

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:

374/5

File Number:

DEC19611

Duration of Permit:

From 20 June 2005 to 20 June 2018

PERMIT HOLDER

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

M24/403	M24/363	G24/11
M24/255	M24/302	G24/12
M24/231	M24/234	M24/236
M24/291	M24/81	M24/166
M24/205	M24/82	M24/256
M24/270	M24/710	M24/102
M24/138	M24/182	M24/211
M24/187	M24/223	M24/810
M24/271	M24/16	M24/796
M24/220	M24/227	M24/708
M24/272	M24/705	M24/172
M24/393	M24/709	M24/304
M24/229	M24/266	M24/618
M24/432	M24/265	
M24/60	M24/155	
M24/321	M24/79	

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 100 hectares for the purposes of mining.

CONDITIONS

- Prior to clearing, the site shall be walked, inspected and surveyed by a suitably qualified person who shall identify the flora and fauna species present in accordance with:
 - a) Guidance Statement No 51 Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority, and;
 - b) Guidance Statement no 56, Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority.
- 2. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
 - a) findings of the suitably qualified person as described under condition 1
 - b) location of rare flora;
 - c) location of priority flora;
 - d) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna; and
 - e) location of threatened ecological communities.
- The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50m of rare flora unless the permit holder has first obtained Ministerial consent to take that rare flora under section 23F of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950.

- 4. The Permit Holder shall not clear priority flora unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.
- 5. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50m of significant habitat for specially protected fauna unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.
- 6. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 500m of a Threatened Ecological Community fauna unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.
- 7. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - a) the location where clearing occurred;
 - b) the co-ordinates of areas cleared using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - c) the purpose for which the clearing was carried out;
 - d) area cleared in hectares.
- 8. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the CEO by 31 July each year setting out the records required under condition 2 and 7 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous year.
- Where water flows or collects within a cleared area, the Permit Holder shall construct levee banks to divert water away from the cleared area and into existing drainage channels.

DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided, terms used in this Permit have the meaning set out in the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

"priority flora" means priority flora as identified in the Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia as published by the Department of Environment and Conservation from time to time.

"rare flora" means flora that is declared to be rare flora under section 23F of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950.

"suitably qualified person" means a person with botanical training and specific work experience in ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora, and experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian Fauna.

"specially protected fauna" means fauna declared under section 14(2)(ba) of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 as likely to become extinct, or as being rare, or otherwise in need of special protection.

"significant habitat" means habitat that provides resources (breeding, hunting, protection, resting and feeding), connectivity or habitat area for a species or community of indigenous fauna that is necessary for its survival.

"Threatened Ecological Community" means an ecological community that -

a) has been determined by the Minister to be a threatened ecological community; and

b) is referred to in the list of threatened ecological communities maintained by the chief executive officer of the Department principally assisting in the administration of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984.

M Warnock MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

13 June 2013

Plan 374/5

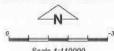




☐ Mining Tenements **Clearing Instruments** Areas Approved to Clea

Local Government

Bardoc 50cm Orthomosaic -Landgate 2006



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Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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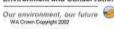
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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.:

374/5

Permit type:

Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property:

M24/403

M24/255

M24/231

M24/291

M24/205

M24/270

M24/138

M24/187

M24/271

M24/220

M24/272

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M24/709

M24/266

M24/265

M24/155

M24/79

G24/11

G24/12

M24/236

M24/166

M24/256

M24/102

M24/211

M24/810

M24/796

M24/708

M24/172 M24/304

M24/618

M24/302

Local Government Area: Colloquial name: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing Mechanical Removal For the purpose of: Mineral Production

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Grant

Decision Date:

13 June 2013

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description

Beard Vegetation Association 125: Bare areas - salt lakes:

Beard Vegetation Association 128: Bare areas - rock outcrops:

Beard Vegetation Association 468: Medium woodland - salmon gum and Goldfields blackbutt:

Beard Vegetation Association 540: Succulent steppe with open low woodland - sheoak over saltbush;

Beard Vegetation Association 936: Medium woodland - salmon gum;

Beard Vegetation Association 2901: Mosaic Medium woodland -Allocasuarina cristata & Goldfields blackbutt/Shrublands; Acacia quadrimarginea thicket (Shepherd 2001).

Clearing Description

This proposal is for a purpose permit to clear up to 100ha for the purpose of mining within the mining tenements listed above in property details.

Mt Pleasant is a historically disturbed mining area which has undergone a significant amount of recent and historical clearing associated with mining (DOIR 2005).

Edith Cowan University (2005) report five different vegetation communities within the area of the proposal. Species include Eucalyptus salmonaphloia, E. clelandii, Halosarcia sp., Acacia sp., maireana sp., Atriplex sp. and Eremophila sp. Edith Cowan University (2005) report the vegetation condition as being from good to excellent with few weed species.

Grazing and tree-cutting impacts appear slight to moderate and the mining company has considerably reduced stocking rates in recent years.

Vegetation Condition

Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994).

Comment

Vegetation condition was determined from aerial photography, Edith Cowan University (2005) report and information received from the Department of Industry and Resources (DOIR 2005).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The clearing permit has been amended to extend the duration of the permit until 20 June 2018, remove mining tenements P24/3076 and P24/3077, and include mining tenement M24/618.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed. The findings from the previous assessment are still relevant and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 374/2.

Methodology

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

Comments

The clearing permit has been amended to extend the duration of the permit until 20 June 2018, remove mining tenements P24/3076 and P24/3077, and include mining tenement M24/618.

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed. The findings from the previous assessment are still relevant and can be found in the Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 374/2.

No submissions from the public have been received.

Methodology

4. References

DOIR (2005) Submission. Department of Industry and Resources, Western Australia. DOE TRIM Ref ND 620.

Edith Cowan University (2005) Vegetation and Flora of the Mt Pleasant Mining Area, Kalgoorlie West Operations - A report prepared for Placer Dome Inc, April 2005. Centre for Ecosystem Management, Edith Cowan University. DOE TRIM ref NI 1027.

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., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249.

Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.

5. Glossary

Term Meaning

BCS Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC

Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS) CALM

DAFWA

Department of Agriculture and Food Department of Environment and Conservation DEC Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC) DEP

DoE

Department of Environment
Department of Industry and Resources DoIR

Declared Rare Flora DRF

EPP Environmental Protection Policy GIS Geographical Information System Hectare (10,000 square metres) ha TEC Threatened Ecological Community WRC Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)