Native Vegetation Council

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DECISION NOTIFICATION

Native Vegetation Regulations 2017

Application Number: 2022/3131/571

To: Attention: Hannah Keynes

Transport Planning & Program Development Department for Infrastructure and Transport

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Date Received:	19/04/2022
Date Registered:	30/05/2022

Applicant	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)		
Landholder	 Land Owner: The Crown – road reserves, managed by DIT Bayeux Investments Pty Ltd – CT6246/505 (eastern side of Princes Hwy, pastoral land) 		
Purpose of application	Clearance is required for two new parking bays/rest areas on either side of the road, that will accommodate up to five heavy vehicles, located on the Princes Highway, just north of the Salt Creek settlement.		
Description of native vegetation under application	Clearance is for a total of 1.45 ha over four vegetation associations, consisting of: • 0.594 ha of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> ssp. <i>sophorae</i> (Coastal Wattle) / <i>Myoporum insulare</i> (Boobialla) Open Shrubland, impacted by weeds and rabbits; • 0.6 ha of <i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i> (Coast Beard Heath), <i>Olearia axillaris</i> (Coast Daisy Bush) Low Open shrubland over <i>Lepidosperma gladiatum</i> (Coast Sword Sedge), <i>Ficinia nodosa</i> (Knobby Club rush) sedges in very poor condition; • 0.084 ha of <i>Melaleuca halmaturorum</i> (Swamp Paperbark) Tall Shrubland over <i>Gahnia filum</i> (Thatching Grass) in poor condition; • 0.087 ha of <i>Gahnia filum</i> (Chaffy Saw Sedge) <i>Gahnia trifida</i> (Coastal Saw Sedge) Sedgeland – improves in condition with distance from roadside. 0.56 ha of pastoral land with exotic grasses and herbs will also be cleared, at Site A. Site A (eastern side) = 0.57 ha Area B (western side) = 0.88 ha		



Location of the application	Local Government Area: Coorong District Council		
	Hundred: Santo		
	Parcel ID/Title ID: - road reserve along Princes Highway, Salt Creek and		
	D125169 A301 CT6246/505 (eastern side of Princes Highway)		

Decision

The Native Vegetation Council has considered your application in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 12, Schedule 1; Clause 32 of the *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*.

In respect of the application, you are informed that the Native Vegetation Council:

Grants consent to the clearance of 1.45 ha native vegetation in the area shown on the attached Decision Plan 2022/3131/571, required for two new parking bays/rest areas that will accommodate heavy vehicles, located on the eastern and western side of the Princes Highway, just north of the Salt Creek settlement.

Reason for Decision:

The clearance of native vegetation meets the requirements of Native Vegetation Regulation 12, Schedule 1; Clause 32.

Conditions of approval

This approval is subject to the conditions specified below have been imposed to ensure that the impacts on native vegetation and biodiversity from approved clearance is adequately minimised and mitigated:

- 1. Clearance to be confined to 1.45 ha native vegetation as shown on the attached Decision Plan 2022/3131/571, and in the submitted report: *Native Vegetation Clearance Data Report, Salt Creek Parking Bays*, prepared by Andrew Sinel (Ecosphere Ecological Solutions), dated 03/02/2022;
- 2. Prior to clearance commencing, the applicant must advise all persons undertaking the vegetation removal or working on site, of all relevant conditions of approval and associated statutory requirements;
- 3. Prior to clearance commencing, the applicant must define the area approved for clearance with markings, barriers, pegs, flags or temporary fencing. The markings, barriers, pegs, flags or temporary fencing must remain in place, in good condition and clearly visible, for the period in which clearance is occurring;
- 4. A pre clearance survey is to be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine the presence of fauna species immediately prior to commencement of vegetation clearance. The survey should focus on the presence of the Common Wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*) and must include checking burrows;
- 5. Where fauna are identified with the inability to independently relocate easily or a likely to be harmed should clearance proceed, the impacted individuals are to be relocated to suitable habitat nearby under supervision of a suitably qualified ecologist. If relocation is not possible or the relocated individuals are unlikely to survive or may experience significant harm, then clearance is to be delayed until a suitable date when relocation is not required or can occur without harming the relocated individuals;

- 6. Infrastructure construction is undertaken in a way that machinery, vehicle movement and material laydown areas are restricted to the approved clearance area, existing tracks or areas devoid of native vegetation;
- 7. Any excavation or fill material surplus to the requirements of the development must be disposed of such that it will not:
 - adversely impact on native vegetation;
 - contribute to erosion or sedimentation;
 - facilitate the spread of pest plant and pathogenic material;
- 8. When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this approval, the applicant or anyone acting on their behalf must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds and dieback (phytophthera):
 - clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - ensure that no known phytophthera or weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared;
 - restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared;
 - where phytophthera is known or likely to occur within the area of clearance, to minimise any spread, avoid machinery movement when or in areas where soils are wet or muddy.
- 9. Prior to the completion of construction works associated with this approval, the applicant must erect or maintain a permanent barrier or fencing around the vegetation-side of the western parking bay, to deter any unauthorised or unintentional access to areas of native vegetation by vehicles or pedestrians, except for access by people on clearly defined tracks;
- 10. The Significant Environmental Benefit requirement (equivalent to 65.13 SEB points) is to be achieved by making a payment of \$45,030.97 (\$42,683.38 GST exclusive for the clearance and \$2,347.59 for administration GST inclusive) to the Native Vegetation Fund, and is to be made within one month of invoice date. (Note the invoice will be sent once the attached form 'Decision Notification acknowledgement' is signed and returned);
- 11. Non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be reported to the Native Vegetation Council as soon as practical after the non-compliance being detected, but must be within a maximum of seven days. The report must include details of the nature of the breach, the location and extent of the breach and the actions taken and associated timing for completion of those actions, to address the breach;
- 12. No clearance is to occur until the attached form, "Decision Notification Acknowledgement", is signed and returned to confirm that the applicant and anyone else who is a party to the agreement, understand and will comply with the decision, including all the associated conditions.

Expiry date of approval

The approval to clear native vegetation in accordance with this decision ceases after 2 years from the 14/06/2022.

Signature	fl de
Name	John Neal
Position	CHAIR, NATIVE VEGETATION ASSESSMENT PANEL
Date	14/06/2022 (Decision Date)

Notes

1. Effect of Consent

This Decision Notification grants consent under the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* only and does not imply approval under any other legislation. It is the responsibility of the landowner to obtain all relevant approvals for any proposed development. This includes any approval that might be required in relation to the Commonwealth *Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

2. Conditions

Please note that these conditions are an integral part of the consent and are legally binding under the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017*. Should **any** clearance occur in accordance with this decision, the conditions are enforceable in full.

Any conditions of consent are binding on and enforceable against the person granted the approval, any current and future owners of the land, any occupier of the land and any person who acquires the benefit of the clearance.

3. Amended decisions

Where a decision is amended, all previous versions of the decision are null and void.

If an application to amend a decision will substantially alter the nature of the original application or conditions of approval, the Native Vegetation Council may require a new application be submitted.

4. SEB Areas

All areas established as a condition of consent to provide a significant environmental benefit, whether through revegetation, management or protection of an area of native vegetation, are protected in perpetuity under the *Native Vegetation Act 1991*. No clearance of native vegetation within these areas can occur without the consent of the Native Vegetation Council.

5. Monitoring

The Native Vegetation Council undertakes a program of monitoring of conditions attached to any clearance consent. As part of this program, the landowner may be contacted by an officer of Department to arrange inspections. Should it be evident that the conditions have not be applied with in full, the landholder will be informed in writing of the nature of breach of the conditions and given an opportunity to comply with the conditions. However, if the breach of the conditions is substantial, ongoing or irreversibly, then the Council may take compliance actions under Section 31 of the *Native Vegetation Act 1991*.

6. Use of cleared vegetation

Native vegetation authorised for clearance under a Decision Notification may be a useful resource, as a source of seed for local revegetation projects, for woodcraft purposes or providing hollows for relocation. Please consider notifying any local seed collection groups to offer them the opportunity of collecting seed at the time of clearance, and making any timber from the cleared trees available for woodcraft or hollow relocation.

DECISION NOTIFICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT				
Application Number:	2022/3131/571	Attention: Hannah Keynes Department for Infrastructure & Transport Two new parking bays, Princes Highway, Salt Creek		
The applicant, and all parties to the decision, have received a copy of the Decision Notification (decision date 14/06/2022) are fully aware and will comply with the decision and all the attached conditions.				
Name of applicant:				
Signature of applicant of other parties to the de		y and authorised signatory, including the signature of any		
Date:				

Note: Sign and return this form by post or email to:

Send to: Native Vegetation Branch

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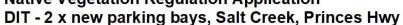
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Native Vegetation Regulation Application





DECISION PLAN

TO FORM PART OF THE DECISION TO THE NATIVE VEGETATION COUNCIL

APPLICATION NO. 2022/3131/571

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Princes Hwy road reserve, Salt Creek & D125169 A301 CT6246/505

Conditional Consent (1.45 ha) Property/Section Boundary Road

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Chair, Native Vegetation Assessment Panel



Dated: 14/06/2022

D125169 A301 CT6246/505 Rest Area Site A Coorong NP

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