

Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

2338/1

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Pino & Francesca Gangemi

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 242 ON PLAN 2087 (NAMBEELUP 6207)

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Local Government Area:

Shire Of Murray

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

Mechanical Removal

For the purpose of: Extractive Industry

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Clearing Description

Vegetation Condition

Comment

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

(a) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(b) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(c) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(d) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of a threatened ecological community.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(e) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

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Methodology

(f) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(g) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(h) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(i) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

(j) Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence or intensity of flooding.

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

See Decision report TRIM Ref DOC46446

Methodology

Planning instrument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

Comments

The proposal to clear 5 trees for the purpose of Extractive Industry is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. There are no declared rare flora or threatened ecological communities in the vicinity of the project. The vegetation to be cleared is well represented in the local area, and would not have a detrimental impact on flora or fauna in the local area (5km radius).

The proponent has indicated that it intends to implement an Excavation and Rehabilitation Management Plan to ensure degradation to the applied area is not increased.

The area is not within any Environmentally Sensitive Areas or Conservation Areas. The area is of low to moderate salinity risk and due to the slightly elevated topography does not contribute significantly to the shallow aquifer recharge.

There is a registered Native Title Claim which encompasses the applied area however as the area is privately owned a future act is not triggered.

It is considered that the clearing as proposed it is not likely to be at variance with any of the clearing principles. References:

Methodology

- Shepherd et al. (2001)

- Keighery et al. (1994)
- Northcote et al. (1968)
- Heddle et al. (1980)

GIS Database:

- Clearing Regulations, Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- SAC Biodatasets
- Pre-European Vegetation
- Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia
- EPP. Areas
- EPP, Lakes
- Soils, Statewide
- Hydrogeology, Statewide
- Topographic Contours, Statewide
- CALM Managed Lands and Waters
- Native Title Claims

4. Assessor's comments

Comment Purpose Method Applied area (ha)/ trees

Mechanical Extractive

Industry Removal The assessable criteria have been addressed and the clearing as proposed is unlikely to be at variance with any of the Principles.

5. References

Heddle, E. M., Loneragan, O. W., and Havel, J. J. (1980) Vegetation Complexes of the Darling System, Western Australia. In Department of Conservation and Environment, Atlas of Natural Resources, Darling System, Western Australia.

Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of

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6. Glossary

Term

Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC BCS

Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS) CALM

Department of Agriculture and Food **DAFWA**

Department of Environment and Conservation DEC

Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC) DEP

Department of Environment DoE

Department of Industry and Resources DoIR

Declared Rare Flora DRF

Environmental Protection Policy EPP Geographical Information System GIS Hectare (10,000 square metres) ha TEC Threatened Ecological Community

Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC) WRC