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There are exceptional clearing controls in important water resources catchments

Land owners or occupiers considering clearing native vegetation should first contact the Department of Environment and Conservation. The Department of Water also has a role in native vegetation conservation in some existing, or potential, water source catchments where salinity is a major threat to the quality of water resources. This pamphlet shows the location of the catchment areas where *Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947* clearing controls also apply.

Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947 Clearing control catchments

In July 2004, new *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) regulations that deal with the clearing of native vegetation in Western Australia were implemented.

Under these regulations any clearing of native vegetation throughout Western Australia is primarily authorised by the granting of an EP Act permit that is administered by the Department of Environment and Conservation. There are, however, exceptional requirements in several key existing or potential water source catchments that have been previously proclaimed under the *Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947* (CAWS Act).

The catchments where clearing controls apply under the CAWS Act are the:

- Mundaring Weir catchment area
- Wellington Dam catchment area
- Harris River Dam catchment area
- Warren River water reserve
- Kent River water reserve
- Denmark River catchment area

The clearing of native vegetation in these catchments has been controlled under the CAWS Act since the mid 1970s to prevent further salinisation of water resources, which occurs if land is permanently cleared.

A *CAWS Act Licence to Clear* is required in the listed catchments if:

- an EP Act exemption applies
- or if compensation has previously been paid to retain the subject vegetation. In this situation BOTH a CAWS Act clearing licence and an EP Act permit are required before any clearing may be undertaken.



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Are you considering clearing native vegetation in water resource catchments?

Further information and assistance

Land owners or occupiers considering clearing native vegetation in the CAWS control catchments should first contact the Department of Environment and Conservation by phoning (08) 9334 0333 for advice on whether an EP Act permit and/or a CAWS Act licence is required.

Or contact the relevant local Department of Environment and Conservation office:

Albany (08) 9842 4500

Bunbury (08) 9725 4300

Additional publications relating to clearing laws, clearing permits and application forms are also available online from

www.dec.wa.gov.au/nvc

www.water.wa.gov.au

Enquiries: Telephone (08) 6364 7600



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Country Areas Water Supply Act 1947 - Catchments

Legend

- Town
- Road
- ▭ CAWSA catchment boundary
- CAWSA Catchments - Zones of Salinity Risk
 - ▭ Zone A (highest risk)
 - ▭ Zone B
 - ▭ Zone C
 - ▭ Zone D (lowest risk)



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