

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3500/1

File Number:

DEC13968

Duration of Permit: From 21 February 2010 to 21 February 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Jodi Margaret Johnston Mathew David Johnston

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 12070 on Deposited Plan 201679, Dixvale

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.55 hectares of native vegetation, within the hatched yellow on attached Plan 3500/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil

Kelly Faulkner **MANAGER**

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

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Plan 3500/1











Manjimup 50cm Orthomosaic -Landgate 2004



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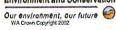
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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3500/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Mathew David and Jodi Margaret Johnston

1.3. Property details

Property:

0.55

LOT 12070 ON PLAN 201679 (DIXVALE 6258) LOT 12070 ON PLAN 201679 (DIXVALE 6258)

Local Government Area: Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of: Horticulture

Mechanical Removal

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Beard Vegetation Association:

3: medium forest; Eucalyptus marginata (Jarrah) ? Corymbia calophylla (Marri).

Mattiske Vegetation Complex:

CO1: Open forest to tall open forest of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata with some Corymbia calophylla on low undulating hills in perhumid and humid zones.

Clearing Description

The proposal is to clear 0.55 ha for the purpose of constructing a new dam wall and extending an existing avocado orchard.

The vegetation is described as Jarrah (Eucalyptus marginata) and Marri woodland in a degraded condition.

Vegetation Condition C

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

Vegetation clearing description obtained from site visit on 12 January 2010 (DEC 2010).

(Shepherd 2007).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The vegetation under application consists of mature Jarrah (Eucalyptus marginata) and Marri trees over pasture weeds in a degraded (Keighery 1994) condition. (DEC 2010). Given this, the vegetation is considered to comprise limited biodiversity values.

The assessment considered that the proposed clearing is not likely to impact biodiversity, land degradation, wetland or environmental water values within the local or regional context. In addition, the area under application is not considered significant as a remnant due to its small size (0.55 ha) and that it occurs in a local are that has 50% of native vegetation remaining.

The area under application occurs within a Public Drinking Water Source Area. However, given its small size (0.55ha) and degraded condition, the proposed clearing is not considered to have a detrimental effect on local groundwater.

The vegetation under application consists of mature jarrah and marri trees which may provide feeding habitat

and hollows for nesting for the conservation significant Forrest Red Tailed Black Cockatoo (Calyptorhynchus Banksii naso) found in the local area (~10 km radius). However, given that the proposed clearing is for 0.55 ha and that better condition habitat exists in the local area (~10 km radius), it is not considered likely for the vegetation to be significant habitat for this species.

Methodology

References

-DEC (2010)

-Keighery (1994)

GIS databases:

- -DEC tenure
- -Hydrography, linear
- Perth Metropolitan Area South 20cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2007
- -Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSAs)
- -Manjimup 50cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2004
- -NLWRA, Current Extent of Native Vegatation
- SAC Bio Datasets 06/01/2010

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

Comments

The area under application is located within Lot 12070 Ralston Road, Manjimup and is zoned rural under the Shire of Manjimup's Town planning Scheme.

The area under application occurs within the Donnelly River Water Reserve and therefore licences and approvals from department of Water are required. Surface water extraction licence and a bed and banks permit has been applied for however is currently being assessed by the Department of Water.

Submission received from Shire of Manjimup (Shire of Manjimup 2010)

No local government approvals are required for the construction of a dam wall and extending an existing avocado orchard for the property.

Methodology

References

Shire of Manjimup (2010)

GIS databases: RIWI Areas

-Town Planning Scheme Zones

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 is not at variance to any clearing Principles.

5. References

DEC (2010) Regional advice from the Warren region, Department of Environment and Conservation. TRIM Ref DOC115564. Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.

Mattiske, E.M. and Havel, J.J. (1998) Vegetation Complexes of the South-west Forest Region of Western Australia. Maps and report prepared as part of the Regional Forest Agreement, Western Australia for the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Environment 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 Manjimup (2010) Direct interest submission for CPS 3500/1. TRIM ref DOC115638

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)