Department of Environment and Conservation

Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 2389/1
Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Frederick Parnell & Rozlyn Irene Dittmann

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 1312 ON PLAN 110201 (House No. 19374 SOUTH WESTERN UPPER CAPEL 6239)
LOT 1312 ON PLAN 110201 (House No. 19374 SOUTH WESTERN UPPER CAPEL 6239)
Local Government Area: Shire Of Donnybrook-Balingup
Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.99		Mechanical Removal	Grazing & Pasture
1		Mechanical Removal	Grazing & Pasture

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
To be assessed.

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
To be assessed.

Methodology

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

Comments
To be assessed.

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
To be assessed.

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

To be assessed.

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

To be assessed.

Methodology

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

Comments

To be assessed.

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

To be assessed.

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

To be assessed.

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

The proposed clearing of 1.0 hectare for the purpose of grazing and pasture is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts. The vegetation under application is considered to comprise individual trees within a parkland-cleared paddock.

The parkland-cleared nature has significantly reduced the biological values of the vegetation and it is therefore unlikely to be supporting declared rare flora or threatened ecological communities known to occur in the local area (10 kilometre radius). The vegetation type proposed for clearing is well represented in the local area and hence, would not have a detrimental impact on fauna.

The area under application does not lie adjacent or within a watercourse / wetland or areas managed for conservation and given the scale, is unlikely to cause appreciable land degradation, deterioration in the quality of surface / underground water, or cause localised flooding.

Given the above, the proposed clearing is considered not likely to be at variance to all ten clearing principles.

Methodology

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

Comments

The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup (2008) raises no objections to the proposed clearing, given the small scale and degraded nature of the land.

There is one native title claim over the area under application (Gnaarla Karla Booja); however as the property is privately owned the granting of a clearing permit is a secondary approval and does not constitute a future act under the Native Title Act 1993.

	No public submissions have been received for this application.
Methodology	Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup (2008);
	GIS Databases: - Native Title Claims - DLI 7/11/05

4. Assessor's comments

Purpose	Method	Applied area (ha)/ trees	Comment
Grazing & Pasture	Mechanical Removal	0.99	The application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s51O of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to all ten clearing Principles.
Grazing & Pasture	Mechanical Removal	1	

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6. Glossary

Term	Meaning
BCS	Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)
DoE	Department of Environment
DoIR	Department of Industry and Resources
DRF	Declared Rare Flora
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
GIS	Geographical Information System
ha	Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)