



1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 3454/1
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: WA Gas Network Services Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property: DOLA_LAND_DESCRIPTION
Local Government Area: LGA
Colloquial name: COLLOQUIAL_NAME

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
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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	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
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3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

(a) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.

Comments

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(b) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.

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(c) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.

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(d) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of a threatened ecological community.

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(e) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.

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(f) Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.

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(g) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

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(h) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.

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(i) Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.

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(j) Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence or intensity of flooding.

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

Comments

The obligation to comply with Native Title Act 1993 future act processes rests with the proponent, and an endorsement to this effect has been made in the covering letter accompanying the clearing permit. The clearing permit imposes requirements for the proponent to undertake a minimum level of environmental impact assessment as set out in the clearing permit, and reliance is placed on the proponent's existing procedures in addition to these requirements. The clearing permit will not apply to incidental and unexpected activities. The clearing permit authorises the proponent to clear native vegetation only for those project activities stated within condition 1 of the clearing permit. The clearing permit requirements for internal and external audits, as well as recording and reporting by the proponent, of clearing and associated activities under the clearing permit, will ensure that clearing is not being undertaken for purposes other than those stated within the clearing permit. DEC is satisfied that, if the proponent is not undertaking assessments as required by the clearing permit, this will become evident as a result of reporting and audit requirements, and DEC has the power to amend, suspend or revoke the clearing permit as necessary. DEC has considered various options for the processing of the proponent's clearing applications, and has determined that a statewide or regional purpose permit is the preferred method. The results of the proponent's internal environmental impact assessment procedures and assessments under the clearing permit would not be open to public scrutiny. However the proponent's procedures are open to public scrutiny, and where clearing is found to be at variance to the clearing principles the proponent is required to seek and address submissions from relevant stakeholders and government organisations. DEC will scrutinise the proponent's assessments and if necessary amend, suspend or revoke the clearing permit.

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4. Assessor's comments

Comment

5. References

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)