

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:

CPS 3426/1

Permit Holder:

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup

Duration of Permit:

10 January 2010 - 10 January 2015

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

CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of road construction.

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Clifford Road reserve, Donnybrook.

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 0.12 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 3426/1.

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.

5. Type of clearing authorised

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the power to clear native vegetation for those activities under the *Local Government Act 1995* or any other written law.

Kelly Faulkner MANAGER

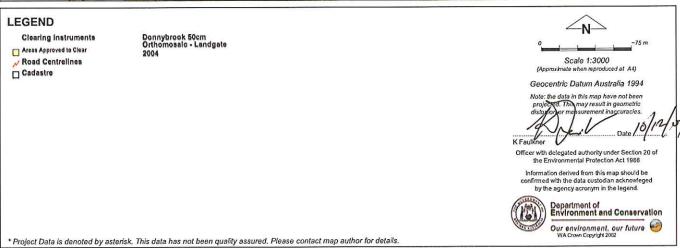
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

10 December 2009

Plan 3426/1







Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3426/1

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup

1.3. Property details

Property:

LOT 2 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 52 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 31 ON DIAGRAM 68467 (House No. 54A SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 5 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 58 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 6 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 60 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

ROAD RESERVE (DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 101 ON PLAN 28601 (House No. 64 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 2 ON DIAGRAM 978 (House No. 68 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 8 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 70 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 1 ON DIAGRAM 8674 (House No. 72 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 2 ON DIAGRAM 8674 (House No. 74 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 3 ON DIAGRAM 8674 (House No. 76 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 10 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 78 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 201 ON PLAN 31187 (DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 200 ON PLAN 31187 (DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 202 ON PLAN 31187 (DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 12 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 86 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 203 ON PLAN 31187 (DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 15 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 96 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 21 ON DIAGRAM 16539 (House No. 92 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 22 ON DIAGRAM 16539 (House No. 94 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 204 ON PLAN 31187 (DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 583 ON PLAN 35014 (House No. 50 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

LOT 16 ON PLAN 1009 (House No. 100 SOUTH WESTERN DONNYBROOK 6239)

UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND (DONNYBROOK 6239)

Local Government Area: Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha) 0.12 No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal Road construction or maintenance

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Preston Vegetation Complex of woodland of Eucalyptus rudis-Agonis flexuosa-Banksia seminuda along streams, open forest of Corymbia calophylla-Eucalyptus patens on slopes in the humid zone (Mattiske 1998); Medium woodland Eucalyptus rudis & Melaleuca rhaphiophylla (Pre-European Vegetation 2007); and Preston Complex fringing woodland, Blackwood Plateau (Heddle 1995).

Clearing Description

0.12 ha 'Completely Degraded' (Keighery 1994) condition vegetation.

Vegetation Condition

Completely Degraded: No longer intact; completely/almost completely without native species (Keighery 1994)

Comment

Vegetation condition was confirmed through examination of current aerial photography and through site photographs supplied with the clearing application (TRIM DOC 108551).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The proposal to clear up to 0.12 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of road construction is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. The vegetation is considered to be in a 'Completely Degraded' (Keighery 1994) condition and consists of only a few mature trees over a cleared and weedy understorey.

Although there are records of declared rare flora species and one priority ecological community (PEC) in the local area, the remaining vegetation within the applied area is degraded to the extent that it is unlikely to provide habitat for threatened or priority flora, or to be considered part of a PEC. The vegetation to be cleared is well represented in the local area and in the bioregion.

The few mature trees present in the applied area may offer limited habitat for native fauna. A revegetation condition to offset the removal of trees, classed as riparian vegetation, will also assist with creating future habitat for native fauna.

The proposed clearing is within 50 metres a major perennial river, Preston River. The proposed clearing for road works may cause some short term water quality issues in terms of localised surface water sedimentation and flooding during works. However, these issues should be minimised as road works will include roadside infrastructure to prevent water quality issues and flooding associated with roads (i.e. table drains and culverts).

The proposed clearing may be at variance to Principles (b) and (f), and is not likely to be at variance to Principles (a), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (i) and (j).

References:

EPA (2000)

Heddle (1980)

Keighery (1994)

Mattiske (1998)

Shepherd (2007)

Methodology

GIS databases:

Donnybrook 50cm ecw Landgate 2004
DEC Managed Lands and Waters DEC 2009

SAC Biodatasets - accessed Dec 2009

Mattiske Vegetation (1998)

Heddle Vegetation Complexes DEP 1995

Pre European Vegetation DA 2001 Environmentally Sensitive Areas 2009

NLWRA, Current Extent of Native Vegetation 2001

Hydrography linear DOW 2006 Soils Statewide DA 11/99 Ramsar wetlands DEC 03 Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map 2006

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

Comments

No submissions from the public have been received.

No EP Act licences are required.

The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup does not own the land under application but has authority as a local government to resume land for road reservation under the Land Administration Act 1997 (Part 9 Division 2). The Shire is in the process of negotiation with private land owners to transfer portions of land to Shire tenure through the Department of Planning.

Methodology

4. Assessor's comments

Comment

The application has been assessed against the clearing principles, planning instruments and other matters in accordance with s510 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, and the proposed clearing The proposed clearing may be at variance to Principles (b) and (f) and is not likely to be at variance to Principles (a), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (i) and (j).

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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)