

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3681/1

File Number:

DEC14902

Duration of Permit: From 29 May 2010 to 29 May 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Hillery Richard Brooks

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 1390 on Plan 109617 Lot 3502 on Plan 131673

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 0.8 hectares of native vegetation within the hatched yellow on attached Plan 3681/1a and Plan 3681/1b.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

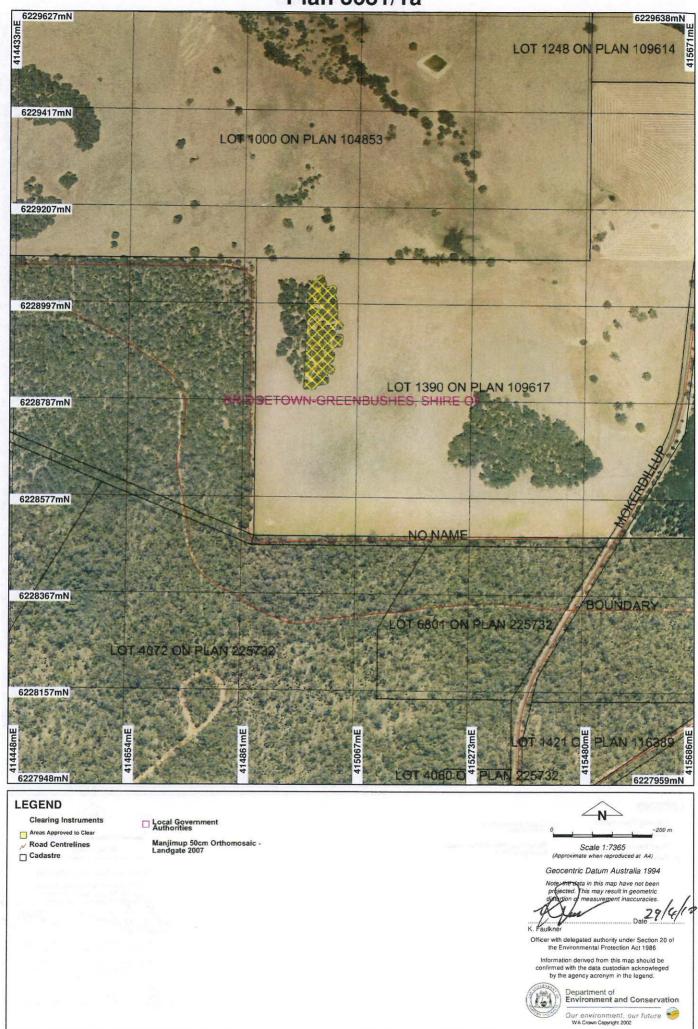
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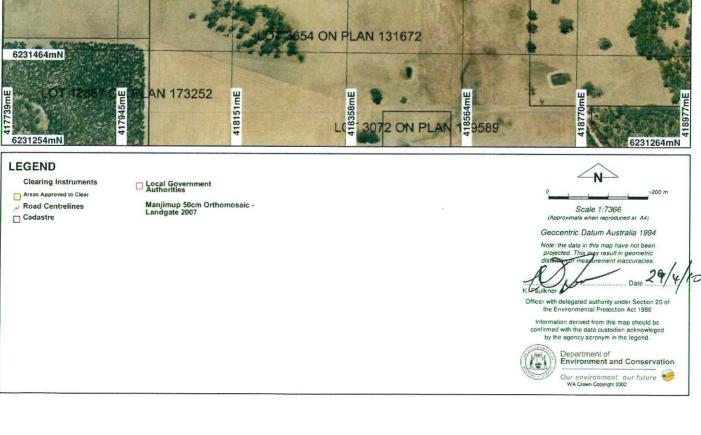
29 April 2010

Plan 3681/1a



Plan 3681/1b







Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3681/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Hillery Richard Brooks

1.3. Property details

Property:

0.8

LOT 1390 ON PLAN 109617 (WANDILLUP 6256) LOT 3502 ON PLAN 131673 (WANDILLUP 6256)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal Cropping

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation proposed to be

Jarrah over storey and little

cleared consists of 0.8

hectares of Marri and

undergrowth. The

vegetation has been

assessed as degraded (DEC, 2010).

Vegetation Description

Beard vegetation association:

3: Medium forest; jarrah-

(Shepherd, 2007)

Mattiske vegetation association:

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

CC1: Open forest of Eucalyptus marginata subsp. marginata-Corymbia calophylla mixed with Eucalyptus patens on slopes, Eucalyptus rudis and Banksia littoralis on valley floors in the humid zone.

(Mattiske, 1998)

Heddle vegetation association: Catterick Complex In Medium To\High Rainfall (Heddle, 1980)

Clearing Description Vegetation Condition

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

Comment

Vegetation condition was determined from aerial photography and site visit (DEC, 2010).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

Proposal is not likely to be at variance to this Principle

The proposal is to clear 0.8 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of extending cropping areas within Lot

1390 on Plan 109617 and Lot 3502 on Plan 131673, Wandillup.

The vegetation is considered to be in a degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition due to grazing. The vegetation is described as Jarrah-Marri over storey with the majority of the larger trees removed for timber use and an understorey consisting of introduced weeds with no scrub species (DEC, 2010).

Due to the degraded (Keighery, 1994) condition of the vegetation the clearing is not likely to impact on flora or fauna of conservation, nor is it likely to impact on water quality or cause appreciable land degradation.

There are numerous threatened and priority fauna species recorded within a 10km radius. However, as the area under application is small (0.8ha) and degraded (Keighery, 1994) and there is extensive surrounding vegetation (76% within the local area, 10km radius), it is unlikely to be significant habitat for native fauna.

There are no threatened ecological communities in the vicinity of the project (10km radius) and the vegetation to be cleared is well represented in the North Donnelly and Yornup State Forests within the local area.

Given the above, the proposed clearing is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts and is not likely to be at variance to the clearing principles.

Methodology

References:

DEC, 2010

Keighery, 1994

GIS Layers:

- CALM Managed Lands & Waters CALM 01/06/05
- Clearing Regulations Environmentally Sensitive Areas 30 May 2005
- Groundwater Salinity, statewide DoW 13/07/06
- Hydrogeographic Catchments, Catchments DoW 01/06/07
- Hydrogeology, statewide DOW 13/07/06
- Hydrography, linear DOW 13/7/06
- Mattiske Vegetation Complexes (01/03/1998)
- Pre-European vegetation DA 01/01
- Mean Annual Rainfall Isohytes (1975 2003) DEC 02/08/05
- SAC Biodatasets 27/04/2010

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

Comments

No submissions from the public have been received.

The proposal is considered unlikely to have any significant impacts on the Donnelly River Water Reserve as the area within the reserve is small, there is considerable surrounding native vegetation and the land use is consistent with that already in place (DoW, 2010).

Methodology

References: DoW, 2010

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GIS database:

- Cadastre Landgate Dec 07
- Native Title Claims LA 2/5/07
- RIWI Act, Groundwater Areas DoW 13/07/06
- RIWI Act, Irrigation Districts DoW 13/07/06
- Town Planning Scheme Zones MFP 31/08/98
- Country Area Water Supply Act (Part IIA) Clearing Control Catchments 29/06/2006
- Aboriginal Sites of Significance 26 April 2007
- Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSAs) ? 07/02/06

4. Assessments recommendations

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 likely to be at variance to any of the clearing Principles.

5. References

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6. Glossary

Term Meaning

CALM Department of Conservation and Land Management (now DEC)

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)

DoW Department of Water

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)