

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:

CPS 3065/2

Permit Holder:

Gandy Timbers Pty Ltd

Duration of Permit:

11 July 2009 - 11 July 2019

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 horticulture.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 8860 on Deposited Plan 140468 (Diamond Tree 6258) Lot 5110 on Deposited Plan 229254 (Diamond Tree 6258) Lot 11799 on Deposited Plan 229254 (Diamond Tree 6258)

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 65.5 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 3065/2.

4. 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.

PART II - ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

5. 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.

6. Dieback and weed control

When undertaking any clearing or other activity authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds and dieback:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no dieback or weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared;
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared; and
- (d) only move soils in dry conditions.

7. Watercourse management

The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation within 30 metres of the *riparian vegetation* of any *watercourse* or *wetland* within the area cross-hatched yellow on Plan 3065/2.

Definitions

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow

mulch means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation

riparian vegetation has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004;

watercourse has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914;

weed/s means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned; and

wetland/s means an area of seasonally, intermittently or permanently waterlogged or inundated land, whether natural or otherwise, and includes a lake, swamp, marsh, spring, dampland, tidal flat or estuary.

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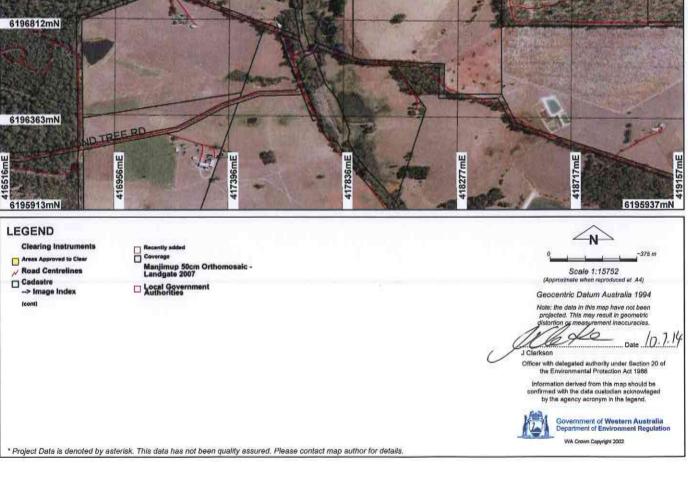
CLEARING REGULATION

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

10 July 2014

Plan 3065/2







Clearing Permit Decision Report

Government of Western Australia Department of Environment Regulation

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3065/2

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Gandy Timbers Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 8860 ON PLAN 140468 (DIAMOND TREE 6258) LOT 5110 ON PLAN 229254 (DIAMOND TREE 6258) LOT 11799 ON PLAN 229254 (DIAMOND TREE 6258)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

Shire of Manjimup

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

65.5

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Horticulture

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant

Decision Date:

10 July 2014

The proposed clearing of 65.5

hectares of native vegetation

within Lot 8860 on Deposited

229254, Diamond Tree, Shire

of Manjimup, is for the purpose

Plan 140468, Lot 5110 on Deposited Plan 229254 and Lot

11799 on Deposited Plan

of horticulture.

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Beard Vegetation Associations 3: Medium forest; jarrah-marri (Shepherd et al, 2001).

Beard Vegetation Associations 1112: Mosaic: Tall forest; karri / Tall forest; jarrah & marri (Shepherd et al, 2001)

Pemberton Complex (PM1): Tall open forest of Eucalyptus diversicolor with mixtures of Corymbia calophylla on valley slopes and low forest of Agonis juniperina-Banksia seminuda-Callistachys lanceolata on valley floors in the perhumid zone (Mattiske and Havel, 1998).

Crowea Complex (CRy): Tall open forest of Corymbia calophylla with mixture of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata and Eucalyptus diversicolor on uplands in hyperhumid and perhumid zones.

Mattiske and Havel, 1998).

Clearing Description Vegetation Condition

Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994)

Comment

The vegetation under application comprises karri, marri and mixed karri-marri pole forest over an understorey including Trymalium floribundum (DEC, 2007).

The area under application was heavily logged approximately 50 years previous; the resulting regrowth varies from high quality, even-aged karri to more mixed age, predominantly marri forest. The area is long unburnt and comprises thick leaf covering the forest floor.

The description of the clearing application area is based on a site inspection conducted by the then Department of Environment and Conservation officers on 26 July 2007 and aerial imagery.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

This amendment has been made to extend the permit duration by a further five years until 11 July 2019. Additional amendments have been made to the permit to align it with current practices.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in Decision Report CPS 3065/1.

Methodology

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

Comments

No submissions have been received for this application

The Shire of Manjimup (2014) has no objection and there are no planning or other matters which would affect the proposal. The subject land is zoned by Local Planning Scheme No.4 as 'Priority Agriculture' and planning approval for clearing of vegetation is not required (Shire of Manjimup, 2014)

Methodology

References:

- Shire of Manjimup (2014)

4. References

- DEC (2007) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 1856/1, Lot 5109, 11799 & 5110 on Plan 229254 & Lot 8860 on Plan 140468, Eastbourne Rd, Diamond Tree. Site inspection undertaken 26/07/2007. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (TRIM Ref. DOC34130).
- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Mattiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249.

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- Shire of Manjimup (2014) Advice received in relation to Clearing Permit CPS 3065/2 ? Gandy Timbers Pty Ltd (DER Ref;A745424).