

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number:

3310/1

File Number:

DEC4917

Duration of Permit:

From 30 October 2009 to 30 October 2011

PERMIT HOLDER

Department of Transport

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 881 on Plan 217292 Daw Drive, Bandy Creek 6450

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 0.13 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 3310/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil

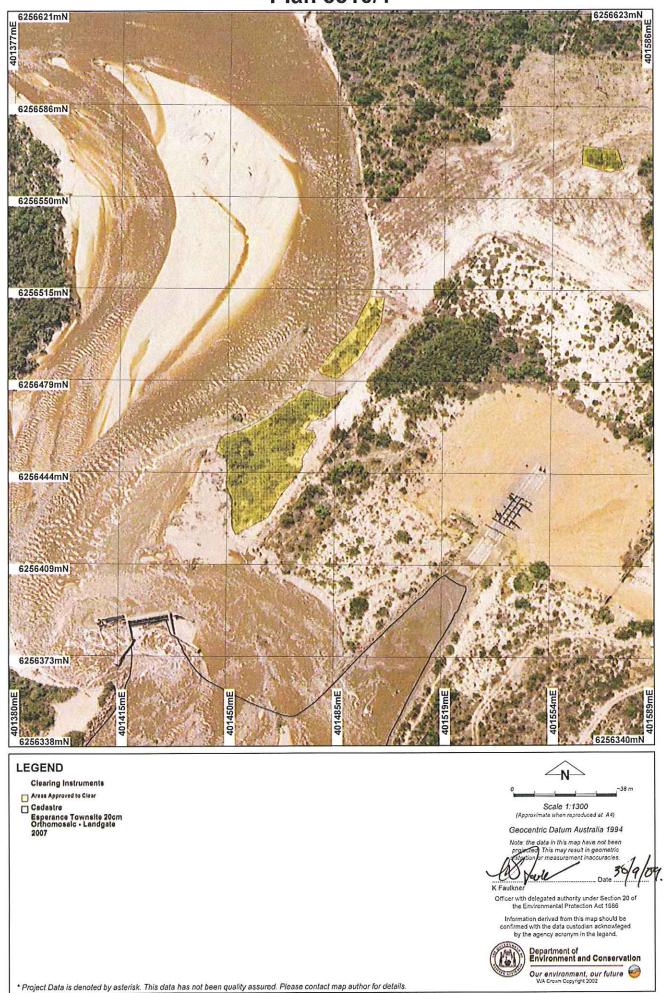
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30 September 2009

Plan 3310/1





Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3310/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Department of Transport

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 881 ON PLAN 217292 (Lot No. 881 DAW BANDY CREEK 6450) LOT 881 ON PLAN 217292 (Lot No. 881 DAW BANDY CREEK 6450) LOT 881 ON PLAN 217292 (Lot No. 881 DAW BANDY CREEK 6450)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

0.13

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

Mechanical Removal Mechanical Removal For the purpose of:

Building or Structure Building or Structure

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Beard Vegetation Type: 42: Shrublands; mallee & acacia scrub on south

coastal dunes (Shepherd 2007; SAC Bio Datasets 22/09/2009) **Clearing Description**

The clearing proposal is to clear 0.13 ha within Lot 881 and adjacent to Bandy Creek to reinstate Bandy

Creek Weir.

Vegetation Condition

Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery

1994)

Comment

The condition of the native vegetation under application was determined from aerial imagery.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The proposed clearing is 0.13 hectares of native vegetation within Lot 881. The vegetation under application is associated with Beard vegetation type 42 and aerial imagery shows relatively sparse vegetation, considered to be in good (Keighery, 1994) condition. This vegetation is considered to comprise limited habitat or biodiversity values. The assessment considered that the proposed clearing is not likely to impact any biodiversity, land degradation, or environmental water values within the local or regional context.

The vegetation under application is immediately adjacent to Bandy Creek; therefore, considered to be growing in association with a watercourse. The proposed clearing is at variance to Principle (f).

Given the relatively small scale of the proposed clearing and the good (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation, the proposed clearing is not considered likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principles.

Methodology

Reference:

Keighery (1994)
 GIS databases:

- Esperance Townsite 20cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2007
- Hydrological, linear (hierarchy)
- SAC Bio Datasets 22/09/09

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

Comments

There is no RIWI Act Licence, Works Approval or EP Act Licence that affects the areas under application.

The Shire of Esperance (2009) advised that there is no objection to the proposal; however the applicant should give consideration to the Bandy Creek Structure Plan and should use appropriately stored topsoil material from

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the site for the proposed rehabilitate of the works area.

Lot 881 or Crown Reserve 39635 is vested with the Minister for Transport for Harbour Purposes; and is zoned

Harbour under Local Town Planning Scheme.

Methodology

Reference:

- Shire of Esperance (2009)

GIS database:

- Cadastre
- Town Planning Scheme

4. Assessor's comments

Comment

The assessable criteria have been addressed and the proposed clearing is at variance to Principle (f) and not likely to be at variance to the remaining 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.

Shepherd, D.P. (2007). Adapted from: Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth. Includes subsequent updates for 2006 from Vegetation Extent dataset ANZWA1050000124.

Shire of Esperance (2009) Direct interest submission for CPS 3310/1. TRIM Ref DOC99499

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)