

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3829/1

File Number: 2010/004966-1

Duration of Permit: From 19 September 2010 to 19 September 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Kane Oliver Luzny Jolene Adele Luzny

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 9377 on Deposited Plan 203168 (MIDDLESEX 6258)

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 1.6 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 3829/1.

CONDITIONS

Nil.

Kelly Faulkner MANAGER

NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

19 August 2010

Plan 3829/1

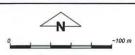




Clearing Instruments

Areas Approved to Clear
Road Centrelines

Cadastre
Manjimup 50cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2004



Scale 1:3587

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

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Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.: Permit type: Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Kane Oliver Luzny and Jolene Adele Luzny

1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 9377 ON PLAN 203168 (MIDDLESEX 6258)

Local Government Area: Shire of Manjimup

Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha) Method of Clearing No. Trees For the purpose of:

1.6 Mechanical Removal Dam construction or maintenance Mechanical Removal Dam construction or maintenance

2. Site Information

Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description Clearing Description Vegetation Condition

Mapped vegetation association 1144 is described as tall forest; karri & marri (Corymbia calophylla) (Shepherd, 2007).

The applicant is proposing to clear 1.6 hectares of native vegetation. The vegetation under application is dominated by Agonis parviceps (Tea tree) with one Karri tree.

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

Comment

The condition of the vegetation under application was determined through a site inspection conducted by Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC, 2010) and via digital imagery (Manilmup 50cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2004).

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

The proposal is to clear 1.6 hectares of native vegetation for the purpose of constructing a dam to provide water for an existing avocado enterprise. The dominant species within the application area is Agonis parviceps (Tea tree) and contains one Karri Tree.

Within the local area (10km radius) two rare flora species (Andersonia annelsii and Caladenia christineae) and five priority species (Deyeuxia inaequalis, Chamelaucium forresti, Caladenia erythrochila, Calytrix and Xanthoparmelia Xanthomelanoides) were recorded. It is unlikely that any of these species will be present in the application area as it has been grazed by stock and contains many introduced weeds (DEC, 2010).

Twelve fauna species were recorded within the local area. The application area is only potential habitat for one of these 12 species; Hydromys chrysogaster (water rat). However, DEC site visit (2010) found no evidence of this species.

The vegetation under application is growing within and in association with a minor, perennial water course. In addition Smith Brook is located within close proximity of the western boundary of the proposed clearing. The proposed clearing will cause some short term deterioration in surface water through sedimentation as the clearing involves removing vegetation from the banks of a minor watercourse which occurs within the area under application.

The clearing as proposed is not likely to impact the environmental values of any nearby conservation reserves nor is it likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

Considering the above the clearing as proposed is at variance to principle (f), may be at variance to principle (i) and is not likely to be at variance to the remaining clearing principle.

Methodology

References: DEC (2010)

GIS Database:

- DEC Tenure
- Hydrogeology, Linear DOC13/07/06
- Pre European Vegetation DA 01/01
- SAC Biodatasets accessed 22 July 2010

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

Comments

The area under application falls within an area proclaimed under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act (1914). The Department of Water undertakes to grant a Licence to Take Water under Section 5C of the rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 subject to clearing approval (DoW, 2010a).

The proposed clearing area also lies within the Country Areas Water Supply Act (CAWS Act) gazetted Warren River Water Reserve. The Department of Water (DoW, 2010b) have advised that they have no objection to this clearing proposal but have recommended that a 30 meter wide local provenance vegetation buffer be established around the perimeter of the full storage reservoir level.

Methodology

References:

DoW (2010a) DoW (2010b)

GIS Database:

- Clearing Regulations Environmentally Sensitive Areas 30 May 2005
- RIWI Act, Groundwater Areas DoW 13/07/06

4. References

DEC (2010) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 3829/1, Lot 9377 on Deposited Plan 203168, Middlesex. Site inspection undertaken 2 August 2010. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia (DEC Ref. A323784).

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5. 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)