

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3732/1 File Number: DEC8435

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

## PERMIT HOLDER

Indigenous Land Corporation

#### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 382 on Deposited Plan 193561, Broome Road, Roebuck

## AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 19 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 3732/1.

# **CONDITIONS**

Nil.

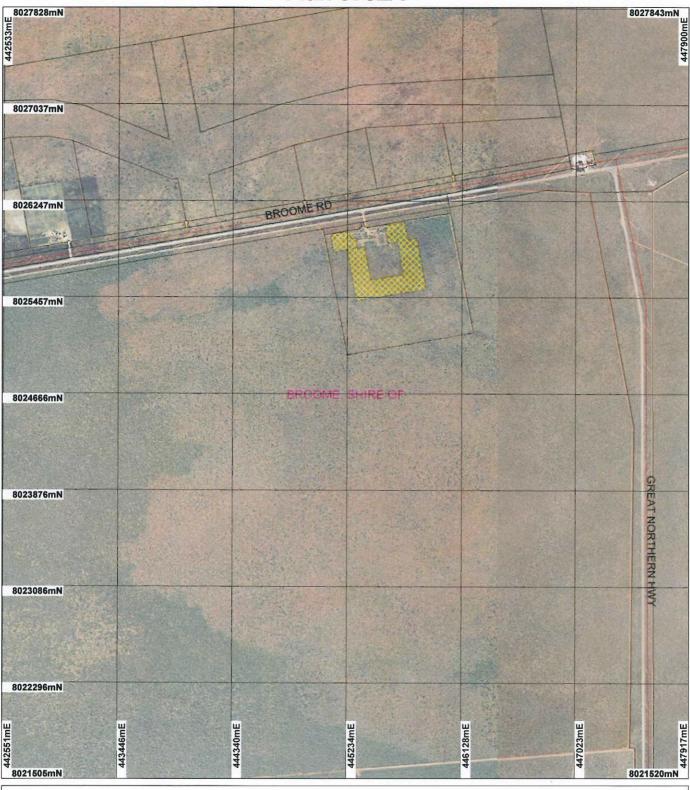
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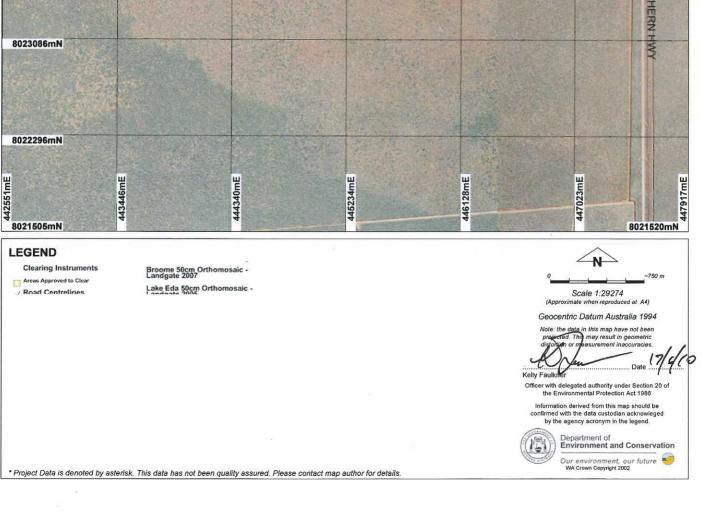
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

17 June 2010

# Plan 3732/1







# **Clearing Permit Decision Report**

#### 1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3732/1

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

**Indigenous Land Corporation** 

1.3. Property details

Property:

19

LOT 382 ON PLAN 193561 ( ROEBUCK 6725)

Local Government Area:

Shire of Broome

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Hazard reduction or fire control

#### 2. Site Information

# 2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

**Vegetation Description** 

Beard vegetation association Dampierland 750 described as shrublands, Pindan; Acacia tumida shrubland with grey box and cabbage gum medium woodland over ribbon grass and curly spinifex (Shepherd, 2007). **Clearing Description** 

The vegetation within the proposal area consists of native shrubs and timber species common to the Pindan shrublands community.

**Vegetation Condition** 

Very Good: Vegetation structure altered; obvious signs of disturbance (Keighery 1994) Comment

Vegetation description was assessed through aerial photography and supporting documentation supplied with the application (Tintinabulla Pty Ltd, 2010).

### 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

#### Comments

The vegetation within the proposal area consists of native shrubs and timber species common to the Pindan shrublands community and is considered to be in a very good (Keighery, 1994) condition. The vegetation is represented by Beard Vegetation Association 750 (Shepherd, 2007) consisting of Acacia tumida with grey box and cabbage gum medium woodland over ribbon grass and curly spinifex. This vegetation association is well represented in the natural environment and the clearing of 19 ha is not likely to significantly reduce the remaining extent of this vegetation association.

Given the extensive range of similar habitat as that under application, the proposed clearing of 19ha of vegetation is unlikely to have a significant impact on the biodiversity of the area. The main land degradation risk associated with the removal of vegetation on the identified soil type is considered to be wind and water erosion. However, as the area under application is surrounded by Pindan shrubland which will reduce the effects of wind velocity and water erosion, the clearing of 19 ha of vegetation is not likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

Therefore, the proposed clearing is not likely to be at variance to the Clearing Principles.

#### Methodology

References

- Keighery (1994)
- Shepherd (2007)

**GIS Datasets** 

- Soils, Statewide DA 11/99
- SAC Bio Datasets (10/06/10)

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

## Comments

The Shire of Broome has no objections to the application (Shire of Broome, 2010).

The area under application is part of the RIWI Act Groundwater Area, Broome.

DEC has concerns that clearing a 150m firebreak is excessive and the resulting erosion and dust issues would lead to soil conservation issues. The permit holder will be advised to consult their local government fire control officer and DEC Region in relation to fire management.

#### Methodology

References - DEC (2010)

- Shire of Broome (2010)

**GIS Datasets** 

- RIWI Act Groundwater Area

# 4. References

DEC (2010 Regional advice from DEC Kimberley Region received 3 June 2010. DEC Ref. 308469.

Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western 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.

Shire of Broome (2010 direct interest letter dated 24 May 2010. DEC Ref. A307689.

Tintinabulla Pty Ltd (2010) Supporting documentation supplied with Indigenous Land Corporation Application for Clearing Permit. DEC Ref. A304406.

#### 5. Glossary

Term CALM DAFWA DEC DEP DOE DOW DMP DRF EPP GIS ha TEC	Meaning Department of Conservation and Land Management (now DEC) Department of Agriculture and Food Department of Environment and Conservation Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC) Department of Environment (now DEC) Department of Water Department of Mines and Petroleum (ex DoIR) Declared Rare Flora Environmental Protection Policy Geographical Information System Hectare (10,000 square metres) Threatened Ecological Community
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