003	Thomas Road - Casuarina - Roundabout Construction	71	0	0	0	7	78
South West Region	2439	Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK	38	0	0	0	40	78
Wheatbelt Region	1771	Great Eastern Hwy Walgoolan to Southern Cross - Package 1A	50	0	0	0	28	78
Great Southern Region	941	Gordon South Stage 1 - Albany Highway Reconstruction	53	0	1	0	24	78





MRWA Region	Project EOS No.	Project Name	C	OFI	OB	NC	NA	Total
Goldfields Esperance	2189	CEH Upgrade - Emu Rocks	44	0	0	0	34	78
Midwest Gascoyne Region	1824	GNH 966 SLK Material Pit	27	1	0	0	50	78
Pilbara Region	1087	Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit	60	0	0	0	18	78
Kimberley Region	578	Kimberley Materials Strategy-GRR SLK 146 & 162 Area 34 & 35 (162)	39	1	0	0	38	78
Total			382	2	1	0	239	624

Observations and opportunity for improvement identified in this audit are presented in more detail in the subsequent section.

3.1 OBSERVATION ITEMS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT

A total of one item was assessed to be an observation and two items to be opportunities for improvement. These items require attention to confirm full compliance and are presented in more detail in the following table (Table 5).

The *Comments* column in Table 5 identifies the particular area that refers to the Observation or Opportunity for Improvement outcome, as marked in bold.



Table 5: Observations and Opportunities for Improvement

Item No.	Project name and EOS No.	CPS 818/15 condition No.	CPS 818/15 Condition	Comment	Compliance
1.	Gordon South Stage 1 - Albany Highway Reconstruction (EOS No. 941)	Condition 9(a)	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	<p>It seems to be not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works, as per MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.</p> <p>OB relates to inconsistency within the Clearing Assessment Report as Section 2 states that no temporary clearing is proposed, but Section 2 also states that Main Roads intends to revegetate the road reserve and DPLH reserve cleared for sidetrack construction.</p>	OB
2.	GNH 966 SLK Material Pit (EOS No. 1824)	Condition 9(a)	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	<p>OFI relates to inconsistency within the Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment (PCIA) (MRWA, 2020) as Sections 1.1 and 6 state that no temporary clearing is required. However, proposed clearing is for material pits which are considered temporary works as per CPS 818/15 Definitions.</p> <p>A Revegetation Plan was prepared: MRWA - Revegetation Plan - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967.3 SLK - April 2020 - D19#1097115.</p> <p>MRWA advised that the pit is still in use, and revegetation and rehabilitation will occur after the pit is no longer in use.</p>	OFI
3.	Kimberley Materials Strategy-GRR SLK 146 & 162 Area 34 & 35 (162) (EOS No. 578)	Condition 6(d)	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; 	<p>(i), (iii), (vi), (vii), (viii) MRWA - PCIA and VMP - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530.</p> <p>(ii) as per condition 6(b).</p> <p>(iv) Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [REDACTED] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer).</p>	OFI





Item No.	Project name and EOS No.	CPS 818/15 condition No.	CPS 818/15 Condition	Comment	Compliance
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rehabilitation and revegetation are likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit. 	<p>OFI relates to a discrepancy found in the number of hectares and polygon of the clearing area. [REDACTED] (MRWA Environmental officer) advised that polygon is showing clearing from 2014, before clearing under CPS 818 was approved, and that one of the 2022 clearing events was registered twice, resulting in a total clearing of 3.26 ha rather than 2.38 ha, in the GIS system.</p> <p>(v) Not applicable.</p> <p>(ix)(A) C as per condition 9(a).</p> <p>(B) NA as per condition 10(a).</p>	



3.2 SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE STATUS FOR EACH CONDITION

A summary of compliance against each CPS 818/15 condition has been detailed in Appendix 1. A qualitative summary of auditing findings grouped by each section of CPS 818/15 is shown in Table 6. It demonstrates the broad basis of compliance across the selected permits and categories of conditions.

Table 6: Summary of compliance against each condition

CPS Section	Condition Overview	EOS No. 2003	EOS No. 2439	EOS No. 1771	EOS No. 941	EOS No. 2189	EOS No. 1824	EOS No. 1087	EOS No. 578
1	Authorised Clearing	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
2	Non-Authorised Clearing	C	NA	NA	NA	C	C	C	NA
3	Authorisation Application	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
4	Limit to Authorisation	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
5	Avoid, Minimise and Reduce	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
6	Desktop Study	C	C	C	C	C	NA	C	OFI
7	Environmental Assessment	C	NA	C	C	NA	NA	C	NA
8	Submissions	C	NA	NA	C	NA	NA	NA	NA
9	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	C	NA	NA	OB	NA	OFI	C	C
10	Dieback and Weed Control	C	C	NA	C	NA	NA	NA	NA
11	Offsets	C	NA	C	C	NA	NA	NA	NA
12	Monitoring	NA	NA	C	NA	NA	NA	C	C
13	Records Maintenance	C	C	C	C	NA	NA	C	C
14	Reporting	C	C	C	C	C	C	NA	C
15	Internal Auditing	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16	External Auditing	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

3.3 PROJECT SUMMARY AND FINDINGS

The following provides a summary of selected projects audited for each region.

3.3.1 METROPOLITAN REGION – PROJECT: 2003 THOMAS ROAD CASUARINA ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION

The project involved proposed clearing of up to 1.8 hectares (ha) of native vegetation in an approximately 8.13 ha clearing footprint, for the purpose of the duplication of Thomas Road between SLK 6.30 to 7.80, in the City of Kwinana. The construction of a new roundabout on Thomas Road and two crossovers to accommodate commercial development to the south was also undertaken.





Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 28 March and 29 April resulting in an actual clearing area of 0.2 ha of native vegetation. All clearing works were classified as permanent, so no rehabilitation and revegetation were required.

The project was approved using CPS 818/15 in accordance with the Clearing Assessment Report and VMP dated August 2021.

A Dieback Management Plan was also approved in accordance with Condition 10 (b) of CPS 818/15 which states that *'If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback'*.

The proposed clearing was assessed to be at variance with the following Clearing Principles:

- Principle (a) – Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.
- Principle (b) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to WA.
- Principle (f) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.

The proposed clearing was also assessed as potentially at variance with Clearing Principle (h).

- Principle (h) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.

A monetary offset to the amount of \$69,409 was provided for clearing of 0.43 ha of native vegetation that provides foraging habitat for Carnaby's cockatoo within the extensively cleared landscape of the Swan Coastal Plain.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

3.3.2 SOUTH WEST REGION – PROJECT: 2439 MUIR HIGHWAY - LOW COST SHOULDER SEALING 9 - 19 SLK

The project involved clearing of native vegetation within 3 m of the existing edge of seal to safely construct the sealed shoulder, extend culverts and improve the open drainage system between 9.0 – 19.6 SLK along the Muir Highway. The works required the removal of up to 50 trees, with no native understory proposed for removal. Clearing was proposed not to exceed 0.5 ha within a 31.8 ha Development Envelope.

Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 31 January and 4 February resulting in an actual clearing area of 0.5 ha of native vegetation. All clearing works were classified as permanent, so no rehabilitation and revegetation were required.

The project was approved using CPS 818/15 in accordance with the Clearing Assessment Report dated December 2021.





A Dieback Management Plan was also prepared. However, all works were undertaken during dry soil conditions.

The proposed clearing was assessed to be not likely at variance with any of the 10 Clearing Principles. Therefore, the Clearing Assessment Report was not required to be referred to DWER for approval.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

3.3.3 WHEATBELT REGION - PROJECT 1771 GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY WALGOOLAN TO SOUTHERN CROSS - PACKAGE 1A

The project involved clearing of up to 5.01 ha of native vegetation for the upgrade of the GEH between SLK 290.60 to 293.30 involving 2.5 km of widening and overlay and including realigning and replacing Walgoolan Bridge in the Shire of Westonia.

Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 6 July and 10 August resulting in an actual clearing area of 4.5 ha of native vegetation. All clearing works were classified as permanent, so no rehabilitation and revegetation were required.

The project was approved using CPS 818/14 in accordance with the Clearing Assessment Report dated June 2018.

The proposed clearing was assessed to be at variance with clearing principle (e) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.

A monetary offset to the amount of \$22,823 was provided for the purchase of approximately 27.834 ha within the Shire of Westonia to compensate for the significant residual impacts associated with the clearing of native vegetation for the road project.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

3.3.4 GREAT SOUTHERN REGION - PROJECT: 941 GORDON SOUTH STAGE 1 - ALBANY HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION

The project involved widening and overlay works as well as reconstruction of substandard curves along the Gordon River South section of the Albany Highway between SLK 308.3 and 316.50. The scope of works also included associated drainage works, side tracks, installation of fencing, and relocation of services.

The proposed clearing using CPS 818 was 9.7 ha within a 39.03 ha proposal area. No temporary clearing using CPS 818 was proposed.

Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 1 January and 10 February resulting in an actual clearing area of 4.51 ha of native vegetation.



The project was approved using CPS 818/15 in accordance with the Clearing Assessment Report and VMP dated September 2021.

The proposed clearing was assessed to be at variance with the following Clearing Principles:

- Principle (a) – Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.
- Principle (b) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to WA.
- Principle (c) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.
- Principle (e) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.
- Principle (f) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.

Offsets were required including a monetary offset contribution of \$81,287 for the purchase of 44.91 ha of native vegetation in the Shire of Cranbrook, prior to undertaking any clearing.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

One observation was noted as follows:

- Inconsistency within the Clearing Assessment Report as Section 2 states that no temporary clearing is proposed, but Section 2 also states that Main Roads intends to revegetate the road reserve and DPLH reserve cleared for sidetrack construction (Condition 9(a)).

3.3.5 GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE REGION - PROJECT: 2189 COOLGARDIE ESPERANCE HIGHWAY UPGRADE - EMU ROCKS

The project involved upgrading a 30 km section of CEH (SLK 49.50 – 80.00) located approximately 50 km south-east of Coolgardie near Widgiemooltha, in the Shire of Coolgardie. The works included:

- Road reconstruction and realignment.
- Shoulder widening and sealing.
- Construction of passing lanes.
- Upgrade of a railway crossing.
- Intersection upgrades.
- Line marking and audio tactile edge lines.
- Service relocations.
- Upgrade and replace culverts.

The proposed clearing to be undertaken using CPS 818 was up to and not exceeding 100 ha.

Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 10 January and 29 June resulting in an actual clearing area of 48.11 ha of native vegetation. All clearing works were classified as permanent, so no rehabilitation and revegetation were required.



The project was approved using CPS 818/15 in accordance with the Clearing Assessment Report dated October 2020.

The proposed clearing was assessed to be at variance with clearing principle (f) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland. However, MRWA determined that as the combined area of vegetation clearing associated with minor non-perennial watercourses and a wetland (that is not a defined wetland), is less than 0.5 ha, the proposal would not be required to be submitted to DWER.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

3.3.6 MIDWEST GASCOYNE REGION - PROJECT: 1824 GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY 966 SLK MATERIAL PIT

The project is located on GNH at 966 SLK within the Shire of Meekatharra. The project involved investigations to identify potential naturally occurring road building materials for borrow/basecourse. Stockpiling of suitable materials will be staged as per project requirements where are located.

The proposed clearing using CPS 818 was up to 40.2 ha. No temporary clearing was proposed so no revegetation and rehabilitation activities were required.

Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 9 August and 27 September resulting in an actual clearing area of 29.98 ha of native vegetation.

Clearing under CPS 818 was undertaken in accordance with a PCIA and VMP which was prepared for Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK -in June 2018. MRWA determined that the proposed clearing for the project was unlikely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles. Therefore, the project was not required to be submitted to DWER.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

An opportunity for improvement was identified relating to an inconsistency found within the PCIA as Sections 1.1 and 6 state that no temporary clearing is required. However, proposed clearing is for material pits which are considered temporary works, as per CPS 818/15 Definitions. A Revegetation Plan was prepared.

3.3.7 PILBARA REGION - PROJECT: 1087 MT LOCKYER STRATEGIC MATERIAL PIT

The project is located on GNH 1357 SLK within the Shire of East Pilbara and involves the creation of a material extraction pit for future road construction and maintenance purposes. The proposed area to be cleared under CPS 818 is 144 ha.

Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 17 and 18 March resulting in an actual clearing area of 0.142 ha of native vegetation. All clearing works were classified as temporary, so revegetation and rehabilitation are eventually required.





A Clearing Assessment Report and VMP was prepared for the project dated December 2021 and submitted to DWER for approval. The project was subsequently approved by DWER in January 2018.

The proposed clearing was assessed to be at variance with clearing principle (f) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland. However, DWER determined that the proposed clearing was not likely to result in significant residual impacts. Therefore, MRWA was not required to implement an offset proposal for the project.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

3.3.8 KIMBERLEY REGION - PROJECT: 578 KIMBERLEY MATERIALS STRATEGY-GRR SLK 146 & 162 AREA 34 & 35 (162)

As part of the State Gravel Supply Strategy, MRWA proposed to extract road building materials from two areas adjacent to the Gibb River Road at SLK 146.30 and 162.02. The areas would first be subject to a materials investigation program, following which (if suitable material is identified), MRWA could commence an extraction program.

The proposed area to be cleared for Gibb River Road SLK 162.06 under CPS 818 is 15 ha.

Clearing during 2022 was conducted between 1 May and 1 August resulting in an actual clearing area of 2.38 ha of native vegetation. All clearing works were classified as temporary, so revegetation and rehabilitation are eventually required.

A PCIA and VMP was prepared for the project dated November 2016 and submitted to DWER for approval. The project was subsequently approved by DWER in January 2017.

The proposed clearing was assessed to be at variance with clearing principle (f) - Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland. However, DWER determined that based on revised clearing boundaries, impacts on water courses are unlikely to be significant.

The project was also determined to be unlikely at variance with the remaining clearing principles. Therefore, MRWA was not required to prepare a Clearing Impact Assessment or an offset proposal.

The independent audit determined that the 2022 clearing of native vegetation was compliant with all applicable conditions under CPS 818/15.

An Opportunity for Improvement was identified relating to a discrepancy found in the number of hectares and polygon of the clearing area. It appears that some clearing events were incorrectly registered resulting in a total clearing of 3.26 ha rather than 2.38 ha, in the MRWA GIS system.





4 CONCLUSION

The audit outcomes indicate that the environmental management practices applied to the projects' clearing activities undertaken under CPS 818/15 have been well targeted and effective in meeting the implementation of the CPS 818/15 conditions.

The audit reveals that 382 (61%) of the 624 evaluated requirements were able to be assessed as compliant. No non-compliant items were identified.

Observations were marked in one (0.2%) item, where management and outcomes are not consistent in meeting the full extent of the obligation.

Additionally, two (0.3%) opportunities for improvement were noted due to an inconsistency in proposed temporary clearing for one of the projects and a discrepancy in the numbers of hectares and polygon of the clearing area on one of the projects.

A total of 239 (38.3%) of the obligations were not applicable due to the low complexity of the clearing activities or timing of the revegetation, rehabilitation or monitoring actions.





5 GLOSSARY

Term	Meaning
CEH	Coolgardie Esperance Highway
CPS	Clearing Permit
CPS 818/15	Clearing Permit 818/15 approved on 25 June 2020, valid until 30 June 2023
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)</i>
GEH	Great Eastern Highway
GNH	Great Northern Highway
Ha	Hectare
km	Kilometres
M	Metre
MRWA	Main Roads Western Australia
PCIA	Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment
Preston Consulting	Preston Consulting Pty Ltd
RFI	Request for further information
SLK	straight line kilometre
VMP	Vegetation Management Plan
WA	Western Australia





6 APPENDICES

6.1 APPENDIX 1: CPS 818/15 AUDIT TABLES - 2022 CLEARING



Region: Metropolitan

Project: Thomas Road - Casuarina - Roundabout Construction (EOS No. 2003)

Approved clearing area: 1.8 ha

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part I - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	<p>Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina (EOS No. 2003) would be classified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads - Duplication of Thomas Road between Straight Line Kilometre (SLK) 6.30 to 7.80. (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road - Construction of a new roundabout on Thomas Road (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area - Construction of two crossovers south of Thomas Road 	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	The clearing is primarily located within the existing road reserve. Some minor land acquisition outside the road reserve was required.	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	DWER letter from Mathew Gannaway - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h). Also confirmed MRWA's assessment against the remaining clearing principles. No Part IV EP Act or EPBC Act referral.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA's decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA's decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	No EP Act referral.	C
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	No EP Act referral.	C
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	MRWA Construction Environmental Management Plan Compliance Audit Report- Thomas Road Duplication Project - 9 July 2022 provided to audit.	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
4	Limits on authorised clearing	The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO. Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 100 ha per year for the Metropolitan Region.	South West Regional Clearing Limit - 100ha Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 specifies total Metropolitan Region cleared in 2022 as 2.30 ha. Source: MRWA website: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	Section 2.3 - Alternatives to clearing - MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - August 2021 - EOS No. 2003 (D21#857259).	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference: (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.	Table 2. Measures undertaken to Avoid, Minimise, Reduce and Manage the Proposal Clearing Impacts - MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - August 2021 EOS No. 2003 (D21#857259).	C
6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department’s “A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	Clearing assessment report (referenced in 5a and 5b) incorporates assessment of native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles. Section 5 - Assessment Against the Ten Clearing Principles. At variance to Clearing Principles (a), (b) and (f) and may be at variance to Clearing Principle (h).	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	Clearing Assessment Report (referenced in 5a and 5b) references relevant EP Act policies and planning instruments. Section 2.4 - Approved Policies and Planning Instruments. The assessment of potential variations against clearing principles (Section 5) also includes methodologies applied to assessing each principle with reference to applicable policies and planning instruments as detailed in Section 9 - References.	C
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	As DWER determined that Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction (EOS 20023) was at variance to Clearing Principles (a), (b) and (f) and may be at variance to Clearing Principle (h), a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared. This negated the need to prepare a separate Desktop Report.	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit. 	<p>The Clearing Assessment Report (referenced in 5a and 5b) addresses all the requirements specified under condition 6(d), where applicable. The following points were noted with respect to the various requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clearing area 1.8 ha - shapefile for proposed clearing activities provided as CAR Figure 1 - Proposal Area, Development Envelop, Survey and Contextual Areas - at variance to Clearing Principles (a), (b) and (f) and may be at variance to Clearing Principle (h). - permanent clearing - no revegetation - Dieback Management Plan prepared and submitted to DBCA. 	C
6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, 	<p>DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h). Also confirmed MRWA's assessment against the remaining clearing principles.</p> <p>Consequently, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared. This negated the need to prepare a separate Desktop Report.</p>	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h). A Clearing Assessment Report was therefore required.	C
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	As above, a Clearing Assessment Report was required.	C
7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h). A Clearing Assessment Report was therefore required.	C
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department’s “A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	Review of MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - August 2021 (EOS No. 2003) during this audit confirms that the assessment conformed to the requirements of the DWER "Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986", as applicable.	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>An environmental assessment must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f); (ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e); (iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas; (iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and (v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles. 	<p>The environmental assessment included a detailed biological survey conducted by Biota during spring 2020 which included a two-phase flora and vegetation survey, targeted flora searches, a targeted Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain TEC survey, targeted black cockatoo habitat assessment and low intensity significant fauna survey. The survey aligned with State and Commonwealth requirements for the bioregion, species and communities present. Survey methodology was consistent with State guidelines, technical guides and Commonwealth survey guidelines for the relevant threatened and significant species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biota (2021) Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Biological Survey. Perth, Western Australia. <p>A dieback survey was also conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Woodman Environmental Consulting (2021). Thomas Road Upgrades (Nicholson, Kargotich and Casuarina Proposals) Phytophthora Dieback occurrence assessment. Perth, WA. 	C
7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>a biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland. 	Biological surveys were conducted as above.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.	Biota (2021) Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Biological Survey. Perth, Western Australia. Woodman Environmental Consulting (2021). Thomas Road Upgrades (Nicholson, Kargotich and Casuarina Proposals) Phytosphthora Dieback occurrence assessment. Perth, WA. The dieback assessment was conducted by qualified (Registration No DPW-PDI-016) Interpreter [Redacted] of Glevan Consulting.	C
7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	The biological survey results are summarised in sections 3 and 4 of the Clearing Assessment Report. While there does not appear to be a specific requirement for submission of the biological survey report in accordance with condition 7(i), the Assessment Report states that the survey aligned with State and Commonwealth requirements for the bioregion, species and communities present. Survey methodology was consistent with State guidelines, technical guides and Commonwealth survey guidelines for the relevant threatened and significant species. Also noted that Environmental Protection Authority (2016). Technical Guidance –Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment. Gov. of Western Australia, Perth. is included in section 9 - References.	C

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7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	As above. Noted that EPA's Technical guidance – Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA, 2020) is included in section 2.4 - Approved Policies and Planning Instruments.	C
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - August 2021 EOS No. 2003 (D21#857259)	C
7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The Assessment Report must set out: (i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; (iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and (v) any offset proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit.	Audit reviewed MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina and confirmed that most all of the aspects required by this condition are addressed as follows: - Section 3 - Summary of Surveys - Section 4 - Vegetation Details Section 5 - Assessment against Ten Clearing Principles - Appendix 1 - Vegetation Management Plan	C
7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.	A Vegetation Management Plan is include as Appendix 1 of the Clearing Assessment Report.	C

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7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iv) timeframes for completion of each management action; (v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions; (vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and (vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit. 	<p>Vegetation Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preamble - Purpose and scope - Table 9. Project Specific Environmental Management Requirements - Principal Environmental Management Requirements (PEMR's) - primarily assigns responsibilities for management actions to the Contractor. <p>PEMR timeframes for actions divided into: Pre Works, During Works and Post Works</p> <p>Construction Environmental Management Plan - Compliance Audit Report- 09/07/22 - includes non-conformance and corrective actions.</p> <p>No revegetation required for permanent works.</p> <p>VMP approved by DWER - letter [Redacted] dated 2 August 2021.</p>	
7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.</p>	<p>Construction Environmental Management Plan - Compliance Audit Report- 09/07/22 - includes non-conformance and corrective actions.</p> <p>VMP was not required to be developed in consultation with the Commissioner as the clearing was not at variance with clearing principles (g), (i), (j) required by Condition 8(b)(i)(ii). DWER - letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h).</p>	C

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7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h). Approved VMP as outlined in the Assessment Report for the Project.	C
7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h). MRWA emails to various landholders, other stakeholders and City of Kwinana advising of proposed project activities and inviting submissions via website link ([Redacted] - Senior Environmental Officer - Metropolitan Region - 21/06/2022).	C

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8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must:</p> <p>(i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and</p> <p>(ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles:</p> <p>A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared;</p> <p>B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done;</p> <p>C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and</p> <p>D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done.</p>	MRWA emails to various landholders, other stakeholders and City of Kwinana advising of proposed project activities and inviting submissions via website link ([Redacted] - Senior Environmental Officer - Metropolitan Region - 21/06/2022).	C
8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions:</p> <p>(i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j);</p> <p>(ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j).</p>	Not required to invite submission from the Commissioner as the clearing was not at variance with clearing principles (g), (i), (j) required by Condition 8(b)(i)(ii). DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) and advising that the proposal is also at variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) and may be at variance with Clearing Principle (h).	C
8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to:</p> <p>(iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s);</p> <p>(v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or</p> <p>(vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.</p>	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 acknowledging that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f). As above MRWA sought submissions from landholders, other stakeholders and City of Kwinana ([Redacted] - Senior Environmental Officer - Metropolitan Region - 21/06/2022).	C

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8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina was amended with response to the one submission received from DBCA (Section 7). Final Rev 1 - August 2021 available on MRWA website.	C
8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit: (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina (Rev 1 - 30/06/2021) was available via website link and provided required information.	C
8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder’s website.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina (Rev 1 - 30/06/2021) was available via website and provided information required as per 8(a).	C
8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	MRWA emails to various landholders, other stakeholders and City of Kwinana advising of proposed project activities and inviting submissions via website link ([Redacted] - Senior Environmental Officer - Metropolitan Region - 21/06/2022). Submission could be made through the website link until 13 July 2021.	C

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8 (h)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina was amended with response to the one submission received from DBCA (Section 7). Final Rev 1 - August 2021 available on MRWA website.	C
8 (i)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Approval and works post 31 December 2020.	NA
<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	C
9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	C
9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by: (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas;	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	C

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9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including; (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to be undertaken after year 1, 2, 3 and 5 of remedial actions to ascertain if completion criteria outlined in 9(c) are met.	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation	C
9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	C
9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	C
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	C
9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	Permanent works. No temporary works requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	C
10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	Dieback Management Plan – DBCA Managed Lands - Thomas Road Duplication & Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - Thomas Road (H038) From SLK 6.39 and SLK 7.80 - Rev 1 - 30/06/2021 - Revised report incorporating DBCA edits and comments. Appendix D: Main Roads Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklist. Construction Environmental Management Plan - Compliance Audit Report- 09/07/22	C

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10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.	Dieback Management Plan – DBCA Managed Lands - Thomas Road Duplication & Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - Thomas Road (H038) From SLK 6.39 and SLK 7.80 - Rev 1 - 30/06/2021 - Revised report incorporating DBCA edits and comments.	C
10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by: (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infected, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log.	Dieback Management Plan – DBCA Managed Lands - Thomas Road Duplication & Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - Thomas Road (H038) From SLK 6.39 and SLK 7.80 - Rev 1 - 30/06/2021 - Revised report incorporating DBCA edits and comments.	C
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must: (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen.	Woodman Environmental Consulting - Thomas Road Upgrades (Nicholson, Kargotich and Casuarina) - Proposals - Phytophthora Dieback occurrence assessment – Version 2.0 - assessment conducted by [Redacted] - Phytophthora Dieback Interpreter - Glevan Consulting.	C

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10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	Dieback Management Plan – DBCA Managed Lands - Thomas Road Duplication & Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - Thomas Road (H038) From SLK 6.39 and SLK 7.80 - Rev 1 - 30/06/2021 - Revised report incorporating DBCA edits and comments. Table 1 - Machinery and Vehicles	C
10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	Future requirement.	NA
<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	No exemption. DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 2 August 2021 advised that an offset is required.	C
11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines (August 2014).	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 13 September 2021 advised that DWER has reviewed the suitability of the Offset Proposal using the Commonwealth Offsets Assessment Guide and that DWER considers that monetary contribution for land acquisition is an appropriate offset in this case.	C
11 (c)	Determination of offsets	An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Offset required due to variance with Clearing Principles (a) and (b) .	NA

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11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 13 September 2021 advised that DWER has reviewed the suitability of the Offset Proposal and considers that a monetary contribution of \$69,409 for land acquisition is an appropriate offset in this case.	C
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	Tax invoice from DWER provided to the amount of \$69,409 dated 14/12/2021.	C
<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	The Permit Holder must monitor: (i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and (ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.	No temporary work requiring revegetation or rehabilitation. Offset monitoring not applicable as cash contribution to acquire land for management by DBCA.	NA
13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit: (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit: (i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit; (iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b); (iv) the location where the clearing occurred; (v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; (vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred; (viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and (ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - August 2021 EOS No. 2003 (D21#857259) Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023. MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report CPS 818 - Thomas Road Duplication and Roundabout Construction, Casuarina was amended with response to the one submission received from DBCA (Section 7). Final Rev 1 - August 2021 available on MRWA website.	C

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13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit: (i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated (ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken; (iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and (v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and (vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).	No temporary work requiring revegetation or rehabilitation.	NA
13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit: (i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit; (ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exit points in accordance with condition 10(c); (iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c); (iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and (v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.	Dieback Management Plan – DBCA Managed Lands - Thomas Road Duplication & Roundabout Construction, Casuarina - Thomas Road (H038) From SLK 6.39 and SLK 7.80 - Rev 1 - 30/06/2021 - Revised report incorporating DBCA edits and comments. TRIM File no. D21#290657. Woodman Environmental Consulting - Thomas Road Upgrades (Nicholson, Kargotich and Casuarina) - Proposals - Phytophthora Dieback occurrence assessment – Version 2.0	C
13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit: (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares).	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Native Vegetation Regulation to MRWA dated 13 September 2021. Tax invoice from DWER provided to the amount of \$69,409 dated 14/12/2021.	C
14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C

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14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C
14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community/environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing	C
14 (d)	Reporting	For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing: (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done.	https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community/environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing	C
14 (e)	Reporting	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Clearing was not authorised until at least 14 December 2021 as indicated by DWER offset invoice.	NA

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15 (a)	Internal auditing	<p>The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken. 	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C
15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021.</p> <p>Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C

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16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	<p>Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477.</p> <p>Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).</p>	C
16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	<p>Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report.</p> <p>GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.</p>	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C

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16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondance email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C

Region: South West

Project: Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439)

Approved clearing area: 0.5 ha

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Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part I - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	Muir Highway Shoulder sealing activity would be classified as: (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas.	C

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1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	Clearing is confined within the Muir Highway Development Envelope (MuirLCSS9_19) as per Figure 1 - Development Envelope - Clearing Assessment Report - CPS 818 - Muir Highway 9.0 -19.6 SLK, December 2021, EOS# 2439.	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	Email from [Redacted] - Environment Branch - Environmental Officer - MRWA to [Redacted] (EO South West Region) agreeing that the proposed clearing under CPS 818 is not at variance to any of the clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required to submit to DWER. No Part IV EP Act or EPBC Act referral.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA's decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA's decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	No EP Act referral.	NA
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	No EP Act referral.	NA
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	Compliance with Permit conditions assessed through this independent audit as per condition 16. Noted that condition 15 also requires internal auditing of selected projects conducted under CPS818.	C

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4	Limits on authorised clearing	<p>The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO.</p> <p>Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 75 ha per year for the South West Region.</p>	<p>South West Regional Clearing Limit - 75ha Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 specifies total South West Region cleared in 2022 as 1.16 ha. Source: MRWA website: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/ Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) actual clearing was 0.5 ha.</p>	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	Section 2.3 - Alternatives to clearing - Main Roads WA - Clearing Assessment Report - CPS 818 - Muir Highway 9.0 - 19.6 SLK - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing - December 2021, EOS# 2439 (Document No: D21#988942).	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	<p>In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:</p> <p>(i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.</p>	<p>Section 2.3 - Alternatives to clearing - Main Roads WA - Clearing Assessment Report - CPS 818 - Muir Highway 9.0 - 19.6 SLK - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing - December 2021, EOS# 2439 (Document No: D21#988942) .</p> <p>Section 2.4 - Measures to Avoid, Minimise, Reduce and Manage Project Clearing Impacts - Table 1.</p>	C
6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts - desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department's "A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986" provided in Annexure 1.	Clearing assessment report (referenced in 5a and 5b) incorporates assessment of native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles. Section 5 - Assessment Against the Ten Clearing Principles.	C

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6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	Clearing Assessment Report (referenced in 5a and 5b) references relevant EP Act policies and planning instruments. Section 2.5 - Approved Policies and Planning Instruments. The assessment of potential variations against clearing principles (Section 5) also includes methodologies applied to assessing each principle with reference to applicable policies and planning instruments as detailed in Section 8 - References.	C
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared. This negated the need to prepare a separate Desktop Report.	C

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6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit. 	<p>The Clearing Assessment Report (referenced in 5a and 5b) addresses all the requirements specified under condition 6(d), where applicable. The following points were noted with respect to the various requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clearing area 0.5 ha - not in variance with clearing principles - permanent clearing - no revegetation - Dieback Management Plan prepared and submitted to DBCA. 	C
6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, 	<p>Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared.</p>	NA

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6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	Clearing for Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) determined not in variance to clearing principle (f) as the removal of vegetation growing in association with a watercourse or wetland was not required.	NA
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared.	NA
7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.	Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared.	NA
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department's "A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986" provided in Annexure 1.	Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared.	NA

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7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	An environmental assessment must include: (i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f); (ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e); (iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas; (iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and (v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles.	Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared. The following data searches and surveys were noted: - DAWE Protected Matters Database Search (Appendix B) - NatureMap Search (Appendix C) - Black Cockatoo Breeding Habitat Assessment and Mapping (Appendix D)	C
7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	a biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Clearing for Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) determined not in variance to clearing principle (f) as the removal of vegetation growing in association with a watercourse or wetland was not required. Clearing limited to 0.5 ha.	C
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.	Black Cockatoo Breeding Habitat Assessment and Mapping undertaken by [Redacted] - B.Sc. Zoology/ Geology.	C
7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles.	NA

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7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	Methodology in Clearing Assessment Report for determining potential variance with clearing principle (b) pertaining to significant indigenous fauna habitat references Environmental Protection Authority (2020). Technical Guidance – Terrestrial vertebrate fauna surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment. Perth, Western Australia.	C
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared.	C
7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The Assessment Report must set out: (i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; (iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and (v) any effect proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit	Although it was determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was either 'not likely' or 'not' in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, a Clearing Assessment Report was prepared.	NA
7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. No VMP required.	NA

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7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following: (i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iv) timeframes for completion of each management action; (v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions; (vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and (vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. No VMP required.	NA
7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. No VMP required.	NA
7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required to submit to DWER.	NA
7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.	NA

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8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and (ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared; B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done; C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done. 	<p>Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.</p>	NA
8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j); (ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j). 	<p>Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.</p>	NA
8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland. 	<p>Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.</p>	NA

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8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.	NA
8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit: (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.	NA
8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder's website.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.	NA
8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
8 (h)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Therefore MRWA not required seek submissions.	NA
8 (i)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Project activities authorised and undertaken post 31 December 2020. However, as determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles, MRWA not required seek submissions.	NA
<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	NA
9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	NA

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9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	<p>The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas; 	<p>Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.</p>	NA
9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	<p>Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to 	<p>Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.</p>	NA
9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	<p>If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).</p>	<p>Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.</p>	NA
9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	<p>The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.</p>	<p>Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.</p>	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.	NA
9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Clearing area 0.5 ha.	NA
10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	Table 1: Dieback Management Operational Controls - MRWA - Dieback Management Plan - DBCA Managed Lands - Muir Highway 9 - 19.6 SLK Low Cost Shoulder Sealing - February 2022 D21#1304814 Dieback management Power Point presentation provided showing alignment and flagged dieback free exclusion zone. Fulton Hogan Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklists provided (04/02/2022). Fulton Hogan Daily Pre-start forms - 31/01 - 02/02/2022.	C
10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.	MRWA - Dieback Management Plan - DBCA Managed Lands - Muir Highway 9 - 19.6 SLK Low Cost Shoulder Sealing - February 2022 D21#1304814 Email from [Redacted] - Regional Coordinator Sustainable Forest Management - DBCA Manjimup to [Redacted] MRWA dated 17/02/2022.	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infested, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log. 	<p>Table 1: Dieback Management Operational Controls - MRWA Dieback Management Plan - DBCA Managed Lands refers to works being undertaken between January - April. Clearing conducted 31 Jan - 4 Feb 2022. Clearing was conducted over 5 days in summer when there were dry conditions according to BoM at Manjimup, risk of dieback spread was low. Dieback management Power Point presentation provided showing alignment and flagged dieback free exclusion zone. Fulton Hogan SEA/ DRF Sites - Work Instruction provided (Doc. ID: FHLIB-1677224255-56839 Version 4.0) Fulton Hogan Daily Pre-start forms - 31/01 - 02/02/2022. Fulton Hogan Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklists provided (04/02/2022). Daily visual inspection not required as works were conducted in dry conditions.</p>	C
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen. 	<p>The project Dieback assessment was conducted by DBCA's Conservation and Ecosystem Management Division Forest Management Branch. Linear Dieback Assessment Report: Muir Highway LSW9-19/57-75SLK_570 - 13 December 2021.</p>	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	Dieback management Power Point presentation provided showing alignment and flagged dieback free exclusion zone. Fulton Hogan SEA/ DRF Sites - Work Instruction provided (Doc. ID: FHLIB-1677224255-56839 Version 4.0) Fulton Hogan Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklists provided (04/02/2022). Fulton Hogan Daily Pre-start forms - 31/01 - 02/02/2022. Daily visual inspection not required as works were conducted in dry conditions. Shoulder sealing and vegetation clearing works did not require import of substantial fill material.	C
10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	Weeds were not likely to spread and result in harm on advice of an environmental specialist (internal review team), as per Table 5 section 6. in CAR. Internal approval email provided confirming advice from environmental specialist dated 27/01/2022. [[Redacted] - Environmental Officer - MRWA Environment Branch - Planning and Technical Services Directorate).	C
<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles.	NA
11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA	As above	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
11 (c)	Determination of offsets	An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or	Determined that Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) was not in variance with any of the ten clearing principles. Clearing area 0.5 ha.	NA
11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	As above	NA
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	As above	NA
<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	The Permit Holder must monitor: (i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and (ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.	Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation. Clearing 0.5 ha - No offset required.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:</p> <p>(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit;</p> <p>(iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b);</p> <p>(iv) the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities;</p> <p>(vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and</p> <p>(ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.</p>	<p>Main Roads WA - Clearing Assessment Report - CPS 818 - Muir Highway 9.0 -19.6 SLK - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing - December 2021, EOS# 2439 (Document No: D21#988942) .</p> <p>Section 2.4 - Measures to Avoid, Minimise, Reduce and Manage Project Clearing Impacts - Table 1.</p> <p>No submissions were required to be sought.</p> <p>Clearing limited to 0.5 ha.</p> <p>Location recorded in TRIM under Corporate Information.</p>	C
13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated</p> <p>(ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken;</p> <p>(iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and</p> <p>(v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and</p> <p>(vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).</p>	<p>Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing.</p> <p>No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation.</p>	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit: (i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit; (ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exist points in accordance with condition 10(c); (iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c); (iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and (v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.	MRWA - Dieback Management Plan - DBCA Managed Lands - Muir Highway 9 – 19.6 SLK Low Cost Shoulder Sealing - February 2022 D21#1304814 Dieback management Power Point presentation provided showing alignment and flagged dieback free exclusion zone. Fulton Hogan SEA/ DRF Sites - Work Instruction provided (Doc. ID: FHLIB-1677224255-56839 Version 4.0) Fulton Hogan Vehicle and Plant Hygiene Checklists provided (04/02/2022). Fulton Hogan Daily Pre-start forms - 31/01 - 02/02/2022. Daily visual inspection not required as works were conducted in dry conditions.	C
13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit: (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares).	Muir Highway - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing 9 - 19 SLK (EOS No. 2439) involved permanent clearing. No temporary clearing areas requiring revegetation and rehabilitation. Clearing 0.5 ha - No offset required.	NA
14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/	C
14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022	C
14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/	C

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14 (d)	Reporting	For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing: (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done.	Main Roads WA - Clearing Assessment Report - CPS 818 - Muir Highway 9.0 -19.6 SLK - Low Cost Shoulder Sealing - December 2021 - MRWA website - last updated 28 June 2023. Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/	C
14 (e)	Reporting	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Project post dated 31 December 2020.	NA
15 (a)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on: (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken.	MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years. As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA. MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C
15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C

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16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477. Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).	C
16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report. GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C
16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C

Region: Wheatbelt

Project: Great Eastern Hwy Walgoolan to Southern Cross - Package 1A (EOS No. 1771)

Approved clearing area: 5.01 ha

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part 1 - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	<p>Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) - Great Eastern Highway (GEH) & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 290.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan – [Redacted] February 2020 - D13#601143 June 2018. Section 1.1 Project Information. The intent of the project is to improve the safety and efficiency of GEH by undertaking 2.5 kilometres (km) of widening and overlay, including realigning and replacing Walgoolan Bridge.</p>	C

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1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	As per Condition (Cond.) 1 (a).	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	MRWA - GEH & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 290.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan – Lee Hunt February 2020 - D13#601143 June 2018 - Section 1.2 Key Clearing Impact Assessment Aspects. The assessment did not identify any environmental constraints associated with the proposed project activities. No further environmental approvals, permits or licences are needed for implementation of the project.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA’s decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA’s decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	Not applicable as no EPA referral was required.	NA
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	Not applicable as per 2(b).	NA
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	Compliance with Permit conditions assessed through this independent audit as per condition 16. Noted that condition 15 also requires internal auditing of selected projects conducted under CPS818.	C

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4	Limits on authorised clearing	The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO. Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 120 ha per year for the Wheatbelt Region.	It was advised that no clearing was undertaken under CPS 817 in 2022. MRWA reported a total of 14.17 ha cleared in 2022 under CPS 818 (retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/).	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	MRWA - GEH & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 290.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan – [Redacted] February 2020 - D13#601143 June 2018 - Section 5.1 Measures to avoid, minimise, mitigate and manage project clearing impacts.	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference: (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.	MRWA - GEH & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 290.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan – [Redacted] February 2020 - D13#601143 June 2018 - Section 5.1 Measures to avoid, minimise, mitigate and manage project clearing impacts.	C
6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department’s “A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.	C

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6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts - desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	Not applicable as the proposed clearing was approved under CPS 818/14 which did not require relevant policies and / or planning instruments to be included in the desktop study. A corrective action undertaken by MRWA was to update the assessment report template to include a section with any policies and planning instruments relevant to the proposed clearing assessment.	NA
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts - desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.	C

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6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit. 	<p>(i), (iii), (vi), (vii), (viii) MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.</p> <p>(ii) As per condition 6 (b).</p> <p>(iv) Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [Redacted] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer).</p> <p>(ix) (A) No rehabilitation and revegetation required under condition 9 as the clearing does not involve temporary works.</p> <p>(B) No dieback management required as the area averages 309 mm of rainfall per year (BoM, 2019), as per MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.</p>	C

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6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles,	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. DWER correspondence letter RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Great Eastern Highway and Walgoolan bridge upgrade project - SLK 290.6-293.3 - Submission, approval of vegetation management plan and offset proposal - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Environment Officer) - From: [Redacted] (Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 10 Sep 2020.	C
6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	Not applicable as clearing is at variance to clearing principle (e).	C
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.	C
7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 7 Additional Pre Clearing Actions Required.	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department's "A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986" provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 5.3 Assessment against the Ten Clearing Principles.	C
7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	An environmental assessment must include: (i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f); (ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e); (iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas; (iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and (v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 6. Summary of biological surveys. GHD - MRWA - Great Eastern Highway - Merredin to Southern Cross SLK 258.5-365.5 - Biological Assessment - Feb 2016. Appendix A - Figure 4 Vegetation Condition.	C
7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	a biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (e).	NA
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 6. Summary of biological surveys.	C

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7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	GHD - MRWA - Great Eastern Highway - Merredin to Southern Cross SLK 258.5-365.5 - Biological Assessment - Feb 2016.	C
7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	GHD - MRWA - Great Eastern Highway - Merredin to Southern Cross SLK 258.5-365.5 - Biological Assessment - Feb 2016.	C
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.	C
7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The Assessment Report must set out: (i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; (iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and (v) any offset proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. MRWA - Offset Proposal - Financial Contribution - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade Project SLK 290.6-293.3 - Jan 2020.	C
7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 7 Additional Pre Clearing Actions Required & Appendix A: Vegetation Management Plan.	C

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7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following: (i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iv) timeframes for completion of each management action; (v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions; (vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and (vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Appendix A: Vegetation Management Plan. No revegetation required under condition 9 as the clearing does not involve temporary works.	C
7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	Not applicable to condition 8(b)(i)(ii).	NA
7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	DWER correspondence letter RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Great Eastern Highway and Walgoolan bridge upgrade project - SLK 290.6-293.3 - Submission, approval of vegetation management plan and offset proposal - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Environment Officer) - From: [Redacted] (Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 10 Sep 2020.	C
7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 7 Additional Pre Clearing Actions Required & Section 8 Statement Addressing Stakeholder Submissions.	C

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8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and (ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared; B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done; C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done. 	<p>8 (a)(i) Not applicable as per condition 8 (i).</p> <p>MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 8 Statement Addressing Stakeholder Submissions.</p>	C

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8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions: (i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j); (ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j).	Not applicable as clearing is at variance with clearing principle (e), not likely to be at variance with principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i), and (j), and not at variance to principle (f).	NA
8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as clearing is at variance with clearing principle (e), not likely to be at variance with principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i), and (j), and not at variance to principle (f).	NA
8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	Not applicable as the proposed clearing was approved under CPS 818/14 which did not require to publish submissions.	NA

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8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	<p>The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing. 	<p>MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan bridge upgrade project - SLK 290.6 to 293.3 - Invitation for submissions - To: [Redacted] (Shire of Westonia Chief Executive Officer) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Environment Officer) - Date: 13 Mar 2020.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Great Eastern Highway Safety Improvements Project - Walgoolan Bridge - SLK 290.6 to 293.3 - Invitation for submissions, approval of vegetation management plan and approval of offset proposal - To: [Redacted] (Regulatory Services (Environment) Manager Clearing Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Environment Officer) - Date: 26 Mar 2020.</p>	C
8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder’s website.	Not applicable as per condition 8(i).	NA

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8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan bridge upgrade project - SLK 290.6 to 293.3 - Invitation for submissions - To: [Redacted] (Shire of Westonia Chief Executive Officer) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Environment Officer) - Date: 13 Mar 2020.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Great Eastern Highway Safety Improvements Project - Walgoolan Bridge - SLK 290.6 to 293.3 - Invitation for submissions, approval of vegetation management plan and approval of offset proposal - To: [Redacted] (Regulatory Services (Environment) Manager Clearing Regulation) - From:[Redacted] (MRWA Environment Officer) - Date: 26 Mar 2020.</p>	C
8 (h)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	Not applicable as per condition 8(i).	NA
8 (i)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	DWER correspondence letter RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Great Eastern Highway and Walgoolan bridge upgrade project - SLK 290.6-293.3 - Submission, approval of vegetation management plan and offset proposal - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Environment Officer) - From: [Redacted] (Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 10 Sep 2020.	C
<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	Not applicable as the clearing does not involve temporary works.	NA

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9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	Not applicable as per condition 9(a).	NA
9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by: (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas;	Not applicable as per condition 9(a).	NA
9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including; (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to be undertaken after year 1, 2, 3 and 5 of remedial actions to ascertain if completion criteria outlined in 9(c) are met.	Not applicable as per condition 9(a).	NA
9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).	Not applicable as per condition 9(a).	NA

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9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.	Not applicable as per condition 9(a).	NA
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	Not applicable as per condition 9(c).	NA
9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	Not applicable as per condition 9(c) and 9(d).	NA
10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	Not applicable as the study area averages 309 mm of rainfall per year (BoM, 2019), as per the MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Section 5.3 Assessment against the Ten Clearing Principles.	NA
10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.	Not applicable as the project does not require movement of soil in conditions other than dry conditions.	NA

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10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infested, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log. 	<p>Not applicable as the project does not require movement of soil in conditions other than dry conditions.</p> <p>Not applicable to condition 10(a).</p>	NA
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen. 	MRWA advised that no biological assessment nor email from DWER mention project area susceptible to other pathogens.	NA

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10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Appendix A: Vegetation Management Plan. MRWA - Major Works Construction Environmental Management Plan - Great Eastern Highway Upgrade-Walgoolan to Southern Cross - Package 1A and Package 7 - 197/18-0027 - 2022 Highway Construction - D22#541242 April 2022. Highway Construction - Plant/Vehicle Weed & Seed Checklist - Doc No: C-OHS-009-PF. Two of these recorded checklist were provided.	C
10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	Not applicable as no significant weed species were identified within the GHD - MRWA - Great Eastern Highway - Merredin to Southern Cross SLK 258.5-365.5 - Biological Assessment - Feb 2016.	NA
<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	MRWA - Offset Proposal - Financial Contribution - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade Project SLK 290.6-293.3 - Jan 2020 - D15#116511 July 2017.	C
11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines (August 2014).	MRWA - Offset Proposal - Financial Contribution - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade Project SLK 290.6-293.3 - Jan 2020 - D15#116511 July 2017. Section 2.2 Justification for the Offset Proposal & Section 3 Application of Environmental Offset Policy Principles.	C

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11 (c)	Determination of offsets	An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as clearing is at variance with clearing principle (e).	NA
11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	No changes to the offset proposal reported.	NA
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	DWER correspondence letter RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Great Eastern Highway and Walgoolan bridge upgrade project - SLK 290.6-293.3 - Submission, approval of vegetation management plan and offset proposal - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Environment Officer) - From: [Redacted] (Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 10 Sep 2020. DWER Tax Invoice - To: MRWA - Invoice No: RI003320 -Date: 16 Jun 2021 - Description: CPS 818/14 - GE HWY & Walgoolan Offset Att: [Redacted].	C
<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	The Permit Holder must monitor: (i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and (ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.	No revegetation or rehabilitation required under condition 9 as the clearing does not involve temporary works. DWER Invoice (Offset contribution) - To: MRWA - Invoice No: RI003320 - Date: 16 Jun 2021 - Description: CPS 818/14 - GE HWY & Walgoolan Offset Att: [Redacted].	C

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13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:</p> <p>(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit;</p> <p>(iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b);</p> <p>(iv) the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities;</p> <p>(vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and</p> <p>(ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.</p>	<p>MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018.</p> <p>Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [Redacted] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer).</p> <p>MRWA - Annual Clearing Report 2022 - Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15, retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/clearing-reveg/cps818/actual-clearing-2022/dwer-clearing-permit-cps-818-eos-projects_june-2023.pdf?v=49ef7d.</p>	C
13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated</p> <p>(ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken;</p> <p>(iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and</p> <p>(v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and</p> <p>(vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).</p>	Not applicable as no revegetation or rehabilitation was required under condition 9, as the clearing does not involve temporary works.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit: (i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit; (ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exist points in accordance with condition 10(c); (iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c); (iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and (v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.	No dieback management required as per condition 10 (a). Weed control manage under following documentation: MRWA - Great Eastern Highway & Walgoolan Bridge Upgrade SLK 209.6 - 293.3 - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - February 2020 - D13#601143 - June 2018. Appendix A: Vegetation Management Plan. Highway Construction - Plant/Vehicle Weed & Seed Checklist - Doc No: C-OHS-009-PF. Two of these recorded checklist were provided.	C
13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit: (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares).	Not applicable as the project proposed an offset financial contribution. DWER Invoice (Offset contribution) - To: MRWA - Invoice No: RI003320 - Date: 16 Jun 2021 - Description: CPS 818/14 - GE HWY & Walgoolan Offset Att: [Redacted].	NA
14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	MRWA letter RE: 2022 Annual Report for Purpose Clearing Permit CPS 817/7 and CPS 818/15 - To: Mrs [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 26 Jun 2023. 14 (a)(i) Not applicable as per condition 14 (e).	C

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	MRWA letter RE: 2022 Annual Report for Purpose Clearing Permit CPS 817/7 and CPS 818/15 - To: Mrs [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 26 Jun 2023.	C
14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	MRWA - Annual Clearing Report 2022 - Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15, retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/clearing-reveg/cps818/actual-clearing-2022/dwer-clearing-permit-cps-818-eos-projects_june-2023.pdf?v=49ef7d	C
14 (d)	Reporting	For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing: (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done.	Not applicable as per condition 14 (e).	NA
14 (e)	Reporting	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	DWER correspondence letter RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Great Eastern Highway and Walgoolan bridge upgrade project - SLK 290.6-293.3 - Submission, approval of vegetation management plan and offset proposal - To:[Redacted] (DWER Senior Environment Officer) - From: [Redacted] (Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 10 Sep 2020.	C

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15 (a)	Internal auditing	<p>The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken. 	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C

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15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021.</p> <p>Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C
16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	<p>Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477.</p> <p>Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).</p>	C

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16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report. GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C
16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C

Region: Great Southern

Project: Gordon South Stage 1 - Albany Highway Reconstruction (EOS No. 941)

Approved clearing area: 9.7 ha

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Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part I - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	<p>Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 2 Scope states that the proposal is required to rectify deficiencies in the standard and condition of the road within the Albany Highway Gordon River South Section (SLK 308.3 – 316.50).</p>	C

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1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	As per Condition (Cond.) 1 (a).	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	Proposed clearing was approved by DWER, as per correspondence letter from DWER to MRWA, dated 15/09/2021, RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA's decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA's decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	Not applicable as no EPA referral was required.	NA
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	Not applicable as per 2(b).	NA
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	Compliance with Permit conditions assessed through this independent audit as per condition 16. Noted that condition 15 also requires internal auditing of selected projects conducted under CPS818.	C

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4	Limits on authorised clearing	The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO. Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 75 ha per year for the Great Southern Region.	It was advised that no clearing was undertaken under CPS 817 in 2022. MRWA reported a total of 9.57 ha cleared in 2022 under CPS 818 (retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/).	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 2.3 Alternatives to clearing.	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference: (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 2.4 Measures to avoid, minimise, reduce and manage Proposal clearing impacts.	C
6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department’s “A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 5 Assessment against the ten clearing principles.	C
6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 2.5 Approved Policies and Planning Instruments.	C
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.	C

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6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit. 	<p>(i) (ii) (iii) (vi) (vii) (viii) MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.</p> <p>(iv) Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [Redacted] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer).</p> <p>(v) Not applicable.</p> <p>(ix) (A) as per condition 9 (a).</p> <p>(B) as per conditions 10 (a) and 10 (b).</p>	C
6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, 	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.	C

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6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	Not applicable as clearing is at variance to Principles (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f).	NA
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.	C
7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.	C
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department’s “A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 5 Assessment against the ten clearing principles.	C

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7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>An environmental assessment must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f); (ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e); (iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas; (iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and (v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles. 	<p>(i) (iv) (v) MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 3 Summary of surveys; Section 4 Vegetation details; and Section 5 Assessment against the ten clearing principles.</p> <p>(ii) Vegetation condition mapping was included in MRWA - Albany Highway Gordon South SLK 308-316 - Biological Assessment (GHD, 2017).</p> <p>(iii) Not applicable as per condition 10 (a).</p>	C
7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>A biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland. 	Not applicable as clearing is at variance to Principles (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f).	NA
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 3 Summary of surveys.	C

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7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 3 Summary of surveys. DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal, dated 15 September 2021.	C
7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 - Section 3 Summary of surveys. DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal, dated 15 September 2021.	C
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.	C

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7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>The Assessment Report must set out:</p> <p>(i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit;</p> <p>(iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles;</p> <p>(iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and</p> <p>(v) any offset proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit.</p>	<p>MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818 Offset Proposal - Albany Highway - Gordon River South - SLK 308-316 - D21#874741 - Sep 2021.</p> <p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal, dated 15 September 2021.</p>	C
7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Appendix 2: Vegetation Management Plan.	C

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7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iv) timeframes for completion of each management action; (v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions; (vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and (vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit. 	<p>MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Appendix 2: Vegetation Management Plan.</p> <p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal, dated 15 September 2021.</p> <p>MRWA - Revegetation Plan for Offset 2A - Albany Hwy 308-316 SLK Gordon South - Great Southern Region - EOS Number 941 - D22#462177 - November 2022.</p> <p>No revegetation required under condition 9 as the clearing does not involve temporary works.</p>	C
7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	Not applicable to Condition 8(b)(i)(ii).	NA
7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal, dated 15 September 2021.	C

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7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 7 Stakeholder Consultation - advised that the Proposal was advertised on MRWA website on 8 June 2021, with submissions closing on 3 July 2021.	C
8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must: (i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and (ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles: A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared; B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done; C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 7 Stakeholder Consultation.	C
8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions: (i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j); (ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j).	Not applicable as clearing is at variance to Principles (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f). Not at variance to (d), (h) and (j). Not likely at variance to (g) and (i).	NA

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8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as clearing is at variance to Principles (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f).	NA
8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	Not applicable. MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 is available on the MRWA website (https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/annual-clearing-map/).	NA
8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit: (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing.	(i) to (iv) MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. (v) Instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing are on the MRWA website (https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/proposed-clearing/).	C

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8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder’s website.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379 (https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/annual-clearing-map/). Instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing are on the MRWA website (https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/proposed-clearing/).	C
8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 7 Stakeholder Consultation - advised that the Proposal was advertised on MRWA website on 8 June 2021, with submissions closing on 3 July 2021.	C
8 (h)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 7 Stakeholder Consultation.	C
8 (i)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Not applicable as clearing was approved on 15 Sep 2021, after 31 Dec 2020.	NA

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<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	It seems to be not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works, as per MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. OB relates to inconsistency within the Clearing Assessment Report as Section 2 states that no temporary clearing is proposed, but Section 2 also states that Main Roads intends to revegetate the road reserve and DPLH reserve cleared for sidetrack construction.	OB
9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	Not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works.	NA
9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by: (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas;	Not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works.	NA

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9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including; (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to be undertaken after year 1, 2, 3 and 5 of remedial actions to ascertain if completion criteria outlined in 9(c) are met.	Not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works.	NA
9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).	Not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works.	NA
9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.	Not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works.	NA
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	Not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works.	NA
9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	Not applicable as the Proposal does not involve clearing for temporary works.	NA

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10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback:</p> <p>(i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;</p> <p>(ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and</p> <p>(iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.</p>	<p>The project has an average of 496 mm of annual rainfall (BoM, 2021) and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, as per MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379.</p> <p>(i) to (iii) are established in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appendix 2.1 Vegetation Management - Principal Environmental Management Requirements (PEMR's) - Table 2 Dieback PEMR; and - MRWA - Major Works CEMP - Albany Highway - H001 Gordon River South Section - Contract No. 197/18-0049 - 2021 - Raubex Construction. Table 4. Construction Environmental Operational Controls. <p>Evidence of implementation has been mentioned in condition 10 (e) and 10 (f) comments.</p>	C
10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.</p>	<p>Not applicable as the proposed works do not require clearing within or adjacent to DBCA estate in non-dry conditions, as per MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 6 Additional Actions Required.</p>	NA

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10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infested, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log. 	<p>Not applicable as the proposed works do not require clearing within or adjacent to DBCA estate in non-dry conditions, as per MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 6 Additional Actions Required.</p>	NA
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen. 	<p>Not applicable as no notification by DWER or an environmental specialist that the area to be cleared is susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, as per MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Section 6 Additional Actions Required.</p>	NA

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10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds:</p> <p>(i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;</p> <p>(ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and</p> <p>(iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.</p>	<p>(i) to (iii) controls are established in: MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Appendix 2.1 Vegetation Management - Principal Environmental Management Requirements (PEMR's) - Table 2 Dieback PEMR; and MRWA - Major Works CEMP - Albany Highway H001 Gordon River South Section - Contract No. 197/18-0049 - 2021 - Raubex Construction. Table 4. Construction Environmental Operational Controls.</p> <p>Evidence of implementation has been sighted in: MRWA - Office of the Superintendent - Site Memorandum - Memorandum No. 006 - RE: Amended Dieback Management Requirements - 7 Dec 2021; and</p> <p>DBCA email RE: S40 Permit to Take and Dieback - Gordon South - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environmental Scientist) - From: [Redacted] (DBCA Senior Biodiversity Conservation Officer) - Date: 24 Feb 2022.</p>	C

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10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	<p>MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Appendix 2.1 Vegetation Management - PEMR's - Table 6 Mulch and Topsoil Management.</p> <p>MRWA - Major Works CEMP - Albany Highway - H001 Gordon River South Section - Contract No. 197/18-0049 - 2021 - Raubex Construction. Table 4. Construction Environmental Operational Controls.</p> <p>MRWA email - RE: Weed control at Gordon South Road Proposal - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environmental Scientist) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Superintendent's Representative) - Date: 25 May 2022. This email relates to weed spraying to be undertaken by South Coast Environmental.</p> <p>MRWA Email - RE: Gordon South - 18/07/2022. Email requests [Redacted] (MRWA contractor) to include the Gordon South project to the regional weed spray programme.</p>	C

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<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	<p>MRWA - CPS 818 Offset Proposal - Albany Highway Gordon River South SLK 308 - 316 - D21#874741 - September 2021.</p> <p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environmental Officer) - From: [Redacted] (DWER Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 15 September 2021.</p> <p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3-316.5, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Request for approval of revegetation plan and final 2B offset proposal - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Environmental Contractor) - From: [Redacted] (DWER Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 8 Dec 2022.</p> <p>MRWA Internal Memorandum - RE: Albany Hwy (308-316 SLK) Gordon South Offsets - 5 May 2023.</p> <p>DWER email RE: Gordon South Offset 2B - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Planning and Technical Services Directorate) - From: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager) - Date: 19 Jun 2023.</p>	C

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11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines (August 2014).	<p>MRWA - CPS 818 Offset Proposal - Albany Highway Gordon River South SLK 308 - 316 - D21#874741 - September 2021.</p> <p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environmental Officer) - From: [Redacted] (DWER Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 15 September 2021.</p>	C
11 (c)	Determination of offsets	<p>An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to:</p> <p>(i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s);</p> <p>(ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or</p> <p>(iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.</p>	Not applicable as clearing is at variance to Principles (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f).	NA

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11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	<p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal, dated 15 September 2021.</p> <p>MRWA Internal Memorandum - RE: Albany Hwy (308-316 SLK) Gordon South Offsets - 5 May 2023.</p> <p>DWER email RE: Gordon South Offset 2B - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Planning and Technical Services Directorate) - From: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager) - Date: 19 Jun 2023.</p>	C
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	<p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3-316.5, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Request for approval of revegetation plan and final 2B offset proposal - To: Peter Bouteloup (MRWA Environmental Contractor) - From: Meenu Vitarana (DWER Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - Date: 8 Dec 2022.</p> <p>MRWA Internal Memorandum - RE: Albany Hwy (308-316 SLK) Gordon South Offsets - 5 May 2023.</p> <p>DWER email RE: Gordon South Offset 2B - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Planning and Technical Services Directorate) - From: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager) - Date: 19 Jun 2023.</p>	C

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<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	The Permit Holder must monitor: (i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and (ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.	Future requirement. Revegetation Plan for Offset 2A - Albany Hwy 308-316 SLK Gordon South Great Southern Region EOS Number 941 - D22#462177 - Nov 2022. Section 8 Monitoring established revegetated area to be monitored in summer 2023/2024.	NA
13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit: (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit: (i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit; (iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b); (iv) the location where the clearing occurred; (v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; (vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred; (viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and (ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.	MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379. Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [Redacted] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer). MRWA - Annual Clearing Report 2022 - Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15.	C
13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit: (i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated (ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken; (iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and (v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and (vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).	Not applicable as per condition 9 (a). Future requirement relevant to Offset 2A proposal.	NA

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13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exist points in accordance with condition 10(c);</p> <p>(iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c);</p> <p>(iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and</p> <p>(v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.</p>	<p>(i) (ii) (iv) Not applicable as per condition 10 (b), 10 (c) and 10 (d), respectively.</p> <p>(iii) Some dieback management actions were described under condition 10 (e) comments.</p> <p>(v) Refer to comments under conditions 10 (e) and 10 (f).</p>	C

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13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares). 	<p>Future requirement.</p> <p>DWER correspondence RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - Albany Hwy upgrades, SLK 308.3 - 316.50, Gordon River South Stage 1 - Approval of Clearing Assessment Report, Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Proposal, dated 15 September 2021.</p> <p>MRWA Internal Memorandum - RE: Albany Hwy (308-316 SLK) Gordon South Offsets - 5 May 2023.</p> <p>MRWA Email chain - RE: Gordon South Offset 2B - between [Redacted] (MRWA Environment Branch) and [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - 24/05/2023 and 19/06/2023.</p> <p>DBCA email RE: Main Roads WA Acacia prismifolia Translocation Proposal - Translocation Record Form - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environmental Scientist) - From: [Redacted] (DBCA Biodiversity Conservation Officer) - Date: 28 Aug 2023.</p>	NA

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14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	MRWA letter RE: 2022 Annual Report for Purpose Clearing Permit CPS 817/7 and CPS 818/15 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 26 Jun 2023. MRWA - Annual Clearing Report 2022 - Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15, retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/clearing-reveg/cps818/actual-clearing-2022/dwer-clearing-permit-cps-818-eos-projects_june-2023.pdf?v=49ef7d	C
14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	MRWA letter RE: 2022 Annual Report for Purpose Clearing Permit CPS 817/7 and CPS 818/15 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 26 Jun 2023.	C
14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	MRWA - Annual Clearing Report 2022 - Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15, retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/clearing-reveg/cps818/actual-clearing-2022/dwer-clearing-permit-cps-818-eos-projects_june-2023.pdf?v=49ef7d	C

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14 (d)	Reporting	<p>For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done. 	<p>MRWA - Clearing Assessment Report – CPS 818 - Gordon River South Stage 1 - September 2021 - EOS 941 - D21#517379, retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/annual-clearing-map/</p> <p>MRWA - Annual Clearing Report 2022 - Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15, retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/clearing-reveg/cps818/actual-clearing-2022/dwer-clearing-permit-cps-818-eos-projects_june-2023.pdf?v=49ef7d</p>	C
14 (e)	Reporting	<p>The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.</p>	<p>Not applicable as clearing was approved on 15 Sep 2021, after 31 Dec 2020.</p>	NA

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15 (a)	Internal auditing	<p>The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken. 	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C
15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C

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16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	<p>Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477.</p> <p>Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).</p>	C
16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	<p>Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report.</p> <p>GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.</p>	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C

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16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: Mike Young (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C

Region: Goldfields-Esperance

Project: Coolgardie Esperance Highway Upgrade - Emu Rocks (EOS No. 2189)

Approved clearing area: 100 ha

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Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part I - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	<p>Coolgardie Esperance Highway Upgrade - Emu Rocks (EOS No. 2189) would be classified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xviii) road widening. 	C

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1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	Noted: MRWA is authorised to clear native vegetation for this project in accordance with CPS818.	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	Proposed clearing is only at variance with Clearing Principle (f). Clearing was assessed as only impacting less than 0.5ha of minor non-perennial watercourses and non-defined wetlands. No Environmental Protection Policies or planning instruments under the EP Act are applicable to the project. No Part IV EP Act or EPBC Act referral.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA's decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA's decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	No EP Act referral.	C
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	No EP Act referral.	C
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	Noted: MRWA is authorised to clear native vegetation for this project in accordance with CPS818.	C

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4	Limits on authorised clearing	The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO. Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 200 ha per year for the Goldfields-Esperance Region.	Goldfields - Esperance Regional Clearing Limit - 100 ha Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 specifies total Goldfields - Esperance Region cleared in 2022 as 82.7 ha. Source: MRWA website: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) - Clearing Impact Assessment (CIA) - Coolgardie - Esperance Highway, Emu Rocks - October 2020 (EOS no. D20#712831) Table 2 - Justification of Avoiding, Minimising, Mitigating and Managing Project Clearing Impacts - Alternative alignment to follow existing road (or) to preferentially locate within pasture or degraded areas.	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference: (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.	MRWA - CIA - Coolgardie - Esperance Highway, Emu Rocks - October 2020. Table 2 - Justification of Avoiding, Minimising, Mitigating and Managing Project Clearing Impacts Section 4.1 - Preliminary Desktop Study - Preliminary desktop study was undertaken as part of the Clearing Impact Assessment.	C

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6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department’s “A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA - CIA - Coolgardie - Esperance Highway, Emu Rocks - October 2020. Section 5.3 - Assessment against the Ten Clearing Principles Section 6 - Summary of Biological Surveys	C
6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	MRWA - CIA - Coolgardie - Esperance Highway, Emu Rocks - October 2020. No Environmental Protection Policies or planning instruments under the EP Act are applicable to the project.	C
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	MRWA - CIA - Coolgardie - Esperance Highway, Emu Rocks - October 2020. The CIA is essentially the Desktop Report.	C
6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The Desktop Report must set out: (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: (A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit.	MRWA - CIA - Coolgardie - Esperance Highway, Emu Rocks - October 2020. - Section 5.1 - Measures to Avoid, Minimise, Mitigate and Manage Project Clearing Impacts. - No Environmental Protection Policies or planning instruments under the EP Act are applicable to the project. - Area Proposed to be Cleared: Up to and not exceeding 100 ha within road reserve in the project area. - Figure 1 - Project Area - Section 5.3 - Assessment against the Ten Clearing Principles - Clearing of native vegetation within the project area is at variance to principle (f) and not likely at variance to the remaining Principles. - No temporary clearing is required; therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required. - the project area lies in an area of low rainfall (<400mm/year).	C

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6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles,	Clearing of native vegetation within the project area was assessed to be at variance to clearing principle (f) and not likely at variance to the remaining Principles. Variance relates to condition 6(f).	C
6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	Clearing of native vegetation within the project area was assessed to be at variance to clearing principle (f) and not likely at variance to the remaining Principles. However, impacts to the minor non- perennial watercourses will result in clearing 0.5 ha or less of vegetation growing in association with a watercourse. As such, an Assessment Report, VMP, submissions and offset are not required.	C
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	Clearing meets requirement of condition 6(f) as impacts to the minor non- perennial watercourses will result in clearing 0.5 ha or less of vegetation growing in association with a watercourse.	C
7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.	Clearing of native vegetation within the project area was assessed to be at variance to clearing principle (f) and not likely at variance to the remaining Principles.	C
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department’s “A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	As above. Clearing environmental assessment is not required.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	An environmental assessment must include: (i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f); (ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e); (iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas; (iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and (v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles.	As above. Clearing environmental assessment is not required.	NA
7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	a biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Biological survey not required as clearing of native vegetation within the project area was assessed to be at variance to clearing principle (f) and not likely at variance to the remaining Principles. Impacts to the minor non-perennial watercourses will result in clearing 0.5 ha or less of vegetation growing in association with a watercourse. Noted that a series of biological surveys have been undertaken for the overall project including Emu Rocks North Section.	C
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.	As above. Biological survey or field assessment is not required.	NA
7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	As above. Biological survey or field assessment is not required.	NA

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7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	As above. Biological survey or field assessment is not required.	NA
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	As per 6(f) above. Assessment Report is not required.	C
7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The Assessment Report must set out: (i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; (iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and (v) any offset proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit.	As per 6(f) above. Assessment Report is not required.	NA
7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.	As per 6(f) above. VMP is not required.	C

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7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following: (i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iv) timeframes for completion of each management action; (v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions; (vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and (vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit.	As per 6(f) above. VMP is not required.	NA
7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	As per 6(f) above. VMP is not required.	NA
7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	As per 6(f) above. Assessment Report is not required.	C
7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	As per 6(f) above. Submissions are not required.	C

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8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must: (i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and (ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles: A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared; B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done; C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done.	As per 7(n) above. Submissions are not required.	NA
8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions: (i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j); (ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j).	As per 7(n) above. Submissions are not required.	NA
8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	As per 6(f) above. Submissions are not required.	C
8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	As per 7(n) above. Submissions are not required.	NA

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8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit: (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing.	As per 7(n) above. Submissions are not required.	NA
8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder’s website.	As per 7(n) above. Submissions are not required.	NA
8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	As per 7(n) above. Submissions are not required.	NA
8 (h)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	As per 7(n) above. Submissions are not required.	NA
8 (i)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Project activities authorised prior to 31 December 2020 as CIA dated August 2020 confirmed that Assessment Report, VMP, submissions and offset were not required.	NA
<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	C
9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by: (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas;	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA
9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including: (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to be undertaken after year 1, 2, 3 and 5 of remedial actions to ascertain if completion criteria outlined in 9(c) are met.	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA
9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA
9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA
10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	The project area lies in an area of low rainfall (<400mm/year). The average annual rainfall recorded at Coolgardie (Site Number 012018) is 269.6 mm. No Dieback Management Plan required.	C
10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.	As per condition 10(a), the project area lies in an area of low rainfall (<400mm/year). No Dieback Management Plan required.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by: (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infested, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log.	As per condition 10(a), the project area lies in an area of low rainfall (<400mm/year). No Dieback Management Plan required.	NA
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must: (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen.	As per condition 10(a), the project area lies in an area of low rainfall (<400mm/year). No Dieback Management Plan required.	NA
10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	No temporary clearing was required. Therefore no rehabilitation and revegetation is required.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	Appendix A: GHD (2015) Emu Rocks North Project, Coolgardie Esperance Highway Biological Assessment - Section 3.8.4 Invasive flora A search of the NatureMap database (DPaW, 2007) identified 12 introduced flora taxa within 30 km of the Study Area. One of these taxa, Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum) is listed as a Declared Pest (s22) under the Biosecurity and Management Act 2007. No management is required for this taxon in the Shire of Coolgardie.	C
<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	As per Condition 11(c) an offset is not required.	C
11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines (August 2014).	As per Condition 11(c) an offset is not required.	NA
11 (c)	Determination of offsets	An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Clearing of native vegetation within the project area was assessed to be at variance to clearing principle (f) and not likely at variance to the remaining Principles. However, impacts to the minor non- perennial watercourses will result in clearing 0.5 ha or less of vegetation growing	C
11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	As per Condition 11(c) an offset is not required.	NA
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	As per Condition 11(c) an offset is not required.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	The Permit Holder must monitor: (i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and (ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.	No areas of temporary disturbance requiring revegetation or rehabilitation. No area subject to offset.	NA
13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit: (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit: (i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit; (iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b); (iv) the location where the clearing occurred; (v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; (vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred; (viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and (ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.	Main Roads Western Au(CIA) - Coolgardie - Esperance Highway, Emu Rocks and Appendices - October 2020 (EOS no. D20#712831) No submissions required. Shapefiles reviewed at MRWA office 29/08/2023. Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C
13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit: (i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated (ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken; (iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and (v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and (vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).	No areas of temporary disturbance requiring revegetation or rehabilitation.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit: (i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit; (ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exist points in accordance with condition 10(c); (iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c); (iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and (v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.	The project area lies in an area of low rainfall (<400mm/year). The average annual rainfall recorded at Coolgardie (Site Number 012018) is 269.6 mm. No Dieback Management Plan required.	NA
13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit: (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares).	As per Condition 11(c) an offset is not required.	NA
14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C
14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C
14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing	C

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14 (d)	Reporting	For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing: (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done.	https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community/environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing	C
14 (e)	Reporting	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Project activities authorised prior to 31 December 2020 as per CIA dated August 2020	C
15 (a)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on: (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken.	MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years. As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA. MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.	C

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15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From:[Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C
15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C

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16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	<p>Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477.</p> <p>Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).</p>	C
16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	<p>Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report.</p> <p>GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.</p>	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C

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16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C

Region: Midwest-Gascoyne

Project: GNH 966 SLK Material Pit (EOS No. 1824)

Approved clearing area: 40.2 ha

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Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part I - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	<p>Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. Section 1.1 Project Information. This project involves investigating for potential naturally occurring road building materials for borrow/basecourse. If suitable materials are located during investigation stockpiling will be staged as per project requirements.</p>	C

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1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	As per condition 1 (a).	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. Section 1.2 Key Clearing Impact Assessment Aspects.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA's decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA's decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	No referral was required, as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. Section 6. Additional actions required.	C
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	Not applicable as per condition 2 (b).	NA
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	Compliance with Permit conditions assessed through this independent audit as per condition 16. Noted that condition 15 also requires internal auditing of selected projects conducted under CPS818.	C

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4	Limits on authorised clearing	The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO. Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 300 ha per year for the Midwest-Gascoyne Region.	It was advised that no clearing was undertaken under CPS 817 in 2022. MRWA reported a total of 66.66 ha cleared in 2022 under CPS 818 (retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/).	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. Section 5.1 Measures to avoid, minimise, mitigate, and manage project clearing impacts.	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference: (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.	MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. Section 5.1 Measures to avoid, minimise, mitigate, and manage project clearing impacts.	C
6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department’s “A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	C

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6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	Not applicable as the proposed clearing was approved under CPS 818/14 which did not require relevant policies and / or planning instruments to be included in the desktop study. A corrective action undertaken by MRWA was to update the assessment report template to include a section with any policies and planning instruments relevant to the proposed clearing assessment.	NA
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	C

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6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit. 	<p>(i), (iii), (vi), (vii), (viii) MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.</p> <p>(ii) as per condition 6(b).</p> <p>(iv) Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [Redacted] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer).</p> <p>(v) Not applicable.</p> <p>(ix)(A) as per condition 9(a).</p> <p>(B) as per condition 10(a).</p>	C
6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, 	<p>Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.</p>	NA

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6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	Not applicable as per condition 6 (e).	NA
7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department’s “A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	An environmental assessment was undertaken to determine if proposed clearing was at variance with any of the clearing principles under Section 5.3 of MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. No further environmental assessment was required as Preliminary Impact Assessment did not indicate that the clearing was at variance or may be at variance with the clearing principles.	C

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7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	An environmental assessment must include: (i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f); (ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e); (iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas; (iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and (v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	A biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.	Not applicable as per condition 7(c).	NA
7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance - Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	Not applicable as per condition 7(c).	NA

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7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance - Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	Not applicable as per condition 7(c).	NA
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	Not applicable as per condition 6 (e).	NA
7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The Assessment Report must set out: (i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; (iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and (v) any offset proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. However, a VMP was provided as Appendix B of MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA

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7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.	<p>Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.</p> <p>However, a VMP was provided as Appendix B of MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.</p>	NA
7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iv) timeframes for completion of each management action; (v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions; (vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and (vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit. 	Not applicable as per condition 7 (j).	NA
7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	Not applicable as per condition 8 (b).	NA

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7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must: (i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and (ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles: A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared; B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done; C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA

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8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions: (i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j); (ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j).	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA
8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as per conditions 8 (a) and 8 (b).	NA
8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA
8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit: (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing.	Not applicable as per conditions 8 (a) and 8 (b).	NA
8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder’s website.	Not applicable as per condition 8 (e).	NA
8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA

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8 (h)	Submissions - interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	Not applicable as per conditions 8 (a) and 8 (b).	NA
8 (i)	Submissions - interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Not applicable as per conditions 8 (a), 8 (f) and 8 (h).	NA
<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	<p>OFI relates to an inconsistency within the Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment (MRWA, 2020) as Sections 1.1 and 6 state that no temporary clearing is required. However, proposed clearing is for material pits which are considered temporary works as per CPS 818/15 Definitions.</p> <p>A Revegetation Plan was prepared: MRWA - Revegetation Plan - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967.3 SLK - April 2020 - D19#1097115.</p> <p>MRWA advised that the pit is still in use, and revegetation and rehabilitation will occur after the pit is no longer in use.</p>	OFI
9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	Not applicable as MRWA has not advised of another project activity to use the cleared area.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by: (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas;	Future requirement as MRWA advised that the pit is still in use and revegetation and rehabilitation will occur after the pit is no longer in use. (v) to (viii) Not applicable as per condition 9(h).	NA
9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including: (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to be undertaken after year 1, 2, 3 and 5 of remedial actions to ascertain if completion criteria outlined in 9(c) are met.	Not applicable as per condition 9(h).	NA
9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).	Not applicable as per condition 9(d).	NA
9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.	Not applicable as no advice from the CEO has been reported.	NA
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	Not applicable as per condition 9(c).	NA

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9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	Proposed clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	C
10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	Not applicable as the project is in an area of low rainfall (234mm average annual rainfall, BoM 2019), stated in MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.	Not applicable as the projects does not require movement of soil in conditions other than dry conditions, as stated in MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA

Condition No.	Subject	Condition	Comments/Evidence	Compliance
10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infested, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log. 	<p>Not applicable as the projects does not require movement of soil in conditions other than dry conditions, as stated in MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.</p>	NA
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen. 	<p>MRWA advised that there has not been notification that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback.</p>	NA
10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared. 	<p>Future requirement. Noted that revegetation controls have been established in MRWA - Revegetation Plan - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967.3 SLK - April 2020 - D19#1097115. Section 6 Weed Control.</p>	NA

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10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	MRWA advised that there are no weeds likely to spread and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition as per biological survey (360 Environmental, 2020).	NA
<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines (August 2014).	Not applicable as per condition 11 (a).	NA
11 (c)	Determination of offsets	An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as clearing is not at variance with clearing principles (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), and not likely to be at variance with (a), as per MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018.	NA
11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	Not applicable as per condition 11 (a).	NA
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	Not applicable as per condition 11 (a).	NA

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<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	The Permit Holder must monitor: (i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and (ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.	Future requirement as MRWA advised that the pit is still in use and revegetation and rehabilitation will occur after the pit is no longer in use.	NA
13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit: (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit: (i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit; (iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b); (iv) the location where the clearing occurred; (v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; (vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred; (viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and (ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.	MRWA - GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967 SLK - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - [Redacted] - April 2020 - D13#550475 June 2018. Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [Redacted] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer). MRWA - Annual Clearing Report 2022 - Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15, retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/clearing-reveg/cps818/actual-clearing-2022/dwer-clearing-permit-cps-818-eos-projects_june-2023.pdf?v=49ef7d .	C
13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit: (i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated (ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken; (iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and (v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and (vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).	Future requirement as MRWA advised that the pit is still in use and revegetation and rehabilitation will occur after the pit is no longer in use.	NA

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13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit: (i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit; (ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exist points in accordance with condition 10(c); (iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c); (iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and (v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.	Not applicable as no dieback management plan or weed control is required, as per condition 10.	NA
13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit: (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares).	An offset proposal was not required as per condition 11.	NA
14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	MRWA letter RE: 2022 Annual Report for Purpose Clearing Permit CPS 817/7 and CPS 818/15 - To: Mrs [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 26 Jun 2023. (i) Not applicable as per condition 14 (e).	C

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14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	MRWA letter RE: 2022 Annual Report for Purpose Clearing Permit CPS 817/7 and CPS 818/15 - To: Mrs [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 26 Jun 2023. https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/	C
14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	Not applicable as per condition 14 (e).	NA
14 (d)	Reporting	For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing: (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done.	Not applicable as per condition 14 (e).	NA
14 (e)	Reporting	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Proposed clearing was internally endorsed by MRWA CRSP team in April 2020, as per MRWA Email RE: HPE Records Manager Corporate Document : D19#1097126 : GNH Material Pits 882, 960.2, 966 and 967.3 SLK-PCIA and VMP - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Environmental Officer) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environmental Officer) - Date: 22 Apr 2022.	C

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15 (a)	Internal auditing	<p>The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken. 	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C
15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C

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16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477. Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).	C
16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report. GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C

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16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C

Region: Pilbara

Project: Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit (EOS No. 1087)

Approved clearing area: 144 ha

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Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part I - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	<p>Mt Lockyer Strategic Materials (EOS No. 1807) would be classified as: (xvi) extracting road building materials.</p>	C

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1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 approving Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and Revegetation Plan (RP) provides instrument of approval.	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f). Also confirmed MRWA's assessment against the remaining clearing principles. No Part IV EP Act or EPBC Act referral.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA's decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA's decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	No EP Act referral.	C
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	No EP Act referral.	C
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017 Appendix D: Vegetation Management Plan assigns accountability to MRWA personnel and responsibilities for management actions.	C

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4	Limits on authorised clearing	The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO. Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 150 ha per year for the Pilbara Region.	Pilbara Regional Clearing Limit - 150 ha Attachment 1: Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 specifies total Pilbara Region cleared in 2022 as 79.20 ha. Source: MRWA website: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017. While alternatives to clearing are not specifically addressed in the Assessment Report, the auditor considers that no alternatives are available as extraction of road construction materials requires total removal of vegetation over the area of impact.	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference: (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.	MRWA Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017. Appendix D: Vegetation Management Plan - Management Actions Section 6 - Summary of Biological Surveys - Astron (2017). Mount Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Expansion Biological Assessment - Unpublished report for Main Roads Western Australia.	C

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6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department’s “A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017. Section 2 - Assessment Scope refers to a desktop analysis of environmental aspects which determined the need to develop and obtain approvals from the Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER). Section 4.1 Preliminary Desktop Study also states that initial preliminary desktop assessment was undertaken to assess the proposed native vegetation clearing and potential constraints associated with the project. Desktop assessment not reviewed by auditors.	C
6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	As above, desktop assessment not reviewed by auditors. The Assessment Report indicates that majority of the project area is within a proposed conservation area, ex-Marillana Station and that Main Roads were currently in discussions with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA's) about requirements and management actions required to use this land for material extraction.	C
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017 prepared in accordance with 7(i). This negated the need to prepare a separate Desktop Report.	C

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6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit; (ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit; (iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity; (iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile; (v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities; (vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study; (vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and (ix) whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and (B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit. 	<p>Assessment report (referenced in 5a and 5b) incorporates assessment of native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles.</p> <p>The Assessment Report indicates that majority of the project area is within a proposed conservation area, ex-Marillana Station and that Main Roads were currently in discussions with DBCA about requirements and management actions required to use this land for material extraction.</p> <p>Section 5.3 - Assessment Against the Ten Clearing Principles. Initially determined that proposal was in variance to Clearing Principles (f) and (h). However, DWER letter to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 dismissed variance to (h) as conservation area not confirmed. Rehabilitation and revegetation is required as clearing classified as temporary.</p>	C
6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, 	<p>MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017 Auditor noted that MRWA initially determined that proposal was in variance to Clearing Principles (f) and (h). However, DWER letter to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 dismissed variance to (h) as conservation area not confirmed.</p>	C

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6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) only. Clearing area exceeds 0.5 ha so Assessment Report required.	C
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f). Clearing area exceeds 0.5 ha so Assessment Report required.	C
7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles, the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f). Clearing area exceeds 0.5 ha so Assessment Report required.	C
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department’s “A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	The MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017 was approved by DWER in the letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018.	C

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7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>An environmental assessment must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f); (ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e); (iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas; (iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and (v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles. 	<p>MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6 - Summary of Biological Surveys - Astron (2017) - Mount Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Expansion Biological Assessment. - north of 26th parallel of latitude - Appendix A: Site Inspection Report - Vegetation Management Plan - One compliance inspection will occur prior to clearing. The project site will be driven to ensure all areas of riparian vegetation have been demarcated and ready for clearing to commence. 	C
7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>a biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland. 	<p>MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017 concluded that: Given the projects mapped vegetation type and that no riparian vegetation was identified during the biological survey it is unlikely that any riparian vegetation will be impacted by the project activities. However as a portion of the vegetation to be cleared is growing adjacent to a mapped watercourse this project clearing is at variance to this Principle.</p>	C
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	<p>A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.</p>	<p>Astron Mount Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Expansion Biological Assessment 25 July 2017.</p> <p>Astron are widely recognised as competent environmental specialists in the Pilbara Region.</p>	C

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7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	The clearing for this project was approved by DWER under CPS 818/12. Astron Mount Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Expansion Biological Assessment 25 July 2017 references EPA 2004b, Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, Guidance Statement 51.	C
7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	The clearing for this project was approved by DWER under CPS 818/12. Astron Mount Lockyer Strategic Material Pit Expansion Biological Assessment 25 July 2017 references EPA 2004a, Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, Guidance Statement 56.	C
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017.	C

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7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>The Assessment Report must set out:</p> <p>(i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit;</p> <p>(iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles;</p> <p>(iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and</p> <p>(v) any offset proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit.</p>	<p>MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 4.1 - Preliminary Desktop Study - Section 6 - Summary of Biological Surveys - Section 5.3 - Assessment against the Ten Clearing Principles - Appendix D - Vegetation Management Plan <p>DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that MRWA is not required to implement an offset for the project.</p>	C
7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.</p>	<p>DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that MRWA is not required to implement an offset for the project.</p>	C
7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following:</p> <p>(i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP;</p> <p>(ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing;</p> <p>(iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing;</p> <p>(iv) timeframes for completion of each management action;</p> <p>(v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions;</p> <p>(vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and</p> <p>(vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit.</p>	<p>Appendix D - Vegetation Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope of the Vegetation Management Plan - VMP Accountability - VMP Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Management Action . Completion Timeframe . Monitoring/ Maintenance Program . Monitoring will be undertaken through the corporate audit process and remedial actions managed through Main Roads internal incident management process. - Revegetation Plan (RP) - Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit- October 2017- (D17#800349) 	C

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7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	VMP Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Management Action . Completion Timeframe . Monitoring/ Maintenance Program VMP was not required to be developed in consultation with the Commissioner as the clearing was not at variance with clearing principles (g), (i), (j) required by Condition 8(b)(i)(ii).	C
7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that the proposed clearing is at variance with Clearing Principle (f) only. Letter also advises approval of VMP and RP.	C
7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	Auditor noted that section 8 of the Assessment Report provides a Statement Addressing Stakeholder Submissions and identifies stakeholders who were contacted. Submissions had not been received or summarised at the time of submitting the Assessment Report. However, as the DWER approval letter confirms that the project is only in variance to condition 6(f), submissions would not technically be required.	C

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8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must: (i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and (ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles: A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared; B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done; C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done.	Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions: (i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j); (ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j).	As above.	NA
8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	As above, auditor noted that section 8 of the Assessment Report provides a Statement Addressing Stakeholder Submissions and identifies stakeholders who were contacted. Submissions had not been received or summarised at the time of submitting the Assessment Report. However, as the DWER approval letter confirms that the project is only in variance to condition 6(f), submissions would not technically be required.	C
8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	As above.	C

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8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit: (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing.	As above, auditor noted that section 8 of the Assessment Report provides a Statement Addressing Stakeholder Submissions and identifies stakeholders who were contacted. Submissions had not been received or summarised at the time of submitting the Assessment Report. However, as the DWER approval letter confirms that the project is only in variance to condition 6(f), submissions would not technically be required.	C
8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder’s website.	Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	As above	NA
8 (h)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
8 (i)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	RP Appendix D - Management Action Timeline specifies commencement of rehabilitation with 24 months of close out. As 2022 clearing for Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit (EOS 1087) was conducted on 17 - 18 March 2022, no rehabilitation is required to commence until March 2024.	C

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9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	RP Appendix D - Management Action Timeline specifies commencement of rehabilitation with 24 months of close out. As 2022 clearing for Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit (EOS 1087) was conducted on 17 - 18 March 2022, no rehabilitation is required to commence until March 2024.	C
9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by: (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas;	Revegetation Plan - Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit- October 2017- (D17#800349) - Section 4 - Implementation . 4.4 - Post-extraction Site preparation . 4.5. Species selection . 4.6. Vegetation establishment . 4.7. Weed Control - Section 5 - Completion Criteria	C
9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including: (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to be undertaken after year 1, 2, 3 and 5 of remedial actions to ascertain if completion criteria outlined in 9(c) are met.	Future requirement	C

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9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).	Future requirement	C
9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.	MRWA effectively recognises commitment to rehabilitation of Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit (EOS 1087) through preparation and submission of the Revegetation Plan. No exemption sought.	C
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	RP Section 5 - Completion Criteria consistent with criteria outlined in condition 9(c).	C
9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	MRWA required to comply with revegetation and rehabilitation conditions as area exceeds 0.5 ha and project is at variance with clearing principle (f).	C
10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	Project area is above 26th parallel and receives less than 400 mm average annual rainfall.	NA
10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.	Project area is above 26th parallel and receives less than 400 mm average annual rainfall.	NA

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10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infested, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log. 	Project area is above 26th parallel and receives less than 400 mm average annual rainfall.	NA
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen. 	Project area is above 26th parallel and receives less than 400 mm average annual rainfall.	NA
10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	<p>When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared. 	RP Section 4.7 - Weed Control	C

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10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	The VMP has timeframes for weed control which state 5 years from commencement of clearing. Clearing conducted in 2022 has not yet reached that timeframe. No weeds were identified as likely to spread and cause environmental harm to adjacent areas in the biological report. Buffel grass was the only weed identified in the biological report.	C
<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that MRWA is not required to implement an offset for the project.	C
11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines (August 2014).	As above.	NA
11 (c)	Determination of offsets	An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	As above.	NA
11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	As above.	NA
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	As above.	NA

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<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	<p>The Permit Holder must monitor:</p> <p>(i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and</p> <p>(ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.</p>	<p>RP Appendix D - Management Action Timeline specifies commencement of rehabilitation with 24 months of close out. As 2022 clearing for Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit (EOS 1087) was conducted on 17 - 18 March 2022, no rehabilitation is required to commence until March 2024.</p> <p>No offset required.</p>	C
13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:</p> <p>(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit;</p> <p>(iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b);</p> <p>(iv) the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities;</p> <p>(vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and</p> <p>(ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.</p>	<p>Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022</p> <p>MRWA Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit - Assessment Report and Vegetation Management Plan - Rev 1 - 27 September 2017 (TRIM No. D17#765061)</p> <p>Revegetation Plan - Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit- October 2017- (TRIM No. D17#800349)</p>	C

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13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit: (i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated (ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken; (iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and (v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and (vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).	RP Appendix D - Management Action Timeline specifies commencement of rehabilitation with 24 months of close out. As 2022 clearing for Mt Lockyer Strategic Material Pit (EOS 1087) was conducted on 17 - 18 March 2022, no rehabilitation is required to commence until March 2024.	C
13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit: (i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit; (ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exist points in accordance with condition 10(c); (iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c); (iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and (v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.	Project area is above 26th parallel and receives less than 400 mm average annual rainfall. No Dieback Management Plan required. No weeds were identified as likely to spread and cause environmental harm to adjacent areas in the biological report. Buffel grass was the only weed identified in the biological report.	C
13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit: (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares).	DWER letter from [Redacted] - Manager - Clearing Regulation to MRWA dated 10 January 2018 advising that MRWA is not required to implement an offset for the project.	NA
14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	Not applicable as per condition 14 (e) . Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C

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14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	Not applicable as per condition 14 (e) . Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
14 (d)	Reporting	For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing: (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done.	Not applicable as per condition 14 (e) . Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
14 (e)	Reporting	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	C
15 (a)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on: (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken.	MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years. As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA. MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.	C

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15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C
15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C

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16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477. Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).	C
16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report. GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C
16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C

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16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C

Region: Kimberley

Project: Kimberley Materials Strategy-GRR SLK 146 & 162 Area 34 & 35 (162) (EOS No. 578)

Approved clearing area: 15 ha

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Compliance Status: C = Compliance, OFI = Opportunity for Improvement, OB = Observation, NC = Non-Compliance, NA = Not Applicable				
<i>Part I - Type of Clearing Authorised</i>				
1 (a)	Type of clearing authorised	<p>In accordance with this Permit, the Permit Holder may clear native vegetation for project activities, which means any one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to construct new roads; (ii) to construct road transport corridor infrastructure, including all buildings, depot sites, fences, gates, posts, boards, overpasses, underpasses, erections and structures placed upon any road that are associated with the use of the road; (iii) to install new road signs, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (iv) to install new traffic-control signals, as defined in regulation 3 of the Road Traffic Code 2000; (v) to establish new sightline areas and crossover area; (vi) to re-establish sightline areas and crossover area; (vii) to establish new lateral clearance areas; (viii) to re-establish or expand lateral clearance areas; (ix) to establish new temporary works; (x) to construct and maintain new public roadside facilities, including principal shared paths and cycle paths; (xi) to establish new rest areas and camps; (xii) to re-establish rest areas and camps; (xiii) to establish and maintain new firebreaks; (xiv) to maintain the efficacy of new and existing road transport corridor infrastructure, to the following extents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for a building or structure – 20m from the building or structure; (B) for a drain or fence line – 5m from the drain or fence line; (C) for a vehicle track – 5m track width; (xv) clearing for revegetation; (xvi) extracting road building materials; (xvii) road realignment; (xviii) road widening. (xix) project surveys; and (xx) pre-construction activities. 	Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530. Project Information.	C

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1 (b)	Type of clearing authorised	This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for the project activities described in condition 1(a) of this Permit to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to carry out works involving clearing for those project activities under the Main Roads Act 1930 or any other written law.	As per condition 1 (a).	C
2 (a)	Clearing not authorised	This Permit does not authorise the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation where: (i) the clearing is likely to be seriously at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; (ii) the clearing and the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); (iii) a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to and assessed under Part IV of the EP Act by the EPA; or (iv) the clearing is determined to be a Controlled Action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) as it may have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance.	MRWA - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530. Key Clearing Impact Assessment Points.	C
2 (b)	Clearing not authorised	If a proposal incorporating a project activity described in condition 1(a) of this Permit has been referred to the EPA, this Permit does not authorise any clearing for that project activity unless: (i) the EPA has given notice under section 39A(3) of the EP Act that it has decided not to assess the proposal; and (ii) either: (A) the period within which an appeal against the EPA's decision may be lodged has expired without an appeal being lodged; or (B) an appeal has been lodged against the EPA's decision not to assess the proposal and the appeal was dismissed.	Not applicable as no EPA referral was required.	NA
2 (c)	Clearing not authorised	If the Permit Holder intends to clear native vegetation under this Permit for a project activity that forms part of, or is related to a proposal referred to in condition 2(b) of this Permit, then the Permit Holder must have regard to any advice or recommendations made by the EPA under section 39A(7) of the EP Act.	Not applicable as per condition 2 (b).	NA
3	Application	This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit. The Permit Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this Permit.	Noted: MRWA is authorised to clear native vegetation for this project in accordance with CPS818. Compliance with Permit conditions assessed through this independent audit as per condition 16. Noted that condition 15 also requires internal auditing of selected projects conducted under CPS818.	C

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4	Limits on authorised clearing	The total amount of native vegetation cleared pursuant to this Permit and the current version of Clearing Permit CPS 817 together, per region, must not exceed the regional clearing limits unless authorised in writing by the CEO. Schedule 1 - Regional Clearing Limits table establishes a limit of 500 ha per year for the Kimberley Region.	It was advised that no clearing was undertaken under CPS 817 in 2022. MRWA reported a total of 95.55 ha cleared in 2022 under CPS 818 (retrieved from https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing/).	C
<i>Part II - Assessment Procedure</i>				
5 (a)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	The Permit Holder must demonstrate that it has considered alternatives to clearing.	MRWA - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530. Section 5.1 Measures to Avoid and Minimise Clearing. A preliminary assessment of the Project areas and an assessment of native vegetation clearing was undertaken by reviewing a number of government agency managed databases, viewing GIS shapefiles and consulting with relevant stakeholders where necessary. Two areas were selected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gibb River Road SLK 146.30 Gibb River Road SLK 162.06 Each area is highly disturbed as a result of historical material excavation activities.	C
5 (b)	Avoid, minimise and reduce impacts of clearing	In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared, the Permit Holder shall have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference: (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation; (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.	MRWA - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530. Section 5.1 Measures to Avoid and Minimise Clearing.	C

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6 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Once the Permit Holder has complied with condition 5 of this Permit, a desktop study shall be conducted for the native vegetation to be cleared against each of the clearing principles in accordance with the Department’s “A guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under Part V Division 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986” provided in Annexure 1.	MRWA - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530. Section 5 Clearing of Native Vegetation. PCIA and VMP - Gibb River Road- SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016. Section 4.1 Preliminary Desktop Study - A preliminary assessment of the Project areas and an assessment of native vegetation clearing was undertaken by reviewing a number of government agency managed databases, viewing GIS shapefiles and consulting with relevant stakeholders where necessary. Section 5.3 - Assessment Against the 10 Clearing Principles	C
6 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study must be conducted having regard to: (i) any approved policy (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act); and (ii) any planning instrument (as defined in section 510 of the EP Act), that applies to the area of native vegetation to be cleared.	Not applicable as the proposed clearing was approved under CPS 818/12 which did not require relevant policies and / or planning instruments to be included in the desktop study. A corrective action undertaken by MRWA was to update the assessment report template to include a section with any policies and planning instruments relevant to the proposed clearing assessment.	NA
6 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	The desktop study, must include production of a Desktop Report, unless advised in writing by the CEO that a Desktop Report is not required or an Assessment Report that has been prepared in accordance with condition 7(i).	MRWA - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530. The PCIA is essentially the Desktop Report.	C

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6 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	<p>The Desktop Report must set out:</p> <p>(i) The Permit Holder’s consideration of alternatives to clearing, and management measures and actions implemented to avoid and minimise the impacts of the clearing in accordance with the condition 5 of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) the manner in which the Permit Holder has had regard to any approved policy and planning instrument in accordance with condition 6(b) of this permit;</p> <p>(iii) the area (in hectares) of clearing required for the project activity;</p> <p>(iv) for an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of clearing required for the project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(v) for an area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location of clearing required for the project activities;</p> <p>(vi) how the Permit Holder has had regard to the clearing principles through the desktop study;</p> <p>(vii) whether the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles;</p> <p>(viii) any impacts likely to occur as a result of the clearing, including a description of those impacts that are at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles; and</p> <p>(ix) whether:</p> <p>(A) rehabilitation and revegetation is likely to be required under condition 9 of this Permit; and</p> <p>(B) the management of dieback is likely to be required under condition 10 of this Permit.</p>	<p>(i), (iii), (vi), (vii), (viii) MRWA - Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan (PCIA VMP) - Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 - D16#271530.</p> <p>(ii) as per condition 6(b).</p> <p>(iv) Shapefiles were reviewed in MRWA GIS system, on 29 Aug 2023, at MRWA office with assistance of [Redacted] (MRWA Environment & Compliance Officer).</p> <p>OFI relates to a discrepancy found in the number of hectares and polygon of the clearing area. [Redacted] (MRWA environmental officer) advised that polygon is showing clearing from 2014, before clearing under CPS 818 was approved, and that one of the 2022 clearing events was registered twice, resulting in a total clearing of 3.26 ha rather than 2.38 ha, in the GIS system.</p> <p>(v) Not applicable.</p> <p>(ix)(A) C as per condition 9(a).</p> <p>(B) NA as per condition 10(a).</p>	OFI

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6 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report, must be prepared in accordance with condition 7 where: (i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or (ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles,	Department of Environment Regulation correspondence - RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - GIBB River Road SLK 146.30 & 162.06 Material Investigation & Extraction Areas - Approval of RP, VMP & Exemptions - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environment Officer) - From: [Redacted] (DER Executive Director Licensing and Approvals) - Date: 28 Dec 2016. Letter advised that MRWA is not required to prepare a Clearing Impact Assessment (CIA), seek submissions or prepare and implement an offset proposal for the clearing as proposed.	NA
6 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	Where the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principle, and the area of the proposed clearing is less than 0.5 hectares in size and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland; the preparation of an Assessment Report, as required by condition 6(e), is not required.	Not applicable as per condition 6 (e).	NA
6 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts – desktop study	An Assessment Report shall be prepared as required by condition 6(e), unless advised in writing by the CEO that an Assessment Report is not required, or where the clearing meets the criteria described in condition 6(f).	Not applicable as per condition 6 (e).	NA

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7 (a)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>Where:</p> <p>(i) the outcome of the desktop study indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f); or</p> <p>(ii) the available information is insufficient to allow the Permit Holder to assess the proposed clearing against one or more of the clearing principles,</p> <p>the Permit Holder must conduct an environmental assessment, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an environmental assessment is not required.</p>	<p>Department of Environment Regulation correspondence - RE: Clearing Permit CPS 818/15 - GIBB River Road SLK 146.30 & 162.06 Material Investigation & Extraction Areas - Approval of RP, VMP & Exemptions - To: [Redacted] (MRWA Senior Environment Officer) - From: [Redacted] (DER Executive Director Licensing and Approvals) - Date: 28 Dec 2016.</p> <p>Letter advised that MRWA is not required to prepare a Clearing Impact Assessment (CIA), seek submissions or prepare and implement an offset proposal for the clearing as proposed.</p>	NA
7 (b)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Department's "A Guide to the assessment of applications to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986" provided in Annexure 1.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (a).	NA
7 (c)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	<p>An environmental assessment must include:</p> <p>(i) a biological survey if the desktop study identified that the clearing is at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d) or (f);</p> <p>(ii) vegetation condition mapping and vegetation mapping by delineating on a map the ecological communities formed within a given area, and the nature and extent of each combination, within the area to be cleared at the scale of the best available mapping information, if the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principle (e);</p> <p>(iii) a dieback survey if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into dieback free areas;</p> <p>(iv) a wetland field assessment if the clearing may have a detrimental impact on the environmental values of a defined wetland; and</p> <p>(v) any additional surveys and field assessments that are required to determine the impacts of the clearing on any environmental value protected by the clearing principles.</p>	Not applicable as per condition 7 (a).	NA

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7 (d)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	a biological survey is not required if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as per condition 6 (f).	NA
7 (e)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	A survey or field assessment carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit must be conducted by an environmental specialist.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (c).	NA
7 (f)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to flora must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Flora EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (c).	NA
7 (g)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Any biological survey carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit that relates to fauna must be conducted having regard to EPA's Technical Guidance – Terrestrial Fauna EIA. (i) where a biological survey is required to be submitted in support of an Assessment Report in accordance with condition 7(i), the biological survey is to be prepared in a data package which meets the requirements of the Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (c).	NA
7 (h)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The environmental assessment must include production of an Assessment Report.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (a).	NA
7 (i)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	The Assessment Report must set out: (i) all of the information required to be provided in a Desktop Report in accordance with condition 6(d) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of results of all surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; (iii) whether the outcome of the environmental assessment indicates that the clearing is at variance, may be at variance, not likely to be at variance or not at variance with each of the clearing principles; (iv) a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), subject to condition 7(j), for the clearing, designed by an environmental specialist; and (v) any offset proposal developed pursuant to condition 11 of this Permit.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (a).	NA

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7 (j)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), the Assessment Report must include a VMP.	As per 7(c) above - DWER advised that environmental assessment not required. Auditor noted that a Revegetation Plan (RP) and Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) were included in the PCIA and approved under CPS 818/12 which was effective at the time (December 2016). Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 approved the RP and VMP in accordance with CPS 818/12.	C
7 (k)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where a VMP is required by condition 7(j), a VMP must include the following: (i) The scope of the project activities and of the VMP; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) allocation of responsibilities for implementation of the management actions to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iv) timeframes for completion of each management action; (v) a monitoring and maintenance program for assessing the implementation of management actions; (vi) actions to be taken in the event of non-compliance with management actions; and (vii) details of revegetation to be undertaken, where required under condition 9 of this Permit.	PCIA and VMP - Gibb River Road- SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016. Appendix D - Vegetation Management Plan Gibb River Road - SLK 146.30 and 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 approved the RP and VMP in accordance with CPS 818/12.	C
7 (l)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	VMP management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder pursuant to condition 8(b)(i)(ii) to avoid, mitigate or manage land degradation, water quality deterioration, or flooding must be developed in consultation with the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.	Not applicable as per condition 8 (b)(i)(ii).	NA
7 (m)	Assessment of clearing impacts-environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), no clearing must be undertaken in relation to project activities unless an Assessment Report relating to those project activities has been approved by the CEO.	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016.	C

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7 (n)	Assessment of clearing impacts- environmental assessment	Where the outcome of the Assessment Report indicates that the clearing is likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles, except where the variance relates to condition 6(f), submissions shall be sought in accordance with condition 8, unless advised in writing by the CEO that seeking submissions is not required.	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 advises that seeking submissions was not required.	C
8 (a)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must: (i) publish on its website a notification regarding the project activities and inviting submission from the public with respect to the proposed clearing; and (ii) invite submissions from the following parties about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles: A. the local government responsible for the area that is to be cleared; B. the owner (as defined in section 51A of the EP Act), or occupier (as defined in section 3 of the EP Act), of any land on which the clearing is proposed to be done; C. any environment or community groups that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done; and D. any other party that the Permit Holder considers may have an interest in the clearing that is proposed to be done.	As per condition 8(i) below, DWER approval issued prior to 31 December 2020.	NA
8 (b)	Submissions – interested parties	Where required pursuant to condition 7(n) of this Permit, in addition to the requirements of condition 8(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder must invite submissions: (i) from the Office of the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (g), (i) or (j); (ii) the Department’s Drainage and Waterways Branch about those impacts of the proposed clearing that are likely to be at variance or may be at variance with clearing principles (f), (i) and (j).	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA
8 (c)	Submissions – interested parties	Submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) are not required to be sought if the clearing is at variance or may be at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (iv) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (v) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (vi) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Not applicable as per conditions 8 (a) and 8(b).	NA
8 (d)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to publish submissions if the CEO advises so in writing.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA

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8 (e)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must provide the following information to the parties from whom it invites submissions under conditions 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit: (i) a copy of the Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) management actions to be taken by the Permit Holder to avoid, mitigate or manage the impacts of the clearing; (iii) an outline of any rehabilitation, revegetation, or offset proposal proposed to be implemented in relation to the clearing; (iv) a summary of the results of any surveys and field assessments carried out pursuant to condition 7(c) of this Permit; and (v) instructions for making a submission on the proposed clearing.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA
8 (f)	Submissions – interested parties	The information required by condition 8(e) must also be included on the Permit Holder’s website.	Not applicable as per condition 8 (e).	NA
8 (g)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must allow a period of at least 21 days for submissions to be made.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA
8 (h)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder must publish on its website a summary of all submissions received pursuant to condition 8(a) and 8(b) of this Permit and a statement addressing each of those submissions.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA
8 (i)	Submissions – interested parties	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 8(a)(i), 8(f) and 8(h) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Not applicable as per condition 7 (n).	NA
<i>Part III - Management</i>				
9 (a)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works as soon as possible, but no later than 24 months after the area is no longer required for the purpose for which it was cleared.	Revegetation and rehabilitation not required until 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit as per condition 9(a). 2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.	C

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9 (b)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate an area specified in condition 9(a) of this Permit if the Permit Holder intends to use that cleared area for another project activity within 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit.	Revegetation and rehabilitation not required until 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit as per condition 9(a). 2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.	C
9 (c)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder must revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works specified in condition 9(a) by: (i) retaining the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorized under this Permit; (ii) re-shaping the surface of the land so that it is consistent with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land; (iii) ripping the ground on the contour to remove soil compaction; (iv) laying the vegetative material and topsoil retained under condition 9(c)(i) on the cleared area(s); (v) establishing quadrat monitoring sites within the revegetated and rehabilitated area in accordance with the methodology described in the Department's 'A Guide to Preparing Revegetation Plans for Clearing Permits' provided in Annexure 2; (vi) implementing hygiene protocols by cleaning earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the revegetated and rehabilitated area; (vii) undertake annual weed control activities; and (viii) achieving the below completion criteria within ten years within the revegetated and rehabilitated areas;	Revegetation and rehabilitation not required until 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit as per condition 9(a). 2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.	C
9 (d)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions for areas revegetated and rehabilitated where monitoring, after year five, indicates that revegetation is unlikely to meet the completion criteria, outlined in condition 9(c), including; (i) revegetate the area by deliberately planting native vegetation and/or direct seeding native vegetation at an optimal time that will result in the minimum target in 9(c) and ensuring that only local provenance species are used; (ii) undertake further weed control activities; and (iii) monitoring of the revegetated and rehabilitated site, by an environmental specialist, is to be undertaken after year 1, 2, 3 and 5 of remedial actions to ascertain if completion criteria outlined in 9(c) are met.	Future requirement.	NA
9 (e)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	If condition 9(d)(iii) monitoring identifies that completion criteria has not been met, the Permit Holder must undertake remedial actions described in condition 9(d).	Future requirement.	NA

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9 (f)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to revegetate and rehabilitate areas cleared for temporary works if the CEO advises so in writing.	No exemption for revegetation and rehabilitation has been provided by CEO. However, revegetation and rehabilitation not required until 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit as per condition 9(a). 2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.	C
9 (g)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder may seek approval from the CEO of alternative completion criteria as outlined in condition 9(c) of this Permit.	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 approved the RP and VMP in accordance with CPS 818/12. No completion criteria included in previously approved VMP as this was not required under CPS818/12.	NA
9 (h)	Revegetation and Rehabilitation	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with condition 9(c)(v)-(ix) and 9(d) if the area to be revegetated and rehabilitated is: (i) 0.5 hectares or less; and (ii) is either not or not likely to be at variance with all of the clearing principles.	Revegetation and rehabilitation not required until 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit as per condition 9(a). 2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.	C
10 (a)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit in any part of a region that has an average annual rainfall of greater than 400 millimetres and is south of the 26th parallel of latitude, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of dieback: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known dieback-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material are brought into an area that is not affected by dieback; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	The project area is north of the 26th parallel of latitude so dieback management measures are not required.	NA

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10 (b)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land managed by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Permit Holder must, prior to clearing, implement a dieback management plan endorsed by DBCA for minimising the spread of dieback.	The project area is north of the 26th parallel of latitude so dieback management measures are not required.	NA
10 (c)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	If movement of soil is necessary in conditions other than dry conditions and the clearing will impact land other than DBCA managed land, if the area proposed to be cleared may introduce or spread dieback into uninfested areas, in addition to the requirements of condition 10(a), the Permit Holder must minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of dieback by: (i) mapping dieback areas, including infested, uninfested and uninterpretable, within the area to be cleared, prior to clearing; (ii) ensuring that no clearing occurs in infested areas during rain events where there is a risk of transporting material into uninfested areas; (iii) demarcating all dieback areas, including infested, uninterpretable and uninfested, with flagging tape and appropriate signage prior to clearing; (iv) establishing clean on entry points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to entering dieback uninfested and uninterpretable areas; (v) establishing clean on exist points to ensure machines and other vehicles are clean of soil and vegetation prior to existing dieback infested and uninterpretable areas; (vi) ensuring that drainage is directed away from uninfested areas; and (vii) monitoring the implementation of dieback management actions through daily visual inspections and keeping an inspection log.	The project area is north of the 26th parallel of latitude so dieback management measures are not required.	NA
10 (d)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	Where the Permit Holder is notified by the Department or in a written report provided to the Permit Holder, from an environmental specialist, that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback, the Permit Holder must: (i) obtain the advice of an environmental specialist; (ii) take appropriate steps in accordance with that advice to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of that pathogen.	No notification has been given to MRWA that the area to be cleared may be susceptible to a pathogen other than dieback.	C

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10 (e)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds: (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared; (ii) ensure that no known weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.	PCIA/VMP was approved under CPS 818/12 on 28/12/2016. VMP includes management measures for Weed Control to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds. PCIA/VMP indicates that the landscape around SLK 162 is highly disturbed as a result of historical disturbances and that the declared weed was there prior to the clearing activities. The auditor therefore accepts MRWA advice that the risk of introduction and spread is low.	C
10 (f)	Dieback, other pathogen and weed control	At least once in each 12 month period for five years from the commencement of clearing for a project activity under condition 1(a), the Permit Holder must remove or kill any weeds growing within areas cleared under this Permit, where those weeds are likely, on the advice of an environmental specialist, to spread to and result in environmental harm to adjacent areas of native vegetation that are in good or better condition.	2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.	C
<i>Part IV - Offsets</i>				
11 (a)	Determination of offsets	If part or all of the clearing associated with a project activity is at variance with any one of the clearing principles (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (h), the Permit Holder must prepare an offset proposal, designed by an environmental specialist, unless advised in writing by the CEO that an offset proposal is not required.	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 advises that preparing and implementing an offset proposal was not required.	NA
11 (b)	Determination of offsets	In preparing an offset proposal, the Permit Holder must ensure consistency with the principles in the WA Environmental Offsets Policy (September 2011) and have regard to the WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines (August 2014).	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 advises that preparing and implementing an offset proposal was not required.	NA
11 (c)	Determination of offsets	An offset proposal is not required if the clearing is at variance to only clearing principle (f) and no other clearing principles, that the area of the proposed clearing at variance is less than 0.5 hectares and the clearing principle (f) impacts only relate to: (i) a minor non-perennial watercourse(s); (ii) a wetland(s) classed as a multiple use management category wetland(s); and/or (iii) a wetland that is not a defined wetland.	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 advises that preparing and implementing an offset proposal was not required.	NA

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11 (d)	Determination of offsets	If it is necessary to modify the offset proposal approved by the CEO, then the Permit Holder must provide that modified offset proposal to the CEO for the CEO's approval and prior to implementing the modified offset.	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 advises that preparing and implementing an offset proposal was not required.	NA
11 (e)	Determination of offsets	The Permit Holder must implement the latest version of the offset proposal approved by the CEO.	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 advises that preparing and implementing an offset proposal was not required.	NA
<i>Part V - Monitoring, reporting & auditing</i>				
12 (a)	Monitoring	The Permit Holder must monitor: (i) areas revegetated and rehabilitated under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant Revegetation Plan and the conditions of this Permit; and (ii) areas that are the subject of an offset implemented under this Permit to determine compliance with the relevant approved offset and the conditions of this Permit.	Revegetation and rehabilitation not required until 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit as per condition 9(a). 2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.	C

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13 (a)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:</p> <p>(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation pursuant to condition 1(a) of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) description and justification of the actions and management measures taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing pursuant with condition 5 of this Permit;</p> <p>(ii) a copy of any Desktop Report and Assessment Report produced pursuant with condition 6 and 7 of this Permit;</p> <p>(iii) the dates and list of interested parties where submissions were requested in accordance within condition 8(a) and 8(b);</p> <p>(iv) the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(v) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities;</p> <p>(vi) for a cleared area greater than 0.5 hectares, the boundaries of the area of clearing required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(vii) for a cleared area of 0.5 hectares or less, a co-ordinate of the location where the clearing occurred;</p> <p>(viii) the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year; and</p> <p>(ix) the dates on which the clearing was done.</p>	<p>Preliminary Clearing Impact Assessment and Vegetation Management Plan - Gibb River Road-SLK 146.30 & 162.06 - Material Investigation and Extraction Areas - November 2016 (TRIM no. D16#271530)</p> <p>No submissions required.</p> <p>Shapefiles reviewed at MRWA office 29/08/2023.</p> <p>Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.</p>	C
13 (b)	Records of assessment and clearing	<p>In relation to the revegetation and rehabilitation of areas pursuant to condition 9 of this Permit:</p> <p>(i) the location of any area revegetated and rehabilitated</p> <p>(ii) the boundaries of the area of revegetation required for project activities recorded as a shapefile;</p> <p>(iii) a description of the revegetation and rehabilitation activities undertaken;</p> <p>(iv) the size of the area revegetated and rehabilitated (in hectares); and</p> <p>(v) results of the monitoring report against the completion criteria in accordance with condition 9(c); and</p> <p>(vi) remedial actions undertaken in accordance with condition 9(d).</p>	<p>Revegetation and rehabilitation not required until 24 months of that area no longer being required for the purpose for which it was originally cleared under this Permit as per condition 9(a).</p> <p>2022 clearing activities undertaken between 1 May and 1 August 2022.</p>	C

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13 (c)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to the control of weeds, dieback and other pathogens pursuant to condition 10 of this Permit: (i) a copy of any dieback management plan prepared in accordance with condition 10(b) of this Permit; (ii) a map of the dieback management areas and associated clean on entry and exist points in accordance with condition 10(c); (iii) description of the dieback management actions undertaken in accordance with condition 10(c); (iv) for any pathogen other than dieback, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with condition 10(d) of this Permit; and (v) for any weed, the appropriate steps taken in accordance with conditions 10(e) and 10(f) of this Permit.	The project area is north of the 26th parallel of latitude so dieback management measures are not required.	NA
13 (d)	Records of assessment and clearing	In relation to each offset implemented pursuant to Part IV of this Permit: (i) a copy of each offset proposal approved by the CEO in accordance with condition 11 of this Permit; (ii) the location of any offset implemented; (iii) the boundaries of the area of offset required for project activities recorded as a shapefile; (iv) a description of each offset implemented; and (v) the size of the area of each offset (in hectares).	Project approval letter from [Redacted] - Executive Director Licensing and Approvals - DWER dated 28 December 2016 advises that preparing and implementing an offset proposal was not required.	NA
14 (a)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year. (i) The Permit Holder must publish this report on its website.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C
14 (b)	Reporting	The report must set out the records required to be maintained pursuant to condition 14 of this Permit.	Purpose Permit CPS 818/15 Annual Clearing Report 2022 - submitted to DWER 26 June 2023.	C
14 (c)	Reporting	The Permit Holder must publish on its website the total amount of clearing done (in hectares) in each region between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year in accordance with this Permit.	https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing	C

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14 (d)	Reporting	For a 12 month period after clearing is completed, the Permit Holder must publish on its website a clearing summary report detailing: (i) a copy of the Desktop Report required by condition 6(c) or when prepared, an Assessment Report required by condition 7(h) of this Permit; (ii) a summary of submissions received for each project activity required by condition 8(h); (iii) the location where the clearing occurred; (iv) the size of the area to be cleared (in hectares) for the project activities; and (v) the dates on which the clearing was done.	https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community/environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/annual-clearing	C
14 (e)	Reporting	The Permit Holder is not required to comply with conditions 14(a)(i), 14(c) and 14(d) of this Permit for the clearing of project activities undertaken or authorised under this Permit prior to 31 December 2020.	Project activities authorised prior to 31 December 2020 as per CIA dated August 2020	C
15 (a)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an internal auditor to conduct internal environmental audits for areas specified in condition 15(c) of this Permit to determine the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit, with particular emphasis on: (i) the location and extent of native vegetation cleared; (ii) the implementation status of any offsets imposed; (iii) the effectiveness of any VMP implemented; and (iv) the implementation status of any revegetation or rehabilitation undertaken.	MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years. As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA. MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.	C

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15 (b)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must conduct internal environmental audits annually for the term of this Permit.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>As the external audit is required only every two years. The internal audit for every other second year is undertaken by MRWA.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C
15 (c)	Internal auditing	The areas to be audited under condition 15(a) must be selected by the auditor using a structured and documented risk-based selection framework, and must, where clearing occurs within a region, include at least one cleared area in each region in which clearing has been done under this Permit within the previous 12 months.	<p>MRWA advised that Preston Consulting's current external audit of projects cleared in 2022 will double as the "internal audit" of CPS 818 clearing in 2022, as has been an accepted protocol for several years.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p>	C

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15 (d)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the internal environmental audits.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.</p>	C
15 (e)	Internal auditing	The Permit Holder must provide written reports of the internal environmental audits conducted pursuant to this condition 15 of this Permit to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year for the term of this Permit. The reports must include details of corrective action taken by the Permit Holder to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit.	<p>MRWA correspondence letter RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permits CPS 817 and CPS 818 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Director General) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - Date: 7 Dec 2022. Appendix 1: Audited projects that cleared native vegetation in 2021 in accordance with CPS 818.</p> <p>MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020 (GHD, 2021).</p>	C

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16 (a)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must engage an external accredited lead environmental auditor to undertake environmental audits of the Permit Holder's compliance with the conditions of this Permit for each of the regions in which clearing is done under this Permit.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report conducted by Douglas Koontz, accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global - Certificate Number 14477. Miles Dracup of EAW Consulting conducted desktop audits of compliance with Permit conditions for projects in each region where clearing had occurred during the 2020 calendar year. Miles is an accredited Lead Auditor through Exemplar Global (#121614).	C
16 (b)	External auditing	The external environmental audits must be done on or before 30 November of every second year for the term of this Permit and/or as otherwise required by the CEO.	Current external audit undertaken by Preston Consulting. This audit report. GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Report applies to audit of projects cleared in 2020.	C
16 (c)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must implement corrective action required to address any non-compliance with conditions of this Permit identified from the external environmental audits.	MRWA - CPS 818/15 External Audit March 2022 - Summary of the Findings of the 2021 External Audit of Compliance with CPS 818 and the Corrective and Improvement Actions to be undertaken by Main Roads.	C
16 (d)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must provide the lead environmental auditor's written reports of the external environmental audits to the CEO on or before 30 December of each year that an external environmental audit is conducted.	MRWA correspondence email RE: Main Roads CPS 818 Audit Report 2020 - To: [Redacted] (DWER Senior Manager Native Vegetation Regulation) - From: [Redacted] (MRWA Manager Environment) - 15 Dec 2021. Attachments: Letter to DWER RE: Reporting of Internal and External Audits Main Roads Purpose Permit CPS 818, and External Audit report for projects cleared in 2020.	C

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16 (e)	External auditing	The Permit Holder must publish the lead environmental auditor's summary of findings of the external environmental audits on its website for the term of this Permit.	GHD - Clearing Permit 818 - projects cleared in 2020 - External Audit Report - MRWA - 30 Nov 2021 - Rev 0. Executive Summary retrieved from: https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/environment/clearing-and-revegetation/compliance-audit/	C