

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:

3377 / 1

File Number:

DEC 13344

Duration of Permit:

From 3 January 2010 to 3 January 2015

PERMIT HOLDER

Kununurra Race Club Inc

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 668 on Deposited Plan 217491 (Crown Reserve 41812, KUNUNURRA 6743)

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

Clearing for the purpose of maintaining access to a boat ramp and pump facilities

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.09 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 3377/1.

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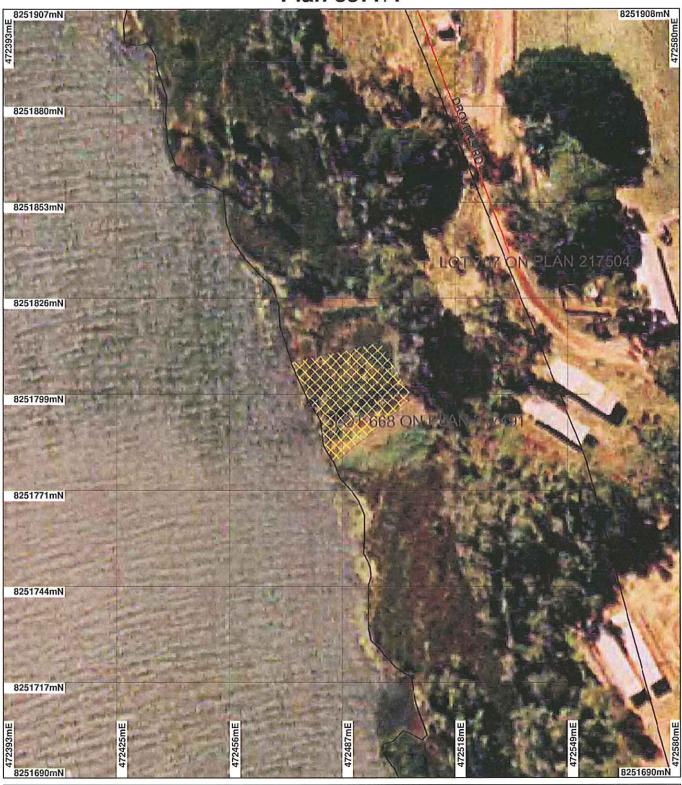
MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

3 December 2009

Plan 3377/1







Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3377/

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Kununurra Race Club Inc

1.3. Property details

Property:

0.09

LOT 668 ON PLAN 217491 (KUNUNURRA 6743)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

Land parcel adjacent to the Kununurra Race Club

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Infrastructure Maintenance

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Cumbungi aquatic vegetation (DEC TRIM Ref: DOC101486).

Clearing Description

Clearing for the purpose of removal of aquatic weed for pump intakes, boat ramp and landings.

Vegetation Condition

Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994) Comment

Vegetation condition assessed through aerial photography (Kununurra 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2005), ground photography (DEC TRIM Ref: DOC101486) and regional advice (DEC, 2009).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

The proposed clearing of 0.09 hectares of aquatic native vegetation is for the purpose of maintaining access to a boat ramp and pump facilities.

Given the likelihood of historical disturbance to the the vegetation in the immediate vicinity of the boat ramp and pump infrastructure, further approved clearing is not likely to result in increased environmental harm. As the area proposed to be cleared is very small, the clearing is not likely to impact upon the Ramsar values of the river, nor increase flooding as flow of the Ord River is regulated via Kununurra Diversion Dam. Further, the areas adjacent to the jetty along the river front remain well vegetated (DEC, 2009).

Methodology

DEC (2009)

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

Comments

Notice was given under section 24KA of the native title act 1993 (DEC TRIM Ref: DOC104260).

Approval to access and clear native vegetation on Reserve 41812 was obtained from the Department of Water and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley (DEC TRIM Ref: DOC101486).

Methodology

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 the clearing Principles.

5. References

DEC (2009) Kimberley Regional Advice. Department of Environment and Conservation Trim Ref DOC105069. 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)