Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Application for new permit or referral to clear native vegetation

Application Details	
Application number	APP-0029502
Application type	Purpose Permit
Application sub-type	
Project number	
Project name	
Application Status	
Applicant	

Submission Details	
Created By	[redacted]
Submitted By	
Submitted Date	
Modified on (Date & Time)	

Contact Details	
Applicant full name	[redacted]
Applicant email	
Applicant contact number	
Applicant address	
Multiple applicants	
Third Party full name	
Third Party email	
Third Party contact number	
Third party address	
Organisation name	
Organisation email	
Organisation contact number	
Organisation address	
ABN	
ACN	

Land Details	
Property name	[redacted]
Land description	
Street address – Line 1	
Street address – Line 2	
Suburb	
Postcode	
Local government area	
State	
Land Zoning	
Relationship to landowner	

Proposed Clearing	
Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	199.000 Changed to 29.00
Footprint of clearing (hectares)	29.000 Changed to 199.00
Number of trees to be removed	
Purpose for clearing	Pastoral diversification
Specify other	
Final land use after clearing	Irrigated fodder production. Proposal is for 29 hectares of clearing (initially) within a 199ha footprint (Stage 1). Potential for up to 156ha subject to successful Stage 1 trial and all approvals being received. Refer to attached document for explanation.
Method for proposed clearing	Burning, Mechanical clearing/bulldozing
Specify other	
Proposed start date	1/10/2025
Proposed end date	31/10/2025
Avoidance details	
Mitigation details	Avoided more dense vegetation areas. Proposed site has minimal perennial vegetation. Refer to attached supporting document for photos. Nearby (ephemeral) creek line to the west has been avoided. Murchison River has been avoided (to the south). Initial proposal for 120ha of irrigation (3x 40ha pivots) has now been staged to ensure impacts are monitored and managed, or avoided if necessary. Current proposal is for Stage 1 20ha of pivot irrigation plus 9ha of infrastructure clearing. Subject to the outcomes of Stage 1, including groundwater and agronomic/soils monitoring, Stage 2 applications will be submitted. Potential for weed spread from the irrigated field will be limited by the shortage of surface water in surrounding areas which limits germination of seeds. Site rehabilitation,

	returning to current condition, will be undertaken if and when required.
Offset proposal submitted?	

Pre-application scoping	
Clearing within the Swan Coastal Plain and Avon Wheatbelt bioregions?	
Any pre-application scoping meetings with DWER?	
Details of pre-application scoping meetings	

Assessment Bilateral Agreement	
Request the proposed clearing action to be assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process?	
Is the proposed clearing a controlled action?	
EPBC number	
Details of controlled action	

Surveys for assessment (IBSA and IMSA)	
Biodiversity surveys submitted?	
IBSA number(s)	
IBSA submission number(s)	
Marine surveys prepared?	
Other approvals	
Referred to EPA?	
EPA details	
Intention to refer to EPA?	
Ministerial statement number (if applicable)	
Works approval licence or registration	
Details of works approval licence or registration	
Water licences and permits?	
Details of water licences and permits	
Planning and other approvals required?	

Details of planning and other approvals	
Details of exemption from planning and approvals	

Short Description

Beringarra Station, located in the Murchison region, proposes to develop an area of up to 120 hectares (ha) under pivot irrigation to produce cattle feed and enhance the productivity of the station enterprise. Beringarra Station (140,189.42ha) is operated in conjunction with Milly Milly Station, with a total parcel size of 448,593.57 ha.

An overall envelope of 199 hectares is proposed as the site for three pivot irrigators to be eventually located, subject to adequate water quality and volume being available and all other approvals being received.

Within the 199ha envelope, a full development clearing footprint of 156ha will be required, to all for 3 x 40ha pivots, plus a 50-metre wide infrastructure corridor around each pivot circle, which will enable the movement of farm equipment.

To accomplish this goal, a two-stage development is proposed:

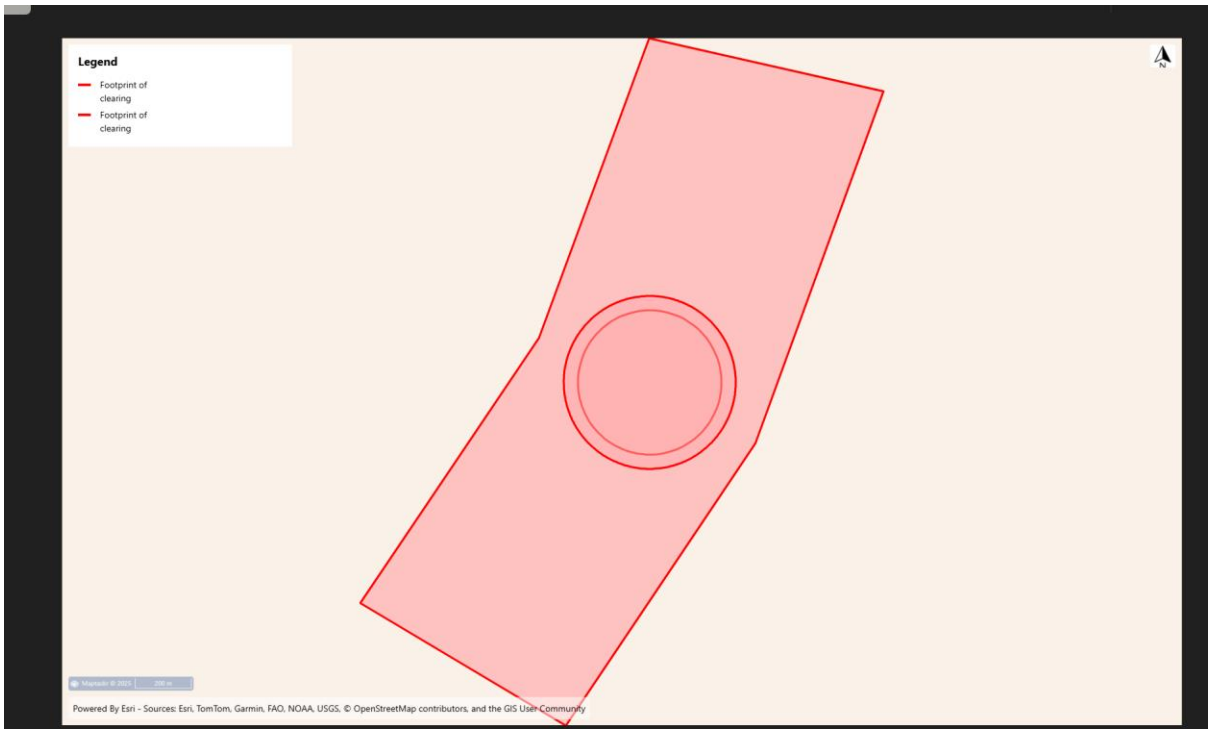
STAGE 1: Pilot a 20ha pivot, supplied by an existing production bore. Continuous groundwater monitoring will be undertaken for a period of two years, during and following which the impact of the pumping on the aquifer will be assessed. If impacts of pumping can be managed to environmental standards (and agronomic outcomes), the groundwater assessment will inform a subsequent application to expand the water licence and the development footprint.

Figure 2 illustrates the proposed location of the initial 20ha pivot, and its proximity to an existing 200mm production bore, located at -25.959570° 116.907850°.

Nearby monitoring bores will be used during (and after) the Stage 1 pilot to inform the groundwater assessment, which will be undertaken by a qualified and experienced hydrogeologist with remote area and pastoral station groundwater management expertise.

STAGE 2: Subject to successfully showing that impacts can be managed, per Stage 1, Stage 2 will be initiated, including expanding the clearing footprint within the overall envelope, and a request for a water licence increase submitted.

Map


Legend
Footprint of clearing
Footprint of clearing
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