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Date: 20 April 2004

Dear Mr Finger

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLEAR LAND REGISTERED NO 036/03  
FITZROY LOCATION 268, LOT 268 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 93392**

I refer to your Notice of Intention (NOIC) to clear approximately 100 hectares of land on the above-mentioned Location, which was received on 12 September 2003.

In accordance with the *Soil and Land Conservation Act and Regulations*, I have assessed your land clearing proposal for land degradation hazards. An assessment was carried out by Bob McCartney of the Derby District Office was performed on 2 December 2003.

The assessment report identified no land degradation hazards. Therefore, following consideration of your proposal, I advise I would have no objection on land degradation grounds to the notified clearing of 100 hectares on the above-mentioned Location.

Please note that my decision relates to land degradation issues only in accordance with the *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945*, and does not negate the necessity for you to comply with the requirements of other agencies prior to the commencement of clearing.

As you are aware, an Inter Departmental Committee with representatives from the Department of Environment (DoE) and the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) provide advice to me on land clearing proposals. Copies of the Committee's advice are attached for your information and consideration.

For your information, the Committee raised the following issues for your consideration when finalising this matter:

- Prior to clearing, water allocation for the intended land use must be available to the proponent. The proponent must apply for and obtain a groundwater license that incorporates water requirements for the proposed development prior to commencing works on the site.
- It was noted that you would require approval from the Minister for Lands to change the use of the land under the lease from grazing to irrigated pasture and horticulture production.

As you may be aware, amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* regarding land clearing have now passed through Parliament and are expected to come into force in 2004. I have enclosed a copy of the Minister for the Environment's media release of 19 November 2003 and a brochure which provides information on these amendments.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Watson  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
SOIL AND LAND CONSERVATION

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cc Peter McCosker, Department of Agriculture, Kununurra  
Members of the Inter Departmental Committee (Liesl Rohl, DCLM and Dr Vi Saffer, DoE)  
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