



## WILDFLOWER SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)

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Re: CPS 185/10

The Wildflower Society of Western Australia (hereafter referred to as 'the Society') submits the following comments in relation to the application for an extension of the clearing permit CPS 185/10 which provides a statewide purpose permit to the Water Corporation. The comments made generally reflect amendments required to existing permit CPS 185/8 to reflect changes in legislation and policy since the issue of that permit.

Part 1, Section 2 of the existing permit, it should be added that clearing is not permitted where the area affected includes a State-listed PEC under the Biodiversity Conservation Act as well as Federally-listed TECs.

In Part 2, Section 6(a), the Society should be added to the list of groups invited to make submissions given that it is the lead NGO with an interest in vegetation conservation.

Part V – Offsets in the current permit should be amended to reflect the objective of the State Native Vegetation Policy (page 7) to result in a net gain in native vegetation at a landscape scale. The Society contends that this requires the addition of vegetation at a landscape scale as mere protection of existing vegetation results in a net loss of vegetation at a landscape scale.

In Part VI, Section 19(b) of the existing permit, the dates for the completion of external audits should be amended to 20 October 2024, 20 October 2026, and 20 October 2028.



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<http://www.wildflowersocietywa.org.au/>

## Reference:

Native Vegetation Policy for Western Australia; Government of Western Australia, May 2022

Clearing Permit CPS 185/8 – Water Corporation – Clearing for Project Activities issued 20 April 2017