

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:

2262/2 DEC 5829

File Number: Duration of Permit:

From 12 April 2008 to 12 April 2013

PERMIT HOLDER
Apache Northwest Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

PART LOT 263 ON PLAN 220164 (MARDIE 6714)

NORTH WEST COASTAL HIGHWAY (ROAD RESERVE MARDIE 6714)

LOT 660 ON PLAN 30489 (MARDIE 6714)

LOT 531 ON PLAN 221145 (MARDIE 6714)

LOT 662 ON PLAN 30490 (MARDIE 6714)

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

Clearing for the purposes of Accommodation and Access Tracks.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 25.65 ha of native vegetation, within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 2262/2.

2. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of Temporary Accommodation and Access Tracks, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

3. Weed control

When undertaking any clearing, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no weed-affected road building materials, mulches, fill or other material is brought into areas to be cleared; and
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

Watercourse Buffer

The Permit holder shall ensure that an area of at least 20 metres in width of native vegetation is retained around the *watercourses* within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 2262/2.

5. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant in relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to the purpose of clearing:

(a) the species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;

- (b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Easting's and Northing's:
- (c) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

6. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 5 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 12 January 2013, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 6 where these records have not already been provided under condition 6(a).

DEFINITIONS

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

mulch means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

road building materials means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water;

weed means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.

watercourse has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914;

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Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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