



1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 2707/1
 Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Department of Environment Water Heritage and Arts

1.3. Property details

Property: UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND (CHRISTMAS ISLAND 6798)
 Local Government Area: Shire Of Christmas Island
 Colloquial name: ML111/21D

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.4		Mechanical Removal	Stockpile

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
Christmas Island Vegetation	The area under application is impacted by access roads and previous mining activities and consist of secondary regrowth less than 20 years old.	Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)	Vegetation condition was determined through orthomosaic photos.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The clearing of 0.4 hectares of native vegetation is for the purpose of stockpile recovery for rehabilitation of disturbed areas. The proposed clearing is within mining lease ML111. The area under application is impacted by access roads and previous mining activities and consist of secondary regrowth less than 20 years old and is likely to contain a high density of weeds.

Given the disturbance to the vegetation under application, the proposed clearing is not considered likely to impact on biodiversity values, nor is likely to cause appreciable land degradation, deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water or impact on nearby conservation areas.

Methodology GIS Layer - Christmas Island 60cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 06.

4. Assessor's comments

Comment

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 clearing principles.

5. References

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

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)