



## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 2827/1

Permit type: Area Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Regional Power Corporation T/as Horizon Power

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 1050 ON PLAN 213567 (House No. 2 MCDANIEL MINYIRR 6725)

Local Government Area: Shire Of Broome

Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
0.57		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
Beard Vegetation Unit: 750: Shrublands, pindan; Acacia tumida shrubland with grey box & cabbage gum medium woodland over ribbon grass & curly spinifex	Proposal is to clear 0.57ha of native vegetation adjacent to an existing power station for the purpose of expanding the depot yard.	Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)	The vegetation condition was determined using orthomosaic mapping (Broome - Wille Creek Orthomosaic - DLI03

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

The applied area is small (0.57ha) and in good condition (Keighery, 1994).

The local area is well vegetated with much of that vegetation in a similar or better condition than the applied area.

There is one rare flora within the local area (10km radius) namely *Keraudrenia exastia* which is unlikely to occur within the applied area (DEC, 2008).

The applied area is also within the buffer zone for the Roebuck Bay Mudflats (Threatened Ecological Community; TEC) and Dwarf Pindan Heath community (Priority Ecological Community).

Regional Advice (2008) indicates that the clearing as proposed is not likely to impact on the values of either the TEC or PEC.

Given the scale of the applied area the proposal is not likely to be at variance to any of the clearing principles.

### Methodology

References:  
Keighery (1994)  
DEC (2008)

GIS Database:  
Aboriginal Sites of Significance 26 April 2007  
Pre European Vegetation - DA 01/01  
SAC Biodatasets - accessed 17 November 08  
Soils, Statewide DA 11/99

#### 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 any of the clearing principles.

#### 5. References

DEC (2008) Kimberly Region advice to assessing officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, unpublished document, DOC68513.

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)