
Western Ringtail Possum Induction Form

Busselton Hospital Health Campus Redevelopment

Name:

Contact No.

Company:

Date:

Role:

The Western Ringtail Possum is a threatened species, recognised as being at risk of extinction by both the State and Federal governments. The factors contributing to this species decline are habitat loss and modification, changing fire regimes and predation by introduced predators.



The redevelopment will require the removal of scattered Peppermint trees, which are key habitat for the Western Ringtail Possum. These Peppermint trees are the Western Ringtail Possum's primary food source and provide a place for their dreys (nests) and refuge from predators on the ground.

The environmental approvals for the redevelopment require that all work is conducted in accordance with the Busselton Health Campus Western Ringtail Management Plan (v8), including the following management commitments:

- A temporary fence (minimum height of 210cm) will be erected around the construction zone prior to clearing.
- Following the construction of this fence and prior to clearing a Western Ringtail Possum translocation program will be undertaken by the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- Clearing is restricted to the period between the 1 June and 30 October.
- Clearing is restricted to the redevelopment area (as illustrated on the attached figure). No clearing is to occur outside this area.
- Clearing should commence from Bussell Highway towards areas of Western Ringtail Possum habitat to encourage any possums present to relocate to these areas.
- No more than 238 trees (including no more than 156 peppermint trees) will be cleared within the redevelopment area.
- Any peppermint trees retained within the development area will be protected by fencing during construction (i.e. tree protection zone). Any construction work necessary within the tree protection zone must be undertaken with the appropriate Standard Operating Procedure.

- Prior to clearing any trees (e.g. within the tree protection zone), Clearing contractors or Construction contractors **MUST** obtain permission to remove trees from the project coordinator (Rory Stemp).
- A fauna spotter (qualified zoologist with a Regulation 15 License) must be on site during ALL clearing activities and demolition works.
- Clearing contractors should work with the fauna spotter to avoid Western Ringtail Possum mortalities and injuries (i.e. discuss appropriate clearing practices, e.g. the 'three bump rule').
- Avoid stockpiling cleared material on-site. Where material cannot be removed from the site, material must be mulched immediately.
- All fauna injuries or mortalities (not just Western Ringtail Possums) must be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to the DORIC site manager (if DORIC contractor or subcontractor) or project coordinator Rory Stemp (0427 386 350) (if WACHS contractor or Maintenance staff). The site manager or project coordinator will then:

1. Inform the fauna spotter IMMEDIATELY:

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Where the fauna spotter is onsite, they will take responsibility for the animal and no further action is required by yourself.

Where the fauna spotter is not onsite, they will confirm the following steps:

2A. Contact fauna carer:

Possum Centre Busselton	9754 2956
Busselton GeoVet	9754 4422
DEC Wildcare Helpline	9474 9055

Contact a fauna carer and organise immediate delivery of **injured fauna** to the carer for medical attention.

2B. Contact DEC:

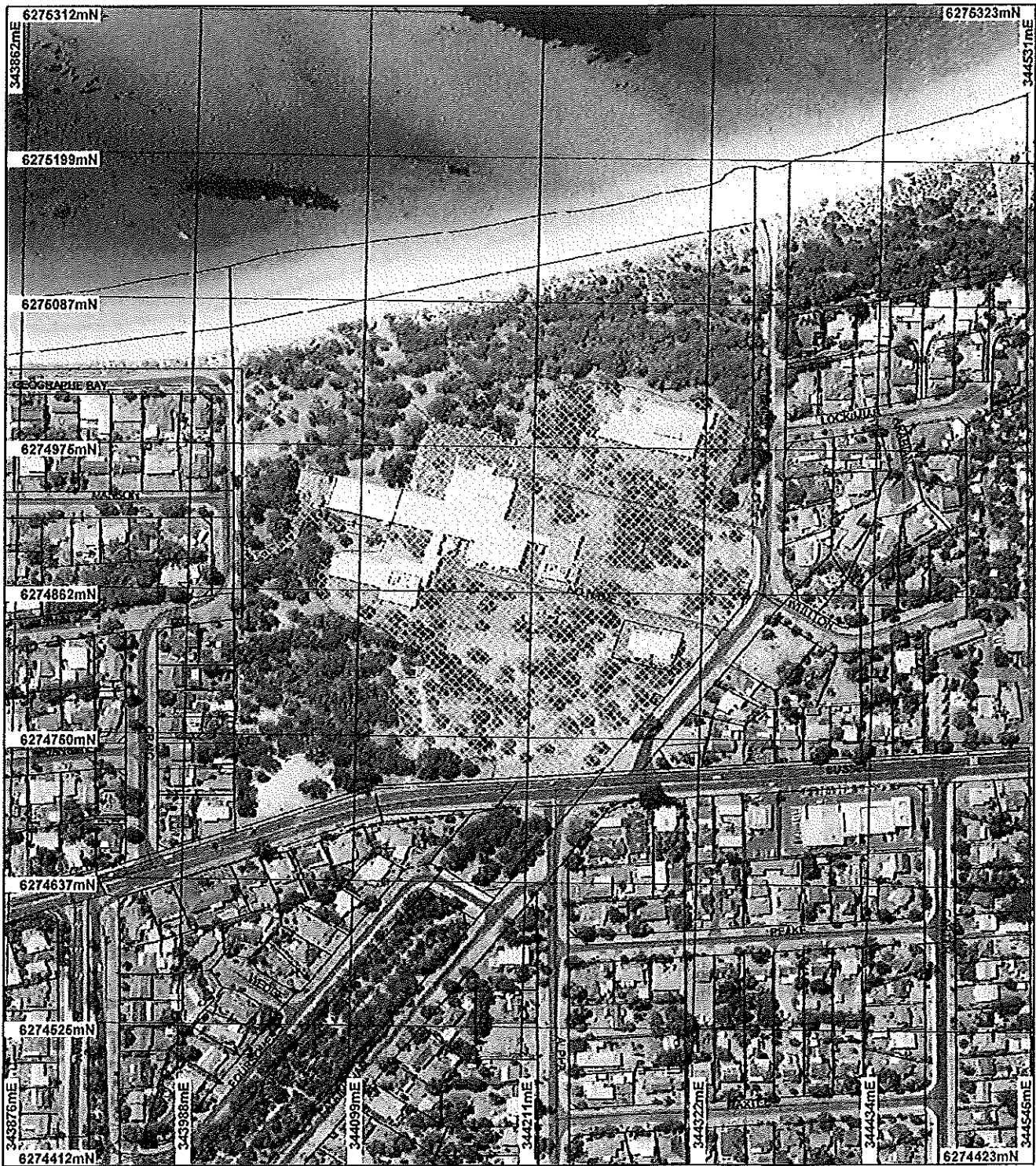
Busselton Office	9752 5555
Bunbury Office	9725 4300

Where a **fauna mortality** has occurred DEC should be notified and contacted to determine the appropriate disposal method (Please note DEC may want these animals retained).

I _____ have completed and understand the requirements of the Western Ringtail Possum Induction.

Signature _____ Date _____

Plan 4433/1



LEGEND

Clearing Instruments

- Areas Approved to Clear
- Road Centrelines
- Cadastre
- Bussellton 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2009



Scale 1:3963
(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

Note: the data in this map have not been projected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.

R. Atkins
R. Atkins Date 5.11.11

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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