

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

#### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:

2307/2

File Number:

**DEC 6223** 

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

ROAD RESERVE (NORTH WEST COASTAL HIGHWAY, MARDIE 6714) ROAD RESERVE (FORTY MILE BEACH, MARDIE 6714) LOT 531 ON PLAN 221145

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

Clearing for the purposes of road upgrades.

### CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 6.123 ha of native vegetation, within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 2307/2.

#### Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of road upgrades, 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.

### Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant 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).

## 5. 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 4 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 5 where these records have not already been provided under condition 5(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.

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