

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3967/2

File Number:

2010/007109-1

Duration of Permit: From 5 March 2012 to 5 March 2016

PERMIT HOLDER

Moreshill Ptv Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Lot 3910 on Plan 210000 (Nilgen 6044)

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 11.14 hectares of native vegetation within the combined areas shaded yellow on attached Plan 3967/2.

CONDITIONS

1. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

2. Wind erosion management

The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless horticultural activities commence within 3 months of the clearing being undertaken.

3. Native vegetation conservation

- (a) In respect to the area shaded red on attached Plan 3967/2, the Permit Holder shall enter into a conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or some other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation.
- (b) The conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation, shall include, but not be limited to, the following conditions:
 - (i) native vegetation in the area subject to the conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation, must not be cleared, other than for clearing required under the Bush Fires Act 1954;
 - (ii) the land subject to the conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation, shall not be used for the purpose of cultivation of crops or pasture;
 - (iii) the land subject to the conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation, shall have all stock excluded; and
 - (iv) the conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation, is to apply in perpetuity and be registered on the Certificate of Title of the property.
- (c) The Permit Holder is to execute and return the conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation, outlined in condition 3(a) of this Permit, no later than 30 April 2014.

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4. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:
 - the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings or decimal degrees;
 - (ii) the date that the area was cleared; and
 - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).
- (b) In relation to native vegetation conservation pursuant to condition 3 of this Permit, a copy of the conservation covenant, agreement to reserve, or other form of binding undertaking to maintain native vegetation.

5. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
 - (i) of records required under condition 4(a) of this Permit; and
 - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 5 December 2015, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 4 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 5(a) of this Permit.

M. Warnock MANAGER

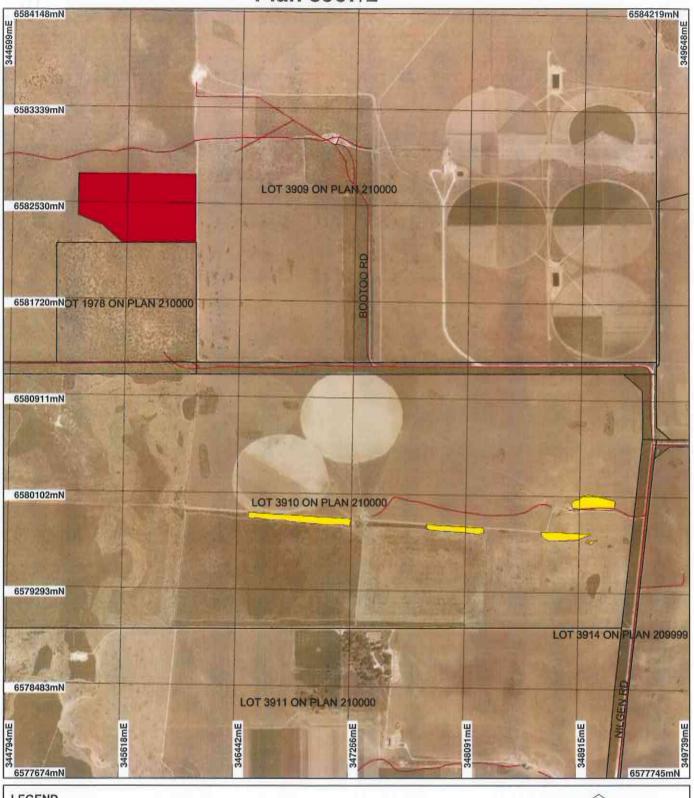
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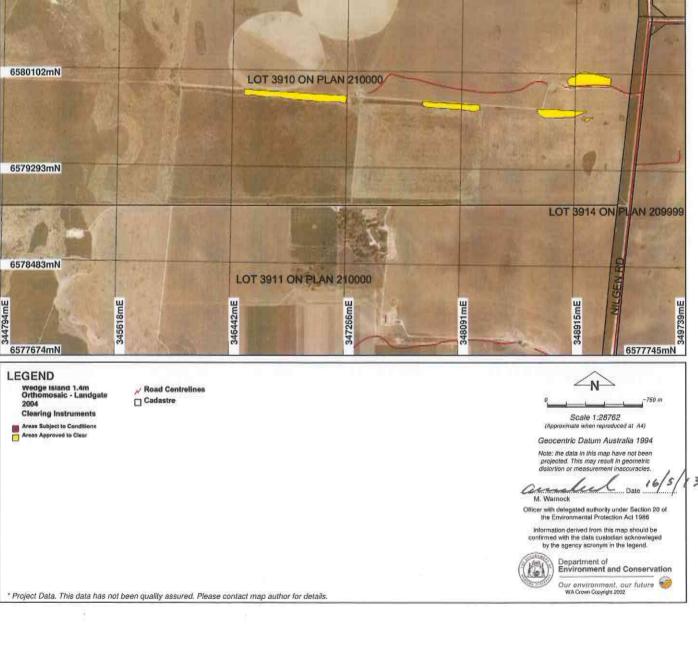
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

Officer delegated under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

16 May 2013

Plan 3967/2









Clearing Permit Decision Report

1. Application details

Permit application details

Permit application No.:

3967/2

Permit type:

Area Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name:

Moreshill Pty Ltd

Property details

Property:

11.14

LOT 3910 ON PLAN 210000 (NILGEN 6044)

Local Government Area:

Colloquial name:

Shire of Gingin

Application

Clearing Area (ha)

No. Trees

Method of Clearing

For the purpose of:

Mechanical Removal

Horticulture

1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application:

Decision Date:

16 May 2013

2. Site Information

Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description Clearing Description

The vegetation under application is mapped as: Beard vegetation association 1029 -Shrublands; scrub-heath dryandra-calothamnus association with Banksia prionotes on limestone in the northern Swan Region (Hopkins et al 2001; Shepherd 2009)

The areas under application (a total of 11.14 ha) are located within Lot 3910 (a 1,123 ha property). The proposed clearing is for the purpose of horticulture. The vegetation under application can be described as Banksia woodland over a midstorey and understorey of native plants within four areas, and scattered native trees in four other smaller areas. The vegetation included Banksia attenuata, Banksia menziesii, Eucalyptus todtiana, Nuytsia floribunda, Calothamnus sp., Conospermum sp., Conostylis sp., Synaphea sp. and Thysanotus sp.

Vegetation Condition

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

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

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

Comment

The vegetation description was determined at a site visit conducted by DEC officers on 11 October (DEC, 2010). The vegetation under application was considered to be in degraded to very good (Keighery, 1994) condition

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

This amendment has been made to better align the boundaries of the area subject to condition 3 of CPS 3967/2 with other covenants on Lot 3909 on Plan 210000. The assessment against the ten clearing principles has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 3967/1.

Methodology

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

Comments

The assessment against planning instruments and other matters has not changed and can be found in Clearing Permit Decision Report CPS 3967/1.

Methodology

4. References

DEC (2010) Site Inspection Report for Clearing Permit Application CPS 3967/1, Lot 3910 Nilgen Road, Nilgen. Site inspection undertaken 11/10/2010. Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia. DEC Ref A340493

Hopkins, A.J.M., Beeston, G.R. and Harvey J.M. (2001) A database on the vegetation of Western Australia. Stage 1. CALMScience after J. S. Beard, late 1960's to early 1980's Vegetation Survey of Western Australia, UWA Press.

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. (2009) 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.

5. Glossary

Term DEC ha

Meaning

Department of Environment and Conservation

Hectare (10,000 square metres)

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