



Local Government Roadside Clearing Regulation Working Group

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Overview

- Chaired by DWER
- Members
 - DWER Native Vegetation Regulation officers
 - DWER Appeals advisory
 - DBCA Species and Communities Program
 - 3 LG officers – Gingin, Busselton, Armdale
 - WALGA

LG members

Luke Rogers	Senior Environmental Officer	City of Armadale
Kay Lehman	Environmental Management Officer	City of Busselton
Allister Butcher	Executive Manager Operations	Shire of Gingin

Terms of reference - objectives

- Identify and communicate methods to manage, avoid and minimise roadside clearing of native vegetation by LGs
- Educate and build capacity in LGs in the key legislation (State and Commonwealth)
- Identify difficulties and constraints experienced by LGs in complying with the clearing provisions of the EP Act
- In highly cleared landscapes (e.g. wheatbelt) opportunities for offsets and other strategic options
- Develop a strategic and risk-based approach to managing clearing permit applications for roadside clearing by Local Governments

Key priorities

- Update and improve guidance material
- Improve access to relevant data
- Identify opportunities to streamline assessment of low impact clearing
- Encourage Strategic Purpose Permit approach
- Identify options for developing a strategic approach to roadside clearing in the Wheatbelt and Swan Coastal Plain
- Develop a roadside conservation education program