

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3404/1

File Number:

DEC13567

Duration of Permit: From 17 January 2010 to 17 January 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Haycliffe Park Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 296 and 271 on Plan 232768

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 1 hectare of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 3404/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

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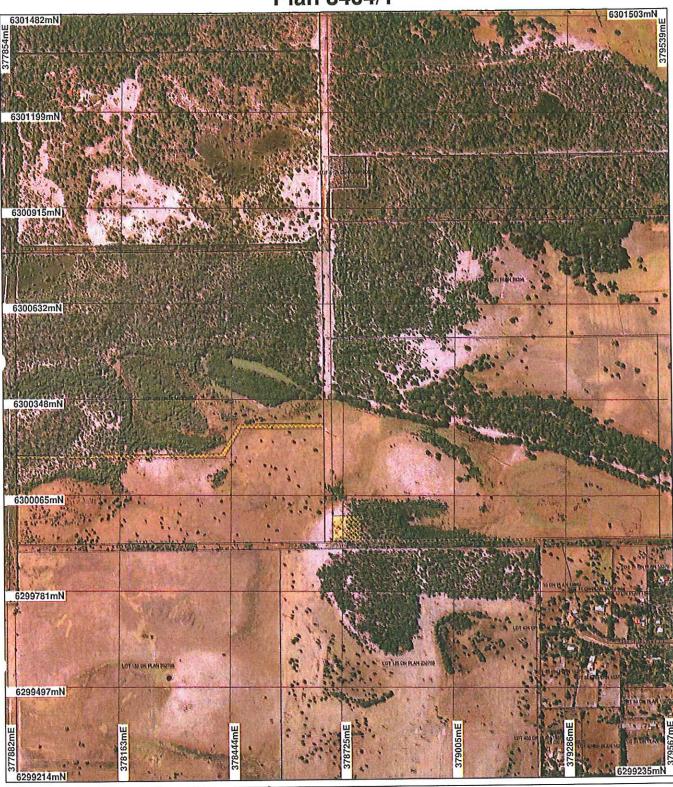
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17 December 2009

Plan 3404/1



LEGEND

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Clearing Instruments

Areas Approved to Clear

Bunbury 50cm Orthomosale -Landgale 2008



Scale 1:9976 (Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3404/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Haycliffe Park Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 269 ON PLAN 232768 (Lot No. 269 DUCANE NORTH BOYANUP 6237) LOT 271 ON PLAN 232768 (NORTH BOYANUP 6237)

Local Government Area: Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing Mechanical Removal For the purpose of: Fence Line Maintenance

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2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Beard vegetation association 1000 is described as a Mosaic: Medium forest; jarrah-marri / Low woodland; banksia / Low forest; teatree (Melaleuca spp.) (Shepherd, 2007)

Clearing Description

The vegetation under application consist of predominately Melaleuca species over Kunzea ericifolia and is generally in good (Keighery, 1994) condition.

Vegetation Condition

Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)

Comment

Vegetation description and condition derived from DEC site visit 7/12/2009 (DEC, 2009)

Heddle vegetation complex Southern River is described as Open woodland of Corymbia calophylla (Marri) -Eucalyptus marginata (Jarrah) - Banksia species with fringing woodland of Eucalyptus rudis (Flooded Gum) - Melaleuca rhaphiophylla (Swamp Paperbark) along creek beds (Heddle et al 1995).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The proposal to clear 1 hectare is for the purpose of fence line and stockyard construction. There are two threatened and priority fauna species recorded within a 5km radius, however, the area under application is a small linear section of vegetation and is not considered significant habitat for native fauna. One rare flora species and numerous priority flora species are known to exist within the local area (5km radius), however no rare flora species occur within the same vegetation complex and soil type as the area under application.

There is approximately 30% vegetation remaining in the local area and the Beard and Heddle vegetation types are under the recommended 30% threshold (EPA, 2000), however given the very small size of the proposed clearing it is considered unlikely to be significant as a remnant in a highly cleared landscape.

The applicant moved the location of the northern fence line to avoid passing through a conservation category wetland (CCW). As a result approximately 0.2ha of the area under application occurs within the buffer of a CCW and approximately 0.3 ha of the proposed clearing occurs within a multi-use wetland. The 0.2ha of vegetation in the CCW buffer is predominately sparse individual trees.

The fence line was relocated to avoid the CCW and this new location of the fence line will exclude stock from the CCW and protect the wetlands environmental values. Given this and the size of the proposed clearing the impacts of clearing on the wetland systems are likely to be minimal. There are no conservation areas within the local area.

It is considered that the proposed clearing is at variance to principle (f) and not likely to be at variance with the remaining clearing principles.

Methodology

EPA (2000)

GIS database:

- CALM Managed Lands and Waters CALM 01/06/05
- SAC Biodatasets accessed 20/11/2009
- Declared Rare and Priority Flora List CALM 13/08/03
- Heddle Vegetation Complexes DEP 22/06/95
- Pre European Vegetation DA 01/01
- NLWRA, Current Extent of Native Vegetation 20 Jan 2001
- Hydrography linear DOW 13/7/06
- Geomorphic Wetlands (Mgt Categories), Swan Coastal Plain DEC 11/04/07
- Soils, Statewide DA 11/99

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

Comments

No submissions from the public have been received. No EP Act licences or approvals are required.

Methodology

GIS database:

- Cadastre - Landgate Dec 07

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 at variance to principle (f) and not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing Principles.

5. References

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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 (now DEC)
DMP	Department of Mines and Petroleum (ex DoIR)
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)