

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number: CPS 2997 / 2

Permit Holder: Pastoral Management Pty Ltd

Duration of Permit: 23 May 2009 – 30 June 2015

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

PART I - CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of development of an accommodation camp, associated access road and spray irrigation area for pastoral activities.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 263 on Deposited Plan 220164 (Pastoral Lease CL453/1984, Mardie 6714)

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 70 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 2997/2.

4. Clearing not authorised

Clearing is not authorised between December and April.

5. Application

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

6. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the Permit Holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

PART II - ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

7. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) the species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
- (b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS)
 unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates
 in Eastings and Northings;
- (c) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

9. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
 - (i) of records required under condition 8 of this Permit; and
 - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year.
- (c) Prior to 28 March 2015, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 8 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 9(a) of this Permit.

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MANAGER

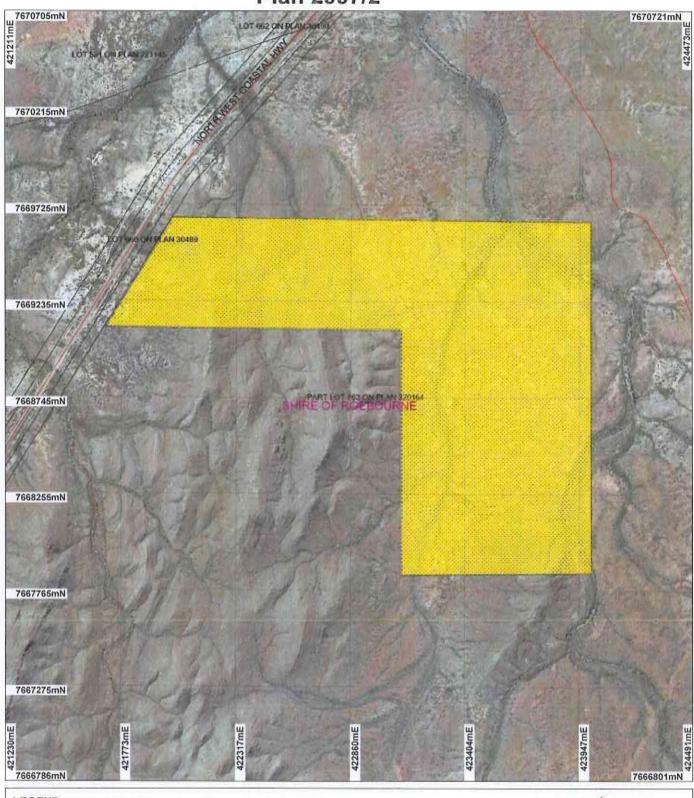
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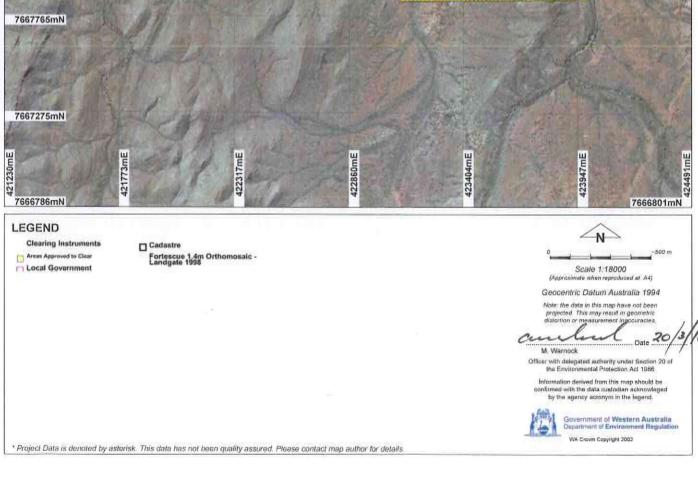
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Clearing Permit Decision Report

Government of Western Australia Department of Environment Regulation

1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

2997/2

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Pastoral Management Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

PART LOT 263 ON PLAN 220164 (MARDIE 6714)

Local Government Area:

Shire of Roebourne

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of: Building or Structure

Mechanical Removal

Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date: 20 March 2014

2. Site Information

Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Beard Vegetation Unit:

93 - Hummock grasslands, shrub steppe; kanji over

soft spinifex

157 - Hummock grasslands, grass steppe; hard spinifex, Triodia wiseana

Clearing Description

of 70 hectares for the purpose of developing an accommodation camp, associated access road and spray irrigation area within Lot 263 on

The proposal is for clearing

Deposited Plan 220164 (Pastoral Lease CL453/1984), Mardie in the

Shire of Roebourne.

Vegetation Condition

Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery

1994)

Comment

The proposal is to clear 70 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing an accommodation camp, access road and spray irrigation area.

The vegetation is in very good (Keighery, 1994) condition.

The condition of the vegetation was determined through aerial mapping (Fortescue 1.4m Orthomosaic - Landgate 1998) and a field flora and vegetation survey (Astron, 2009).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

This amendment has been made to extend the permit duration until 30 June 2015 in line with Pastoral Management Pty Ltd's pastoral lease.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in Decision Report CPS 2997/1.

Methodology

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

Comments

The assessment against Planning and Other Matters has not changed and can be found in Decision Report CPS 2997/1.

Methodology

4. References

Astron (2009) Extract from Vegetation, Flora and Fauna Survey report, Astron Environmental Services for CITIC Pacific Mining Management Pty Ltd, unpublished document. DOC75501.

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