

## **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 2631 / 2 File Number: DEC 8575

Duration of Permit: From 21 September 2008 to 21 September 2013

## PERMIT HOLDER

John Henry Pratt

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 204 on Plan 22891, Wanerie

### **AUTHORISED ACTIVITY**

Clearing of up to 21 native trees within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2631/2.

## CONDITIONS

Nil

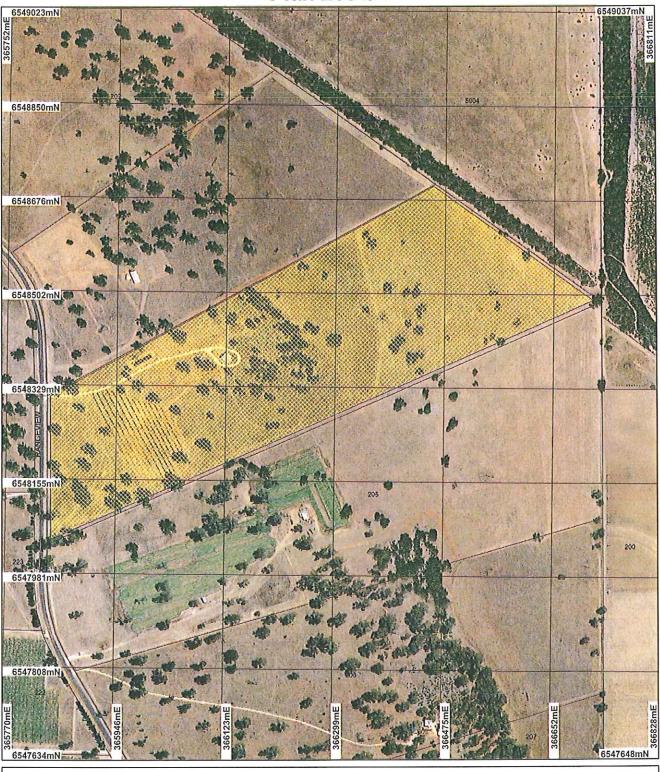
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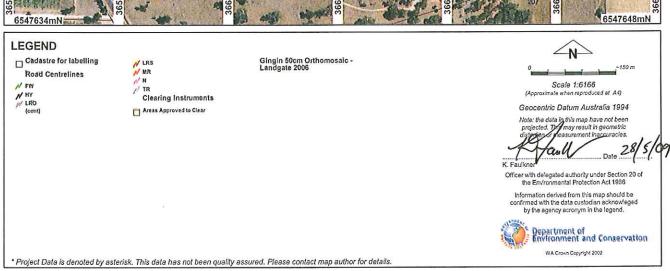
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

28 May 2009

# Plan 2631/2







# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

### Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

2631/2

Permit type:

Area Permit

Proponent details

Proponent's name:

MR John Henry Pratt

Property details

Property:

LOT 204 ON PLAN 22891 (WANERIE 6503)

The proposal is to clear 21 native trees

within a 24ha property for the purpose of

extending an established orchard, and

comprises 21 scattered trees with the

under

constructing a house and shed.

vegetation

area being parkland cleared.

**Local Government Area:** 

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Colloquial name:

1.4. Application Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

21

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

**Clearing Description** 

Horticulture

## 2. Site Information

#### Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

**Vegetation Description** 

Beard vegetation types:

949: Low woodland; banksia.

1010: Medium open woodland; marri and tuart.

(SAC Rio datasets

Shepherd, 2006)

20/08/2008;

Heddle Vegetation Complex:

Karrakatta Complex North: Predominantly low open forest and low woodland of Banksia spp. E- E. todtiana, less consistently open forest of E. gomphocephala - E. todtiana - Banksia species.

(Heddle et al, 1980)

Vegetation Condition

Completely Degraded: longer intact; No completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994)

Comment

The condition of the native vegetation under application sourced was from the site inspection (DEC, 2008).

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

#### Comments

The proposal to clear 21 scattered native trees is for the purpose of extending an established orchard and constructing a house and shed. There are no records of rare flora species, threatened ecological communities or fauna species of conservation significance within the vicinity of the application area.

application

Clearing is not likely to impact on wetlands, watercourses and conservation areas.

There is a low to moderate risk of salinity, however given the small size of the application area, excerbation of land degradation and flooding are not likely to be an issue through clearing.

Methodology

References:

- DEC (2008)
- Northcote et al (1960-68)

GIS databases:

SAC Bio datasets accessed 20/08/08

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

#### Comments

The property containing the areas under application is zoned as Rural Conservation under the local Town

Planning Scheme No. 8; as such live vegetation cannot be removed without relevant approvals.

This application is an amendment to the permit for CPS 2631/1. The area applied for under that permit was 17 trees. The applicant has requested for four additional trees to be added to the permit after review of development plans. This increases the area under application to 21 trees.

Planning consent is required for the building of the house and shed.

The applicant has a current ground water licence, which was transferred with the purchase of the property in 2007.

The proponent does not require any other DEC approvals.

#### Methodology

- GIS Databases:
- Cadastre
- Native Title Claims
- Town Planning Scheme

### 4. Assessor's comments

#### Comment

The assessable criteria have been addressed and the clearing as proposed is not likely to be at variance to Principles.

### 5. References

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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)